

20th May 2007

PARISH OF DRUMCREE

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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World Communications Day

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. "It is," he had said, "what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."

Now having met together, they asked him, "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth."

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, "Why are men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there."

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 46

R. God goes up with shouts of joy;
 the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Second Reading: Eph. 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: "You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

"And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high." Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Church Notices

Devotions in St. John the Baptist Church, this evening 7 p.m.

Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Sean Brady - please take a copy home.

Parish Week of Prayer based on the seven Sacraments - Living the Sacraments: a duty for all - will take place during the evenings of 3rd - 9th June.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday - St. Patrick's 12.30 - 1.15 p.m.

St. John the Baptist 6.15 - 6.45 p.m.

Mission Awareness 2007 - a Divine Word Missionary (SVD) priest will visit the Parish next weekend and speak at all Masses.

Baptism: Next Baptisms Saturday 26th May in St. John's Church at 5 p.m. Pre-baptismal meeting in St. John's Friday after evening Mass. Recent Baptisms: Eve Sophia Robinson

Offertory Collection

Sunday 13th May - £2564-09

Thanks to all who contributed

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society: Next meeting Wednesday 23rd May in St. John the Baptist Church meeting room after evening Mass. (Note change of date).

Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday 24th May at 8pm

PARISH WEBSITE: our Parish is going global this week as we mark Communication Sunday. The Parish Website can be found at www.drumcreeparish.com Please log on and tell your family and friends near and far. Each day the website will be updated by Catholic Ireland with daily readings and reflections and topical news stories.

Thanks to Colm Hagan and Martin Barlow for their time and work and advice on getting the website constructed and launched.

Jesus says: "...you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth." (see first reading for today)

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ANNIVERSARIES

RECENTLY DECEASED: Vera Jordan, Stella Loughlin, Patricia Mulligan, Alassana Sal

AT THIS TIME: Thomas Holland, Edward Fearon, John Morgan, Martin Murphy, Michael Robinson, Danny Robinson, Patrick Robinson, Nateus Amaral, Antonia Soriano, Orlando De Carvalho, Matilde De Carvalho, Basilio De Carvalho, Johny Ximenes

SUNDAY 20th: Mary Alice Bennett, Malachy Cullen, Edith O'Neill, Mary Coleman, Frances Foy, James McDonnell, Leo McCourt

MONDAY 21st: M.M. Eileen Taggart, M.M. Catherine Kelly, Gerard Beattie, Deirdre Cullen, Billy Bagues, Bagues Family, Jackie O'Neill

TUESDAY 22nd: Patrick Henry Lavery, Dr. Marie McAnallen

WEDNESDAY 23rd: Elizabeth O'Hanlon, Angela Kelly, Junior McConville, Gerald McAlinden, John Donnelly

THURSDAY 24th: Robert Duffy, Desmond McCleery, Thomas Heyburn, Roisin McClinton, Maurice McClean, Dominic Marley, Eddie McNally, Seamus McGuinness, Patrick Murray, Matthew Sloan, John McCann, Peter Lappin, John Robinson

FRIDAY 25th: M.M. Jodie Marley, Margaret Garvey, William James Mulholland

SATURDAY 26th: Marie Mallon, Alice Hagan, Annie McCann

Ministers of The Eucharist

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May - Vigil - Aine McCoole, Sharon Garland, Theresa McCaffrey. 8.30 a.m. - Thomas McCoole, Margaret Marley.

10 a.m. - Ann Fleming, Kathleen Hagan, Denis McKeever.

11.30 a.m. - Teresa Murphy, Mary Taggart, Declan McAtarsney, Ann Murphy.

St. Francis - Madeline O'Neill

Grange - Mary Taggart.

St. John the Baptist - Week beginning 22nd May, Geraldine Lawless.

Ministry of The Word - May

Vigil - Denis McCourt

8.30 a.m. - Tommy Mallon

10 a.m. - Ann Hamill

11.30 a.m. - Michael Sherry

11.30 a.m. - Michael Dennison

Week beginning 21st May, 10 a.m. Mass, Theresa Beattie. Week beginning 22nd May, 7.30 p.m. Mass, Paddy Gorman.

Cemetery Sunday - Corpus Christi Sunday 10th June 2007, with Mass at 11.30 a.m.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion yesterday from St. John the Baptist P.S. May this be the first of many.

Knock Shrine: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 27th May.

Parish Day Retreat - Lough Derg: Sunday 27th May, bus leaves St. John's 8 a.m. sharp. Cost £18-50 to include boat fare and lunch. Cost of bus will depend on numbers travelling. £5 deposit before 20th May secures seat. Contact Parochial House 38350610 or Peggy McKeever 38333391.

Useful Numbers: Fr. O'Dwyer - 38350610

Fr. White - 38332218

Parish Mobile: to contact the Priest on Duty or for emergencies, contact 07841101850.

Anniversaries left in late for inclusion in the Bulletin should be left in the Sacristries for inclusion in the List of the Dead.

St. John's Independent Accordion Band: Classes in music and drumming on Thursdays, 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist School. Anyone wishing to join contact a committee member at the school on the evening.

McArts Crafts: Vocational Training Unit for Adults with a Learning Disability, Unit H, Mayfair Business Centre. McArts Crafts can offer interested trainees a variety of work activities, experiences and skills within a creative and supported working environment. Contact Eithne for further information 38339119.

