

31st August 2008

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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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 7p.m.

St. Patrick's

Monday - 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 and 2nd Sunday - except July and August

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

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Tomas Tishna, Leo Mackle, Imelda Farrell, Henryk Jasniak, Willie McCann

At This Time: Frederick & Gertrude O'Connell, Mary Smith, Tess Woods, Stella Doran

Sunday 31st: Ned Tennyson (1st Anniversary), Daniel Kelly, Barney Neeson, Elizabeth Ann McDowell, Peter McDermott

Monday 1st: Francis Berry, Bridie Serpliss, Jim McCorry, John Faloon, Vera Prentice, Frank Tucker

Tuesday 2nd: Mary Dalzell, Jean McCabe, Teresa Lawless, Dermot Hamill

Wednesday 3rd: Desmond Hamill, Ellen Roberts, Dessie Hogan

Thursday 4th: John Hagan, Mary Martin, Brian Leo Hamill, Jamie Harrison

Friday 5th: Kate McConville

Saturday 6th: Jinny Molloy, Rose Fox, Jim Millsopp, Tommy Robinson

We welcome the Oberjesingen Church Choir and Blockfloten-Ensemble from Germany who are visiting Armagh Road Presbyterian Church, who will sing during the 7pm Mass this weekend as we all give glory and praise to God.

First Friday Notices: Confessions

Thursday - St. Patrick's 6 - 6.30 p.m.

St. John the Baptist 7.30 p.m.

Masses - Friday 5th

St. Patrick's 10 a.m. (Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 10.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

St. John the Baptist - 7 p.m.

The sick and housebound will be visited as usual.

Ministers of the Eucharist - September

Vigil - Martina O'Hanlon, Ruairi O'Hanlon,

Kathleen Lavery, Maura Berry. 8.30 a.m.

Geraldine Lawless, Martin Barlow, Eddie

McVeigh. 10 a.m. Kathleen Hagan, Denis

McKeever, Seamus McCaffrey. 11.30 a.m.

Ann Murphy, Declan McAtarsney, Bronagh Hagan, Kate Guy.

St. Francis - Eithne McAtarsney.

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 2nd September Teresa McCaffrey.

Ministry of The Word - September

Vigil - Pauline Campbell, 8.30 a.m. James Lawless. 10 a.m. Michael Sherry, Ann Hamill. 11.30 a.m. Gemma McKenna.

Week beginning 1st September 10 a.m. Michael Sherry. 7 p.m. Jerome Marley.

Recent Baptisms: Nicole Lauren Murphy,

Ashton Shea Noya

National Grandparents Pilgrimage: Sunday 14th September at Knock. All welcome.

Armagh Diocesan Pioneer Matt Talbot Mass - Note Change of Date: The Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Matt Talbot in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott St., Dublin will now take place on Sunday 5th October. Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Good quality used clothing and furniture welcome at all times. Collection can be arranged. Contact the clothes shop, tel. 38393898 or Furniture shop tel. 38394219, in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road. Opening hours Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours.

Junior Phoenix Players Present Oliver in Portadown Town Hall - Wednesday 3rd September - Saturday 6th September at 8 p.m. Matinee Saturday 6th September at 2 p.m. Ticket £7 available from Winnies, Wray Cleaners, Litters Garage & Laverys Garage.

(Matinee - pay at door).

40 Days for Life - Pro-life group PRECIOUS LIFE have organised 40 days of prayer and fasting in an effort to stop plans by Westminster to force abortion on N. Ireland. We ask for at least 40 parishioners to sign up for one or more of the 40 days. The effort begins Monday 8th Sept. and will culminate in a Rally for Life at Stormont on Saturday 18th October. For more information contact Bernadette on 02890278484 or visit www.preciouslife.com

Sign Up Sunday - 27th/28th September - What can I as a member of the Church Community contribute to Parish life through involvement in Liturgy and Church based organisations?

Fr. O'Dwyer & Fr. White

thank all who contributed to

the August Dues.

