

2nd December 2007

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

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First Sunday of Advent

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

Tuesday - Friday 7.30 p.m.

St. Patrick's

Monday - Saturday 10 a.m.

Monday 7.30 p.m. (Novena -

Miraculous Medal)

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. White 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

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Lately deceased: Bill McDonnell, Christopher Adams, Michael O'Malley.

At This Time: James McCann

Sunday 2nd: Paul Bogues (1st Anniversary), Michael Leonard, Eileen Dunbar, Margaret Hanratty, Mary Elizabeth Green, John Connolly, James & Mary Mulholland.

Monday 3rd: M.M. Malachy O'Hagan, Raymond Breen, Alice Hagan.

Tuesday 4th: Tommy Campbell, Margaret McAlinden, Frankie Cush, Joseph McMahon, Mary McParland.

Wednesday 5th: Michelle McCann, Peter Foy.

Thursday 6th: Rose Harrity, George Rowney, Jackie Maye.

Friday 7th: John McCoy, Joseph Garvey

Saturday 8th: M.M. Oliver Halfpenny, Bernie Cullen (1st Anniversary), Clarence Gosney, Maud Tennyson, Catherine McCann, Mary McDonald, Pauline Nixon, Marie Nixon, Rosaleen McCann, Phoebe Donnelly

St. John's Scout Troop join us for Mass today at 11.30 a.m.

Devotions in St. Patrick's this evening at 7 p.m.

Mass for the Indian Community today at 4 p.m.

First Friday Notices:

Confessions - Thursday 6th

St. Patrick's 6.30 - 7 p.m.

St. John's 8 p.m.

Masses - Friday 7th

St. Patrick's 10 a.m. (Exposition of The

Blessed Sacrament 10.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

St. John's 7.30 p.m.

The sick and housebound will be visited as usual.

Saturday 8th December - The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy day of Obligation)

Masses as follows:-

St. John's 8.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's 10 a.m.

(7.30 p.m. Mass on Friday 7th will serve as Vigil Mass for 8th December).

This feast begins the celebrations in Lourdes to mark 150 years of the Apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette - 11th February - 16th July 1858.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 3rd December Teresa McCaffrey.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 3rd December, 10 a.m. Damien Russell. 7.30 p.m. Jerome Marley.

Recent Baptisms: Holly Helena Preshur, Sandra da Graca Monteiro

St. Vincent De Paul Society: "Giving Tree" in both churches 1st December - 16th December. To help those less fortunate in the parish please take symbol from tree, return symbol with appropriate gift. Thank you.

Saturday 8th December -

Thanksgiving Mass in St. John the Baptist Church 7 p.m.

PACE Carol Service - Friday 21st December in Armagh Road Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m. All welcome.

Parish Pastoral Meeting, Thursday 6th December.

A sculptured image of the Holy Family is on display in the Church today. It is entitled "A Quiet Moment" and portrays the infant Jesus, Mary and Joseph in perfect harmony, love and peace. It is truly a celebration of love - a message greatly needed today. Copies can be purchased 35 euros / 25 sterling - leave name and money in sacristy.

Advent Spirituality Nights, Synod Hall, Armagh - Thursday 6th December, The Meaning of Advent, Tuesday 11th December, Preparing oneself for Christmas, Thursday 13th December, The family and Christmas, Thursday 18th December, Proclaiming God's Word. All 8 p.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation: those preparing for Confirmation through the schools will come to Mass next weekend for their Commitment Ceremony, along with their parents and families. Saturday 7 pm St. John the Baptist, Sunday 10 am Presentation, Sunday 11.30 am Ballyoran CPS.

GATE: Diocesan Youth Magazine available in the churches.

"Walk With Me" - a journey of Prayer for Advent and Christmas - booklets available in Churches, £1.

Sunday 25th November

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Thanks to all who contributed

Reflection

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Waiting

You are always there
in a quiet room
waiting for me
to come to you.

