

# 11th March 2012

## 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.

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St. John the Baptist Church, Garvaghy Road, (1777) - 1977

St. Patrick's Church, William Street 1835

11th March 2012

Third Sunday of Lent

## DRUMCREE PARISH MISSION

### ST PATRICK'S COMMUNITY

Monday 12th Theme: God's Love. 10am St John the Baptist Church

7pm St John the Baptist Church the Novena Prayers will be said, and anniversaries prayed for, before the Mission begins every evening.

The Mission Group will visit the Primary Schools.

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Tuesday 13th Theme: God's Mercy 10am St Patrick's Church

7pm St John the Baptist Church

The Mission Group will meet with the students of Drumcree College.

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Wednesday 14th Theme: God's Healing 10am St Patrick's Church

7pm St John the Baptist Church

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Thursday 15th Theme: God's Gift of Mary 10am St Patrick's Church

7pm St John the Baptist Church

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Friday 16th Theme: God's Holy Spirit

3pm Stations of the Cross St John the Baptist Church

7pm St John the Baptist Church this Mass will fulfil your

obligation for St Patrick's Day.

## Mass Times:

St. John the Baptist

Saturday 7 p.m.

Sunday 8.30 & 11.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's

Sunday 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:

Fr. O'Dwyer 38350610

Fr. Sheehan 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament in St. John the Baptist Church today, commencing at 4 p.m. and concluding with Benediction at 7 p.m.

### Sacrament of Confirmation:

Congratulations to all who were confirmed last Sunday. It was a memorable and prayerful occasion. All who took part, the choir, those present all by their respect and patience added to the reverence. Thank you.

Ministry of The Word from 12th - 10 a.m. Sr. Mona Taggart. 7 p.m. Elizabeth Wilson.

Recent Baptisms: Dermot John Quinn, Dylan Patrick McDaniel

St. Patrick's Day - Masses

St. John the Baptist Church

Friday 16th 7 p.m.

Saturday 17th - 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. (as Gaelige)

St. Patrick's - 10 a.m.

Parts of the Mass: Thank you to Colm, David and Denis for reading the explanations. The text can be found with last weeks bulletin (March 4th) on the Parish Website.

SHYNE Group - meeting this evening at 7 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday after the Mission.

### LENT - WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Parish Lenten Group Wednesday 7.45 - 9.15 p.m. in Pastoral Centre. .

Lenten Study Programme continues in the Pastoral Centre 11 a.m. - 12 noon every Monday. Those attending please reflect on the Sunday Readings.

First Communion: P4 children and their families will attend Masses this weekend. Ballyoran PS 7 p.m., Presentation 10 a.m. and St. John the Baptist and BunScoil 11.30 a.m.

Lenten Evening of Reflection & Prayer led by Fr Frank Brady SJ in the Pastoral Centre on 28th March.

Drumcree College: keep up to date - visit [www.drumcreecollege.co.uk](http://www.drumcreecollege.co.uk) Petition available in Church to sign.

Eucharistic Congress: a number of pilgrims from the Parish have registered as a group to attend in Dublin 14th-17th June. Names may still be added to the group which includes attendance at the Congress events and accommodation. For further details telephone Colm after 7pm at 38337856.

St. Joseph's Sunday - Knock Shrine - 18th March:

Men and their families are invited to celebrate the annual pilgrimage to honour St. Joseph. Starting at 2 p.m. a Holy Hour, Mass and Benediction. Sacrament of Reconciliation available throughout the afternoon.

The organisers of the Eucharistic Congress are asking people all around Ireland and the world to "Ring for Renewal" on St. Patrick's Day. This is an invitation to pause on the journey of life, to withdraw from busyness for a moment, to reflect on how we can renew as people and as members of the Church as we prepare for the International Eucharistic Congress. The idea is to engage in the path of personal and Church renewal which is the agenda of the Eucharistic Congress and to join the journey in a personal way.

We are inviting faithful at home to pause and reflect as they ring a bell at any time of the day. Ringtones of the Eucharistic Congress Bell chiming are available to download on mobile phones from the Congress website for those who wish to.

- As well as the Angelus Bell at 12noon and 6pm a Bell in the sanctuary of each Church is available to Parishioners to ring as they go out from Mass or if they are going in to pray at a different time of the day.

Why ring a Bell?

