28th August 2011

PARISH OF DRUMCREE

Mission Statement: Our Parish is a Christ-centred community. In Baptism we are challenged by the Spirit to live and share the Gospel message. Through proclaiming the Gospel message to all, Growth in Faith, Liturgy, Justice Issues and Ecumenism we extend our love and care to all people providing support in renewing and deepening our faith. We value the gifts and talents of each of our Parishioners and invite them to use these in responding to Christ's invitation to all of us to follow Him and spread the Good News to the whole world. www.drumcreeparish.com

St. John the Baptist Church, Garvaghy Road, (1777) - 1977 St. Patrick's Church, William Street – 1835

28th August 2011 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times: St. John the Baptist Saturday Â 7 p.m. Sunday Â Â 8.30 & 11.30 a.m. St. Patrick's Sunday Â 10 a.m.

Weekday Masses: St. John the Baptist Monday 10am Tuesday - Friday 7p.m. St. Patrick's Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. Monday 7p.m. (Novena - Miraculous Medal)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursdays in St. John the Baptist Church beginning at 6 p.m.

Devotions 1st & 2nd Sunday - October - June

Confessions: St. Patrick's Saturday - 12.30 - 1.15 p.m. St. John the Baptist Saturday - 6.15 - 6.45 p.m.

Baptisms: Every Saturday, 5 p.m. Registration for Baptism must be made in St. John the Baptist Church, after Friday evening Mass, two weeks prior to date.

Marriage: At least three months notice must be given to the Priests of the Parish.

Phone Numbers: Â Fr. O'Dwyer 38350610 Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

First Friday Notices: Confessions - Thursday 2nd St. Patrick's Â 6 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. St. John's Â 7.30 p.m. Masses - Friday 3rd St. Patrick's Â Â Â 10 a.m.(Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 10.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.) St. John's Â 7 p.m. First Friday calls - the usual visitors will call this week..

Ministers of the Eucharist - September Vigil Theresa McCaffrey, Miriam Loftus, Bernadette Breen, Mary McAlinden. 8.30 a.m. Martin Barlow, Patsy Hanratty, Eddie McVeigh. 10 a.m. Maurice Hagan, Pat Devlin, Denis McKeever. 11.30 a.m. Bernie Mallon, Patricia Halfpenny, Teresa Murphy, Mary Taggart. St. Francis - Jackie McKeown. Â Rosemount - Gerry Barlow. St. John the Baptist, week beginning 29th Teresa McCaffrey.

Ministry of The Word - September Vigil Denis McCourt. 8.30 a.m. Tommy Mallon. 10 a.m. Niamh Devlin, Aine McCreesh-West. 11.30 a.m. Ciara Burnett. Week beginning 29th - 10 a.m. Tommy Mallon. Â 7 p.m. Ursula Barlow.

World Youth Day - Pope Benedict's words during the pilgrimage can be read below.

Go Into My Vineyard course starts in September - interested - contact Denis at 38337753. Sacrament of Marriage:Â congratulations to Julie Green and David Bowman and to Marie Claire Caldwell and Conor Creaney who were married recently.

Recent Baptisms:Â Meabh McCooe-Lappin; Beatriz Coelho

Sign Up Sunday 10th/11th September - Parish based societies/groups/organisations should use this weekend to promote and recuit new members. We will use the Pastoral Centre for this event this year.

Back to School - keep in your prayers those starting and returning to school/college these days and those who have left the educational system to pursue other ways of life.

Drumcree Pastoral Centre - Dance -Â Friday 2nd September. Â Dancing 8 p.m. - 12. Music by "Blue Magic". Â (Irish, Old Time & Modern). Admission £5 (includes light supper). Â All welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: speaking to all who participated one commentator said: "These will be days you will never forget, days of important discoveries and decisions that will be decisive for your future. The theme - Planted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith - is very challenging because it contains a definite plan for each of us. Faith is like a root that is nourished by the lifeblood of the Word of God and the Sacraments. It is the foundation, the rock on which life is built, the dependable compass that guides our choices and gives clear direction to our lives."

WYD was a great experience. Now we have to unpack it and live what we have learned about ourselves, our faith and how that impacts on all our tomorrows.

MOD thanks all who celebrated the sacraments and manned the phones during his absence.

