

24th 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.

24th March 2013
Palm 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

Confessions: after 7pm Mass this evening; after 11.30am Mass tomorrow Sunday.

St. Patrick's - Monday 25th - 6.30 p.m. and after Novena Tuesday & Wednesday 12.30 - 1.15 p.m.

St. John the Baptist - Tuesday

Penitential Service 7.30pm & Wednesday 7.30 p.m.

Chrism Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Thursday 28th March at 11 a.m.

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY - St. John the Baptist Church - Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be

kept at the Altar of Repose until 10 p.m. Please spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament. The Mass of The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the evening at a time convenient for the full participation of the whole local community.

Anniversaries for Good Friday and Holy Saturday will be prayed for at the Holy Thursday evening Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY - Day of Fast and Abstinence in memory of The Lord's Passion. St. Patrick's - 3 p.m. Celebration of The Lord's Passion. For the Veneration of The Cross let a cross be used that is of appropriate size and beauty. Only One cross should be used for the Veneration as this contributes to the full symbolism of the Rite.

St. John the Baptist Church, 8 p.m. Stations of The Cross led by the SHYNE youth of the Parish. - SHYNE meeting Sunday 24th at 7pm.

Good Friday Walk (organised by Churches Together) from various Churches to the Plaza in town centre. Leaving St. John the Baptist Church at 10.30 a.m. to arrive at 11.15 a.m. for short service. Walk as Jesus walked and listen to St. Mark's Gospel of that first Good Friday.

HOLY SATURDAY - Prayers in St. Patrick's at 10 a.m. On this day the Church is, as it were, at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his passion and death, and on his descent into hell, and awaiting his resurrection with prayer and fasting.

Polish Community - Easter Breakfast Food will be blessed at 10.30 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church on Holy Saturday.

During the Easter Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday - all other celebrations (except those proper to these days), even funeral Masses, are prohibited.

EASTER - Vigil in St. John the Baptist Church at 9 p.m.

This is the night when the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the Resurrection of The Lord. The Resurrection of Christ in which he broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave is the foundation of our faith and hope and through Baptism and Confirmation we enter into the paschal mystery of Christ, dying, buried and raised with him, and with him we shall also reign.

Easter Dawn Service - everyone is invited to a brief service organised by Churches Together on Easter Sunday morning at 6.45a.m. at Craigavon Lakes Water Sports Centre. It was very early on the first day of the week when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb.

Eucharistic Ministers - please sign in for Triduum duty. Thank you.

Requiescant in Pace

Lately Deceased: Thomas Lawless, Robert obiri Yeboah, Ita Murphy, Lucy Grimley, Mary McAlinden, Laura Hayes, Gillian Smith. At This Time: Rosalie Taggart, Terence Davis, Nano McKeown, James Bunting, Hans & Gerda Heinhold, Jack Grimley, Gearld Toland. Sunday 24th: M.M. Seamus Mallon, Owen Brankin, James Creaney, Harry Breen, Dan O'Neill, Frank Reid, Michael Smith, Sue McNally, Bridget Reynolds, Katherine & John & Patrick Sharkey. Monday 25th: Grace McCann(1st Anniversary), John McAlinden(1st Anniversary), Mary McLaughlin, Kathleen Thornbury, Vince Lavery, Ellen Lappin, Peggy Hendron, Nancy Heyburn, Pat Shevlin, Renate Kleffel, Georgina Creaney, Paddy Breen, Kathleen Brown, Martin Hughes. Tuesday 26th: Ralph McNally, Margaret Austin, Peter James McCann, Agnes McCann, Patrick Bunting, James Marley, Jim McClean. Wednesday 27th: Paddy Roberts(1st Anniversary), Kathleen & Barney Vallely, Jimmy Connolly, Michael Crealey, Noel Toland Thursday 28th: Martin McCourt, Thomas Lavery, Eddie Wilson. Friday 29th: Paddy Wilson, Hugh Daly, Margaret Lyness, Peter Lynn, Theresa Wright. Saturday 30th: Patrick Lappin. Anniversaries late for Bulletin should be left in the Sacristy 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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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. First Communion gifts now available.

Ministers of The Eucharist

St. John the Baptist week beginning 25th March Geraldine Lawless and Elizabeth Wilson.