For Christians the bell has long been associated with the invitation to gather, the sound being perceived as God's voice, God's call, which draws people to assemble. For early Christian Ireland the sound of the bell of St. Patrick and other great saints across the land heralded the dawn of a new and eternal day for the Irish people - called to hear the good news - Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh - and in turn become bearers of this news to others, far and near. The image of the bell is still used to convey joy, celebration and the announcement of good news. Combined, the image and sound of the bell symbolise for us God's call to all people to gather to hear good news.

With the chiming of bells, we invite people to a moment of stillness inviting the Christian community to pause on the journey of life, to withdraw from busyness for a moment, to reflect. We invite people to come together drawn by the sound or the peal of a Bell.

The symbol of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress is a Bell. Like the Olympic torch prepares for the Olympics, the Eucharistic Congress Bell has been going all around Ireland calling people to prepare for the Congress since last St Patrick's day. Now, having gone to each of the 26 dioceses in Ireland, the Bell will travel to Rome for this year's St. Patrick's Day, bringing an international aspect to this call to spiritual renewal in the heart of the Catholic Church. Like St. Patrick's Bell, the Congress Bell is being rung across the land calling God's people together, to hear anew the good news that God is present among us and calls us to communion.

Offertory Collection £2646-12

Sunday 4th March

Thanks to all who contributed

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Pastoral Centre: Cafe Bethany open after

10 a.m. Mass on Mondays

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Requiescant in Pace

Lately Deceased: Pauline Fay, Molly McLaughlin

At This Time: Michael Robinson, Thomas Hooks, Rita Carroll, Margaret McCusker

Sunday 11th: Kevin Cullen, Mary Frances Douglas, Billy Moore, Mary Wilson, Joseph & Annie McGlade, Francis Joseph Brown  
Monday 12th: Colette Schofield, Alex Hannah, Kathleen Bennett, Bridgid Brown, William Blacker, Mary McCarthy

Tuesday 13th: Sarah Reynolds, James Lappin, John Halfpenny, David Henderson, John McCausland

Wednesday 14th: M.M. Jose Jaime Soares, Thomas McConville, Thomas Hamill, Danny Robinson, Gerard McCreesh

Thursday 15th: Frank McShane, Peter Nichols, John Garvey, Bella McGuigan

Friday 16th: Bernadette Carvill, Seamus McCann, Ann & Vincent Meehan, Kathleen Meehan, Lily McKeever, John Keegan, John Hollywood, Daniel Lynn, Bridie Lambe, Patricia Jean Fitzpatrick

Saturday 17th: M.M. Sean McCann, Catherine McCoy, Patsy Lavery, Sarah Byrne, Susan McBennett, Rita Metcalfe

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Anniversaries late for Bulletin should be left in the Sacristy for inclusion on proper day

I don't bother with Church, Parish or Priest,  
so the Mission is not for me.

Yes it is!

The Mission is for you.

It's your time to focus on you and not Church, Parish or Priest!

COME AND SEE.

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Reflection

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True religion

A prophet once said that true religion

means to act justly,  
love tenderly  
and walk humbly with your God.

Religion can be a means of  
praising God  
or serving self,  
of service to others,  
or caring for self.

It can diminish people,  
make them guilty always in the sight of God  
and then it misses the first grace of any faith;  
that God loves each of us,  
a love that dwells within us  
as real as the blood in our veins  
the muscles in our limbs,  
the hair on our head.

Religion can keep the poor more needy,  
encouraging an unthinking acceptance  
of the inequality among people.  
And it misses then another grace,  
that we are brothers and sisters  
and all we are given is for the service of others.

Jesus was angry in the temple,  
because of the greed of the sellers,  
who were exploiting the poor in the name of religion,  
(for the poor had to buy there  
the ingredients of their sacrifice),  
and mocking the house of God.

And God is angry when people are  
exploited, used, abused,  
in any way -  
physically, emotionally, spiritually

God asks us in Jesus  
to share his anger  
when in his name  
people's dignity is diminished,  
or love is abused, or the poor exploited  
or when he himself is neglected.

This is true religion:  
to act justly, love tenderly  
and walk humbly with our God.

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#### PARISH MISSION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we pray that our Parish Mission may be a time of grace and  
renewal for all.Â We ask you to bless all the families in our Parish, especially those who are experiencing difficulties.  
Bless the old, the young, the poor, the sick, the unemployed, and those in  
sorrow or despair.

Help us dear Lord, to grow in faith and love of you.Â Â Â Amen.

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

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

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