This morning in
a hilly field,
sitting on the corner
of a stone cattle trough,
listening to the water
tumbling down the hill
into the silent river,
watching the crows
fly to work
across the sky,
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why was I surprised
to find you there?

Lord, teach me
to leave space
in my mind
so that you
can always be there.
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Parish & Community Notices

When submitting notices for the bulletin please include a contact name and telephone number. Â
Notices and anniversaries should be left in by the Wednesday prior to publication.

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Legion of Mary:Â Â Meeting every Monday evening after Novena Mass in St. Patrickâ€™s Church.Â New members always welcome.Â Any enquiries please contact Lee Walters 028 38341496.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Good quality used clothing and furniture welcome at all times.Â Collection can be arranged.Â Contact the shop. Clothes shop and Furniture shop in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road, tel. 38393898. Opening Hours:Â Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.Â Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Â
NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639.Â Response within 48 hours.

ARE YOU HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP? SKILLED COUNSELLORS CAN HELP YOU.Â CALL ACCORD - ph. 38334781.

BANNSIDE COMMUNITY GROUP:Â Â Arts & Crafts, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7 - 8.30 p.m. English/ ICT for beginners.Â December classes - TADI (talking about tough issues) and Bill of Rights. Genealogy (Family Tree) Know Yourself & Your Neighbour.Â Contact Phyllis for further information.Â 38339916.Â Volunteers needed to supervise Homework Club.

Tir Na nOg GFC:Â Â Â Â Â Annual General Meeting in clubrooms Monday 3rd December.Â All members are asked to attend. Bingo every Tuesday 8.30 p.m.Â The bigger the crowd the bigger the prizes.Â Support the Club Lotto.
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St. Johnâ€™s Accordion Band.Â Lessons in accordion, percussion and keyboard Thursdays 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist School.Â All ages welcome.

St. Maryâ€™s Womenâ€™s Guild:Â No December meeting.Â Bus for Armagh will leave St. Johnâ€™s car park Thursday 6th December, 5 p.m. sharp.

Cathy Oâ€™Neill successfully completed the New York Marathon on behalf of Julie Clarkeâ€™s Angels of Hope.Â Sincere tha

to local businesses clubs, pubs, St. John the Baptist P.S., VO2 and all in the community who sponsored and helped in any way.

PRESENTATION SISTERS KOINONIA PROJECT - Advent Retreat 15th December, 10.45am to 3.30pm. Limited to 10 participants. Bring Bible and notebook. £10 includes morning coffee and lunch. (103 Thomas Street). From Trauma To Healing and Beyond. Information evening Thursday 7th December at 7.30 pm. HEALING AND EMPOWERING YOUR INNER CHILD sessions are scheduled to begin Wednesday 9th January, 7.30 p.m. For information on all of above call Sr. Brigid Kavanagh 38332220.

Drumcree House of Health: Positive Thinking Course - 6 weekly workshops starting Tuesday 6th November 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesday 7th November, 7 p.m., Tin Whistle class - 6 yrs. and over. £2 per child. Still running - Salsa Exercise every Tuesday 8.30 p.m. (£1). Weigh in - every Monday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Yoga - every Wednesday 11 a.m. (£3).

Christmas Gifts: Trocaire Global Gift Plan brochures available in Churches. "One Action Can Change The World" to be different.

Recipe Book: Southern Area Hospice are launching Cookery Books with recipes provided by patients, staff and many famous faces, such as Martin Magennis, Ian Paisley, Joe Kernan to name but a few. Available in local shops and in Sacristies of both Churches. Price £5.

IS CHRISTMAS JUST FOR CHILDREN? An adult look at the Nativity Stories in the Gospels. 4 Thursday evenings on this theme will be given at Iona House, Churchill Park, starting 29th November at 7 p.m. If interested ring Fr. Michael on 38330366.

Senior Citizens' Carol Service, Wednesday 5th December at 11 a.m. in Thomas St. Methodist Church. All are welcome.

Christian Aid Lunches - Soup, bread, cheese - in Armagh Road Presbyterian Church Hall 12 noon - 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday 5th December. £3 minimum donation.