

10th January 2010

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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The Baptism of the Lord

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

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

Ministers of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 12th January Maura Berry.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning " 11th January

10 a.m. Michael Sherry. "

7 p.m. " Jerome Marley.

Come Back to Mass weekend

9th/10th January

Churches were full over Christmas and New Year - a very positive statement of faith and wanting to

belong. For some it may have been their annual visit to Church or experience of being part of the Parish Community - if that is you or a

member of your family or circle of friends, we want to encourage you to come again this weekend or invite such a person to come to Mass with you. It may be the start of a good habit or doing something spiritual that you've been putting off for a while.

Come and see.

ALPHA

The course starts this Wednesday 13th January in Ashgrove Centre. 6.45pm Arrival; 7pm Meal; 7.45pm DVD; 8.30pm Group Discussion; 9.30pm Close.

John Paul II Awards: Anyone doing this through their school should contact Fr. White.

Are you aged 18 - 35? Do you want to help a family in India to get the house they've always wanted?

We are looking for 16 young people in the Diocese who will "build houses, build hope, build communities" in a partnership project with the Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission and Habitat for Humanity N.I. The build will take place early July. Dates to be confirmed.

If you would like more information contact Pierce/Kate on 028/048 37525592 or email armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk

Feasts: Wednesday 13th St. Hilary; Friday 15th St. Ita; Saturday 16th St. Fursa.

Thanks to all who helped or participated in any way to decorate the Churches or took part in the liturgies during the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Season. Parishioners and visitors have been loud in their praise.

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Offertory Collection

Sunday 3rd - £2607-85

Thanks to all who contributed

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Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Peter McGrane, Mary McNally, Isobel McCann, Josephine Hannaway, Cardinal Cahal Daly, Frances Henderson

At This Time: John Battersby, Mary McConville, Beatrice Hamill, Teresa McCoy, Francis Ruddy, Stephen Donellan, George Berry

Sunday 10th: Peter Jackson(1st Anniversary), Nellie McCann, Lily McVeigh, Mary Hooks, Susan Fearnon

Monday 11th: Maeve Hoey, Charlie Hendron, Andrew Jordan, Margaret Flynn, John Hamill, William McKernan, Donald McConville, Leonard McShane, George Blacker, Oliver Lawless

Tuesday 12th: Jim Creaney, Bernadette McCann, Peter McCann, Mary Blacker, Maggie Murray

Wednesday 13th: Sarah Connelly(1st Anniversary), Francie Bunting, Gerald Murphy, Margaret McQuade, Kevin McNally

Thursday 14th: Joe Rafferty(1st Anniversary), Mary Fox, Lily Marley, Jack McShane, John Hayes

Friday 15th: Arthur Cush, Margaret Donnelly, Annie McCullagh, Gerald Foy

Saturday 16th: Mary Brown, Margaret Creaney, Maura Breen, Charlie O'Neill

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

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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.

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St. Vincent De Paul Society

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.

URGENTLY REQUIRED! - CURTAINS

NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours.

Church Time Burglaries: some basic advice - lock all exterior doors and windows; secure all sheds and garages; make your home look occupied even when you're not at home (use timer switches on lamps / radios). Leaflets in Church. Stay safe - stay secure.

Drumcree College - Basketball - P7 - 1st & 2nd years every Wednesday from 3.30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Adult fitness classes Wednesdays 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. For more information contact the school 38334725.

Drumcree Community Centre: Young Parent's Group, Tuesday 8th December, 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
 Drumcree House of Health: Women's Drop-in Night Tuesday 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Young Peoples Health Drop-in Monday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. This confidential service on all aspects of health (male or female) under 25 yrs. Phone Jennifer or Linda on 38334522 for more details.

Bannside Development Centre: Diet/Allergy testing and Detox plan for a healthier you on 12th and 19th January evenings 7 - 9pm followed by a retest on Tuesday 23rd February at same time. Everyone welcome.
 Homework Club starting back Monday 11th January. £1 per day. I.C.T. a 16week course for beginners starting mid-January. English Classes Thursday morning 10am
 Arts and Crafts Classes from 7 - 8.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. For more information contact Carol on 38339916.

St. John's Accordion Band: classes in music on Thursdays 7pm in St. John the Baptist School. Anyone wishing to join contact a committee member at the school on the evening.

Naiscoil Na Banna: A.G.M. Sunday 17th January, 3 p.m. in the Naiscoil.

Tir Na nOg GFC: U10 Training in Drumcree College Tuesdays 6.30 p.m. Bingo - Tuesday 8.15 p.m.

Cumann Gaelach - Irish Class every Thursday in Ashgrove Community Centre, 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Jimmy McCann, Seamus O'Neill and Pat Reid thank all who bought and sold tickets for the Third World Draw held in Tir Na nOg. Winners as follows: 1st Philip McCourt, 2nd Carmel Hamill, 3rd Brian McShane. The money raised was £1449.00 Feasts:

A MINUTE IN EVERY HOUR!

AN HOUR IN EVERY DAY!

A DAY IN EVERY WEEK!

10 MINUTES OF PEACE AT 10 AM ON 10TH DAY OF 10TH MONTH 20TEN.

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Reflection

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Sons and daughters of God

Into the water of the Jordan
 Jesus descended,
 as he had descended from heaven to earth,
 as he would later descend to the underworld:
 he entered fully into the depths of the river,
 into the depths of humanity,
 into everything that is human
 and then he heard the words of God,
 You are my Son, the Beloved.

A big moment for Jesus,
 a moment when he knew God was with him,
 that he was loved and was on the path of God.

Moments like when we knew we were loved by God,
 on a mountain walk,
 a stroll by the sea,
 a time of prayer,
 a conversation with a friend,

a time when we knwe we were helping someone,
times when we have plunged into the depths
and discovered the love of God.

Moments like illness and bereavement,
anxiety about a child or a parent,
staying with someone in times of
trouble:
then we have discovered something
not always seen or heard,
a faith born from the depths
of our human experience
that we are sons and daughters of God.

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In entering human life fully
we find the presence of the Divine,
for all that is human is created by God,
and in human love, compassion,
endurance and care,
we find God's dwelling place,
and we know our home is with him.