Ministry of The Word Week beginning 25th March - 10 a.m. Margaret Donovan. 7 p.m. Margaret Marley.

Recent Baptisms: Cobhlaith Olive Adams, Calum James Leeper,
Ryan McDowell, Riley John Biscocho

Lenten Study Programme Monday 11 a.m. - 12 noon in the Pastoral Centre. Those attending please reflect on the
Sunday Readings for 24th March. All welcome.

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

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society - meeting on Wednesday 27th in the Pastoral Centre after evening Mass.

Magnificat: readings and prayers for Mass; Morning and evening prayer of the Church; meditations. Books for Holy
Week and April available in Book Shop.

Walk With Me - Eastertide journey of prayer available in Churches £1.

Year of Faith - Doorway to Faith - a journey of prayer through the Catechism - available in Churches and Bookshop £2-
50.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 7th APRIL MUST BE LEFT AT PAROCHIAL HOUSE BY TUESDAY 26th
MARCH.

TROCAIRE monies can be returned this week to the Churches - please convert small coins to notes or larger coins.
Thank you

Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April - Novena in preparation for the Feast begins on Good Friday, 29th March for nine days.
Sunday 7th April in St. Patrick's Church - Confessions 2 - 2.45 p.m. followed by Devotions at 3 p.m. Divine Mercy
Novena leaflets available at back of both Churches from Good Friday.

Parish Envelopes for April 2012 - March 2014 are available for collection in the Churches. Any changes to names or
address please call the Sacristy. It is still not too late to receive a box of envelopes to be able to contribute to the upkeep
of the Parish.

Readings: have you copies of readings for Weddings or Funerals at home - can you please return them to the sacristy
please? Thank you.

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Spiritfest: Diocesan Day of Reflection Saturday 11th May in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk 9am-6pm. Leaflets available in
Churches. See www.prayerandspirituality.com Booking essential.

Legion of Mary - Annual Day Retreat, Benburb Priory, Sunday 14th April. Cost including transport £29. Bus leaves St.
Patrick's 9 a.m., St. Mary's Hall 9.05 a.m. St. John the Baptist 9.30 a.m. Contact 38333563 or 38334245. ACIES
Ceremony during evening Mass on Monday 8th April. All auxiliary members welcome to attend.

Fish on Friday - those who took part in the Parish Lenten Retreat seemed to get a lot out of it. Thanks to those who
organised the speakers and booklet content and printing. Thanks to our speakers who fed us from a varied menu - Fr
Frank Brady, Bro Aidan Hendron, Sr Anna Byrne, Fr. Jim Corkery, Mr Sean Goan. We have been nourished with "manna
from heaven." May all of us continue to be nourished by God's Word and Sacrament and experience an Easter like never
before.

Thanks also to all who organised the various Lenten prayer/spirituality sessions in the Parish. There are activities to suit
all tastes.

Reflection

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By being part of the ceremonies during the Triduum you may celebrate
an Easter like never before.

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And he carried our burdens

This is your friend, my friend, on the Cross.
We were on the road to Calvary with him
and went out to help him carry his cross.
We spoke with him.
We remembered our sins and how we let him down
and he just gently murmured,
"Remember the story I told you about the
prodigal son".
Always thinking of us, always a friend, always loving.
"Tell all", he said, "Your sins are forgiven."

And he carried our burdens.

We saw his bleeding face and hands
and thought of women who are battered
and boys and girls who are abused,
and men who are tortured,
and it all seemed the same body.
And our own sufferings seemed to be in his body too.
Carrying the cross of us all.

And he carried our burdens.

Jesus had no crucified Lord to support him at his death.
Maybe Mary spoke a prayer for him, and he heard it,
for they say hearing is the last of our senses to go.
He didn't have the help at death which we have -
the example of our suffering Lord.

He glimpsed somewhere in the distance
the faces of friends and the caring look of his mother.
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May we know in death and suffering
the cross of Jesus,
the risen glory of Jesus,
our cross, our risen glory.

And he carried our burdens.

Sunday 17th
Offertory Collection - £2473-93
Thanks to all who contributed
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Pastoral Centre: Cafe Bethany open after
10 a.m. Mass on Mondays

The JOY rule
Think of Jesus
Think of Others
Think of You