

10th March 2013

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) - 1997
St Patrick's Church, William Street - 1835.

10th March 2013
Fourth Sunday of Lent
(Laetare Sunday)

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 today from 4pm in St John the Baptist Church concluding with Stations of The Cross at 7pm.

The College of Cardinals, including our own Cardinal Sean Brady, meet in Rome to elect a new Pope. Keep them in your prayers.

Mothers Day: we ask God to bless our Mothers and those who fulfil that role in our lives; and to give eternal life to those who have died.

Ministers of The Eucharist

St. John the Baptist week beginning 11th March Martin Barlow and Teresa McCaffrey.

Ministry of The Word Week beginning 11th March - 10 a.m. Denis McCourt. 7 p.m. Rosaleen Hamill.

SHYNE meeting after Stations of the Cross this evening.

St Patrick's Day: Mass times follow the weekend schedule. The 11.30am Mass will be celebrated in Irish and the children from the Bun Scoil will lead the singing. Shamrock blessed at all Masses.

Celebrate St Patrick's Day on Lough Derg 10am to 3pm. Cost 20Euro, 8Euro for children - includes boat fare and lunch. Book at 00353719861518.

St Patrick's Day Celebration and Irish Dancing Festival in Ballyoran Primary on Friday 15th 1.30-4pm.

Next Friday 15th March marks the 5th week of our Parish Lenten Retreat 'Fish on Friday' For an Easter Like Never Before. Mass and speaker at 7pm.

First Confession - for P4/Rang 4 children attending St John the Baptist/ Bun Scoil on Tuesday 12th March at 6pm.

Feasts: Friday Monday 11th St. Aengus.

Phoenix Players need volunteers for the following: sound & lights, Stage, set design and building, costumes, hair and make up, front of house, make tea, sell programmes, publicity, tickets. If interested come along to the Open Night on Monday 11th March in Portadown Town Hall at 8 p.m.

Abortion Law - The Northern Bishops have welcomed a proposed amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill that will help improve protections for unborn children in N. Ireland. The Bishops urge Catholics to support and pray for the politicians behind this initiative and to work for a culture that respects life from conception to natural death. See the full statement at www.catholicbishops.ie

A bracelet was found in St John the Baptist Church - contact sacristy.

Requiescant in Pace

Lately Deceased: Gerry McGreevy, Seamus Mallon, Paddy Gillen, Thomas Lawless, Robert obiri Yeboah, Ita Murphy, Lucy Grimley

At This Time: Jimmy Sloan, Mary McNally, Margaret Kerr Sunday 10th: M.M. Patricia Wilson, Daniel

Tallon, Tallon Family, Nellie Toland, Kathleen Topping, Martha Hutchinson, John McBennett, Anne McAtarsney

Monday 11th: Jim Cullen(1st Anniversary), Rosemary Lavery(1st Anniversary), Francis Joseph Brown, Ann Hall, Kevin

Cullen, Billy Moore, Mary Frances Douglas Tuesday 12th: Alex Hannah, Kathleen Bennett, Mary McCarthy, Joseph &

Annie McGlade, Patrick McCaffrey, Colette Schofield, Catherine & Malachy McKeever, Bridgid Brown Wednesday 13th:

Sean McCausland, David Henderson, James

Lappin Thursday 14th: Gerard McCreesh, Thomas McConville, Thomas Hamill Friday 15th: Bella McGuigan, Susan

McBennett, Frank McShane, Peter Nichols Saturday 16th: Leokadia Kroenke

(1st Anniversary), Kroneke Family, John Hollywood, Daniel Lynn, Seamus McCann, Bernadette Carvill,

Ann & Vincent & Kathleen Meehan, Thomas Molloy, Bridie Lambe, Patricia Jean Fitzpatrick, John Keegan

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

When submitting notices for the bulletin please include a name and telephone number

Notices and anniversaries should be left in by the Wednesday prior to publication.

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St. Vincent De Paul Society

URGENTLY REQUIRED!! Ladies, Men's and Children's Clothing. Furniture also needed - collection available. Clothes shop phone

38393898. Furniture shop phone 38394219, Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road. Open Monday - Friday 10 a.m. -

3 p.m. Saturday

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SELF HELP LINE - 38339639 - Response within 48 hours.

Book Shop Pastoral Centre: Opening hours this week - Saturday

6 - 8 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.

Tuesday - Friday 6 - 8 p.m. Confirmation and First Communion gifts now available.

Personality and Spirituality Workshop: (Finding a balance to assist your life of prayer) - led by Denis Bradley, Drumcree Pastoral Centre, Tuesday March 19th at 7.30 p.m.

Engaged Encounter is designed for couples preparing for marriage and seek to enrich communication in all aspects of their relationship. The next non-residential weekend will take place on 13th/14th April at Dromantine. For information tel. 79300340.