August Dues - Fr. O'Dwyer thanks all who contributed to the Dues

Pastoral Centre: Cafe Bethany open after 10 a.m. Mass on Mondays Â Requiescant in Pace Lately Deceased: Sr. Hyacinth Connolly Â Â At This Time: Jim Turley, Brendan Brankin, Afonso Soares, Mariana & Joaquim Mendonca, James Halfpennv Sunday 28th: Evelyn White, Desmond Loughran, Marie Benson, Rose Hanratty, Margaret Marley Monday 29th: Annie O'Hare, Paul Coleman, Sadie McKeever, Billy Serpliss, Charles Conlon Â Tuesday 30th: M.M. Veronica McCann, John McKeever Wednesday 31st: Daniel Kelly, Bernard Neeson, Ned Tennyson, Peter McDermott, Elizabeth Ann McDowell Thursday 1st: Susan Mullan(1st Anniversary), Francis Berry, Bridie Serpliss, Frank Tucker, Jim McCorry, Vera Prentice Friday 2nd:Â Theresa Lawless, Mary Dalzell Saturday 3rd: M.M. Lukasz Baranski, Lucy Teresa Creaney(1st Anniversary), Celestine Mackle, Desmond Hamill Anniversaries late for Bulletin should be left in the Sacristy for inclusion on proper day Â

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Greeting – at the beginning of Mass

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Or Â Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Or The Lord be with you. People:Â Â And with your spirit.

Gospel Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit. Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N. People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Preface Priest:Â The Lord be with you. People:Â And with your spirit. Priest:Â Lift up your hearts. People:Â We lift them up to the Lord. Priest:Â Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People:Â It is right and just.

Sign of Peace Priest:Â The peace of the Lord be with you always. People:Â And with your spirit.

Final Blessing Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Legion of Mary: Frank Duff founded the Legion of Mary in Dublin on 7th September 1921. In recognition of this Cardinal Sean Brady will celebrate a Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday 11th September at 3 p.m. Our Lady Queen of Ireland Praesidium, Portadown, extends a warm invitation to all parishioners especially auxiliary members and representatives of the other Parish groups to join with us on this joyous occasion. Please contact any member of the Legion of Mary or phone 38333563 or 38334245

National Grandparents Pilgrimage:Â Knock Shrine, Sunday 11th September. Cost £30 includes pick up in Portadown and evening meal. Contact Maureen at 38341671.

Drumcree Parish Fantasy Football League - fancy yourself as a budding football manager? Why not join Drumcree League in the Premiership Football League. Log on to www.fantasy.premierleague.com and register. To join the league no. is 1051622-381164

St. Vincent De Paul Society

URGENTLY REQUIRED!! Ladies, Men's and Children's clothing. Clothes shop, tel. 38393898 or Furniture shop tel. 38394219, Mayfair Business Centre. Monday - Friday 10am- 3pm. Saturday 10am - 1 pm. SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage - Departs 11th September 2011 - 7 days - ex Belfast. Price £519. Contact Maureen 37522188 or 07752465339.

Drumcree College: New School Year opens on:-Thursday 1st September for Year 8 only. Friday 2nd September for Years 11/12 only. All students will attend Monday 5th September.

Tir Na nOg GFC: Bingo every Tuesday 8.15 p.m. All support needed.

Junior Phoenix Players present `LesMiserables' in Portadown Town Hall Theatre 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th September. Tickets £10 available from Winnie's and Litters.

North West Portadown Network Committee: A.G.M. Wednesday 14th September at 12 noon in the Darby & Joan Club, Woodside. All members requested to attend. Contact details Linda 38334522

St. Malachy's Indoor Bowling Club: First practice night for new season on Thursday 8th September 7.30 p.m. in Ashgrove Centre. New members welcome. Â

Armagh Diocesan Historical Society: First lecture in Autumn programme "Muiris Ó GormÃin, 18th Century Oriel Poet and Scribe", Wednesday 7th September, 8 p.m. in Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library.

Feasts:Â Monday 29th Beheading of St. John the Baptist;Â Tuesday 30th St. Fiacre; Wednesday St. Aidan of Lindisfarne.

Reflection Â This must not happen to you:

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

So often we think or say it must not happen, it should not have happened.

I must not fail an exam, I must get on better with my family, I must keep a strong faith, this love should not have failed, he should have lived longer, and you can add your own `I must not'... or `it should not...', when things are not going right.

For Jesus knew he must go towards Calvary, towards giving himself to us in this death way. Â For Peter it was unthinkable, this God-man, this Heaven Friend,

being led like a lamb to slaughter.

This must not happen to you: For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Are there not new ways of seeing life? Failure is not the end of life's journey, and may lead to some new strength in a person; love which dies may be renewed elsewhere later. All of life's happenings, chosen or not chosen challenge us to trust in the goodness of God and life. Â All are part of the `saving' and full development of each person's unique, God given personality.

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PARISH -BE A PART OF IT OR BE APART FROM IT

A MINUTE IN EVERY HOUR! Â AN HOUR IN EVERY DAY! Â A DAY IN EVERY WEEK

THE JOY RULE THINK OF JESUS THINK OF OTHERS THINK OF YOURSELF

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