Reflection

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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.
For Peter it was unthinkable,
this God-man, this Heaven-Friend,
being led like a lamb to slaughter.

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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 it 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.
All are part of the "saving" and full
development
of each person's unique, God-given
personality.

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Parish & Community Notices

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

Do you have an old mobile phone? If you do, would you please donate it to raise funds for charitable causes within the Parish?

During the month of September the Knights of St. Columbanus will have boxes at the entrances to both Churches at Saturday evening and Sunday Masses for collection of old mobiles.
Thank you for your support.

Presentation Sisters Koinonia Project:Â Programmes at 103 Thomas St. resume with Weekly Meditation, Monday 8th Sept. at 7.30 p.m.Â Sarahâ€™s Circle, an opportunity for women to pray and share faith together, Saturday 13th 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.Â Eight sessions ofÂ Beginning Tai Chi Chih at Cascades Leisure CentreÂ Wednesdays 17th September 7.30 p.m. and a morning group Thursdays 18th Sept. 11 a.m.Â For information and to enquire about Spiritual Guidance, Inner Child work, help in Grieving, Overcoming Depression or a safe place to talk about Suicide concernsÂ phone 38332220.

ACCORD:Â Marriage Preparation Courses begin in Armagh City Hotel as follows:-Â Course 2 - Wednesday 22nd October 7 - 10 p.m.Â And begin in Cohannon Inn: Course 1 Tuesday 23rd September 7-10pm; Course 2 Tuesday 21st October 7-10pm; Course 3 Tuesday 25th November 7.10pm. Due to increasing demand couples are advised to book their place at least ten months before the wedding. Telephone 38334781

Maryvale Institute, Courses in the Catholic Faith for All Adults:

The Certificate in Catechesis is for anyone interested in developing his or her faith for the sake of explaining it to others.Â The Certificate in New Testament Studies helps you to gain the most from reading the Bible.Â The Certificate in Studies in the Catechism will enlighten and enliven your faith.Â All courses are inexpensive and can be followed from home.Â Phone Sr. Felicitas on + 44 0 121 360 8118. or visit www.maryvale.ac.uk

Study Theology from Home:Â The Dominicans are offering a full programme of theology through distance learning.Â For further information call The Priory Institute, Tallagh Village, Dublin 24.Â 01 404 8127

Drumcree College:Â Linda May Martin Dance Classes begin Monday 8th September.Â 4 - 8 yrs 5 - 6 p.m.Â 9 - 16 yrs 6 - 7 p.m.Â 7 yrs + 7 - 8 p.m.

St. Maryâ€™s Womenâ€™s Guild:Â Meeting on Wednesday 3rd September in Ashgrove Community Centre at 8 p.m.Â Guest speaker.Â All welcome.

Over 50â€™s Club - trip to Kilkenny 4nights BB and Evening Meal, 7th/11th September Â£229pps. Â£20 deposit. Contact Frances 38339506. All welcome.

St. Maryâ€™s Youth Centre U16 Football

Training every Wednesday 6 p.m. in the Park. Meet at Park Road entrance.(For players born in 1993 or 1994).All welcome.

Ashgrove Seniors Luncheon Club:Â Places available at the Luncheon Club on Tuesday and Thursday at 12 noon.Â Lunch & Bingo

Â£1-50.Â If interested (over 60â€™s), contact Ashgrove Community Centre.

Bannside Community Centre:Â Arts and Crafts Classes, 7 - 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.Â English classes, Thursday 10 a.m. ICT for beginners.Â Homework Club resumes 8th September..Â For information contact Carol 028 38339916.

St. Malachyâ€™s Bowling Club:Â New season opens with first practice on Thursday 28th August at 7.30 p.m. in the Ashgrove Centre.Â New members welcome.

Armagh Diocesan Historical Society:Â First Lecture of the Autumn season Wednesday 3rd September at 8 p.m. in Cardinal O Fiaich Library, Armagh.