Ulster Project Delaware: An evening to mark the retirement of Dr. Sally Milbury-Steen will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday March 13th, beginning at 7.30 p.m. All UPD participants and leaders (1978 - present) are welcome to attend.

Year of Faith - Gathering in Faith Prayer Card available in Pastoral Centre Shop - £1. Magnificat - March booklet containing readings and prayers for Mass, meditations, Morning and Evening and Night Prayer of the Church. £2.50 from the Pastoral Centre Bookshop.

Lenten Study Programme Monday 11 a.m. - 12 noon in the Pastoral Centre. Those attending please reflect on the Sunday Readings for 10th March. All welcome.

Year of Faith Bible Study continues next Thursday after evening Mass in the Pastoral Centre. All welcome.

Ashgrove Community Centre:

Monday Craft Classes 10am-12noon; Arts Class 2pm-4pm; Hip Hop Dance 6 - 8 p.m; Mixed Martial Arts 8-9pm
 Tuesday 11.30am - 12.30pm Seniors Luncheon Club; Bowls 2-4pm; MMA 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. Wednesday 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. Housing Executive Advice; Ballyoran Seniors Club 2 - 3.30 p.m; Eat to Succeed 5-6pm; Pride of Eireann 7.30-9pm.
 Thursday Seniors Luncheon Club 11.30 - 12.30 p.m.; Junior Indoor Soccer 4.30 - 5.30 p.m., Multi Skills Club 6-7pm; St. Malachy's Bowling 7.30 - 9 p.m. Irish Language Class 8 - 9 p.m.
 Friday Irish Dancing School 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.; MMA 7-8 p.m.
 Saturday Ballet Dancing 10.30 - 1.30 p.m.; MMA 3-4pm; Christian Meeting 6 - 8 p.m.
 For bookings etc contact Chris Cassidy 028 38 331650 or 07912389509 for Birthday Parties and Private Bookings.

Tir Na nOg: Bingo every Tuesday 8 pm All support needed also Club Lotto. Membership now open - closes 31st March 2013.

Renewal forms available in clubrooms. Adults £25. Pensioners £5. Student/Underage £5. New and lapsed members welcome.

Bannside Development Centre: Homework Club Monday & Tuesday 3.15 - 4.30 p.m. £1 per day. Arts and Crafts Classes Tuesday & Wednesday 7 - 8 p.m. Computer Classes Thursday 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. For more information contact Ann 38339916.

St. Malachy's Hurling Club: BIG BINGO - begins Friday 8th March at 8.15 p.m. sharp in Pastoral Centre. 9 games at £30 line, £60 house. Big game must be won £50 line, £500 house. Adm £10 per 6 books.

Focolare Mariapolis in Dungarvan 1st to 6th July. For information contact 0035345840410 or www.focolare.org

Adorned Icons: an exhibition is on display in the Oa Fiaich Library, Armagh until 19th April. Monday to Friday 9.30am-5pm. Adm free.

Sunday 3rd

Offertory Collection - £22292-70

Thanks to all who contributed

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Pastoral Centre: Cafe Bethany open after

10 a.m. Mass on Mondays

If you have moved to the Parish or changed address within the past year and would like to contribute to the upkeep of the Parish, using envelopes, please complete the slip below and place in collection basket.

Name

Address.....

Old Address/Parish.....

Reflection

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He welcomes sinners and eats with them

Two types of people welcomed by Jesus:
one, the younger son who had gone away,
squandered his life and returned empty.

Those times of life we know were wasted and were wrong,
use of people or wealth or life just for ourselves,
failure to look after those in our care,
or neglect of God and the things of God.

Jesus offers always the bread of acceptance and forgiveness,
the invitation to make always a new start,
the insight that the future can always be more whole.
A welcome to the wasted and battered sides of life, in his mercy and forgiveness.

And a welcome for the elder son:
the one who had done everything right,
but could not say "I have sinned",
who had always tried to be faithful,
who had practised his religion,
but seemed to do so in isolation,
for he could not welcome with compassion the brother who returned home.

A welcome, too, for the sin of uninvolvedness,
of caring first for self and not for others
and an invitation to join all at the
celebration of reconciliation and
forgiveness.

For God is the one who can give all,
to the one who returns to his embrace
and to the one who was always in his embrace
for he welcomes sinners and eats with them.

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Prayer for the Church

O Lord Jesus Christ, Supreme Pastor of Your Church, Good Shepherd, who founded Your Church on the rock of Peter's
faith
and have never left Your flock untended,
look with love upon us now,
and sustain Your Church in faith, hope and charity.

Grant, Lord Jesus, in Your boundless love for us, a new Pope for Your Church who will please You by his holiness and
lead us faithfully to You, who are the same yesterday, today and forever.

Â PARISH -
BE A PART OF IT
Â 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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