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

GAMBLING: Is Gambling affecting your home life, work life, or reputation? Contact the local GA helpline on 07926170921.

Naí-scoil na Banna: If you wish your child to be taught through the medium of Irish there are places available at Naí-scoil na Banna. Contact Shileen 02838 391243.

KOINONIA PROJECT -

Meditation continues on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. at 103 Thomas Street. For information call 38332220.

Ballyoran Over 50 Club: Every Wednesday 2 - 3 p.m. in Ashgrove Community Centre.

St. Mary's Youth Centre: Visit the Centre's web-site for further information at www.stmarysync.org

Drumcree House of Health - Another 10 week weigh in has started. Every Monday 11 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. or 7 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. A men only weigh in each Monday 7.45 p.m. - 8.15 p.m.

Calling on all past pupils who attended Presentation Convent School to attend procession after 7.30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday 29th May, to lay wreaths on Nuns' graves.

Craigavon Voluntary Group - Diabetes U.K. Evening of Floral Display by Gabrielle and Josh at Armagh Road, Presbyterian Church Hall, Wednesday 30th May, 8 p.m. Admission £5. Tickets available from Gabrielles.

THANKS - Seamus O'Neill and Jimmy McCann thank all who sold tickets for the Third World Draw held in Tir na nOg on Easter Monday. Winners as follows:-

1st Prize - £100, Marty McCann, 2nd Prize - £50, Aaron McNally, 3rd Prize - £30, Jennifer McGurgan. Total collected £1230. Thanks to all who contributed.

St. Malachy's Hurling Club: U14 Co Hurling Feile Final between St. Malachy's and Keady at Selshion this Sunday, 20th August at 12 noon. All support welcome.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Pilgrimages - Medjugorje:

23rd August - 30th August, Spiritual Director, Fr. Brian White. Full spiritual programme. Travel insurance included ex Belfast International Airport. (And 27th September - 4th October). Tel. Josephine 028 38343091.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Good quality used clothing and furniture welcome at all times. Collection can be arranged. Contact the shop. Clothes shop and Furniture shop in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road, tel. 38393898. Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours. URGENTLY REQUIRED!!! - BABY CLOTHES.

BANNSIDE COMMUNITY GROUP: Arts & Crafts, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7 - 8.30 p.m.

Bannside Scribblers, Monday 7 - 9 p.m. ICT for beginners. Contact Carol for further information.

HOMEWORK CLUB: VOLUNTEER NEEDED to supervise Homework Club. Homework Club takes place Monday - Thursday, 3.30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Contact Phyllis or Carol 38339916.

Cafe Lisboa - authentic Portugese and local food. Open Monday - Saturday 9.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

DRUMCREE COLLEGE: Social Dance Lessons continue in Drumcree College. Swing Jive lessons Wednesday 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. £2-50 per night. For more information phone 38337745.

CEILI CLASSES - Drumcree College Wednesday 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. (James Murphy Tutor) £2-50 per week. Everyone welcome.

Attend the two classes above and only pay £2-50!!

WANTED! old/used greeting cards for craft classes. Please leave in office at Drumcree College.

Tir Na nOg GFC: Bingo every Tuesday 8.30 p.m. The bigger the crowd the bigger the prizes. Support the Club Lotto.

Rome & Assisi Pilgrimage - 4th August for seven nights, led by Fr. Peter McAnenly, (includes day trip to Sienna). Total cost, to include taxes, insurance and service of coach throughout is £710. For booking or further details contact Sullivan Travel, Coalisland, tel. 8774 0339.

Pilgrimage to Santiago (The Way of St. James) -

9 nights, 13th - 22nd Sept. £1300 per person. Flights from Dublin, coach throughout. Further information and booking phone P. McConville 38891247.

Fatima Pilgrimage - 19th - 26th July. Celebrate 90th Anniversary of Fatima. Spiritual Director Fr. Martin McAlinden. Price £399 includes full board, flights and coach to and from Dublin. For more information contact Moyraverty Parish Office, tel. 38343013.

15 day Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni, Loreto, Venice, Padua and many other shrines. Departing August 8th. Phone 00353 57 9355050, mornings only.

St. John's P.S. (Eglish) Fundraising Event, family barbeque and entertainment, Friday 22nd June 7 - 9 p.m. All welcome. Tickets £5, available from school. Te. 38851743.

The link of heaven and earth

As Jesus departs from us,
there is a new link between heaven and earth,
and we are present in heaven.

He brings our sufferings,
marked in the wounds of hands, feet
and side.
He brings our sin,
which has wounded him
and through his wounds we are healed.
He gives on earth
the healing of heaven.

He brings our hopes,
alive in his risen body;
our hopes that good will overcome evil,
that justice will prevail over greed,
and that love is the most powerful force
we know.

He brings with him
our hope that we will live forever,
and because he lives now in eternity,
we know we too shall live,
alive to joy and peace,
in the circle of love which is the home
of God.

God's glory is Jesus fully alive,
God's glory is men and women fully alive,
fully alive to love,
to the call of God,
and to the life we can share with each other.
Each of us is the glory of God,
glimpsed partly here,
to be fully enjoyed in heaven.

Where Jesus is,
we shall follow.