

in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

ANNIVERSARIES

RECENTLY DECEASED: Annie Fee, Kathleen Marley, Jim McVeigh, Peter Keeley, Madge McKeivitt, Eileen McCabe, Mona McCann, Michael Carvill, Colm O'Connor

AT THIS TIME: David Conlon, John Holland, McVeigh, Fowler & McCann Families, Ana Maria Xavier do Rego, Mary Donaghy

SUNDAY 12th: M.M. Bronagh Lappin, Eileen Hendron, Patrick McAlinden, McAlinden Family, Michael McCann, Patrick Battersby, Kathleen McCooe

MONDAY 13th: Desie Hamill, Alice Austin, Malachi McCormac

TUESDAY 14th: Anna Foy, Ellen McDermott

WEDNESDAY 15th: M.M. Shay Day, Bridget Handy (1st Anniversary), Marie McCavanagh, Bernard Fearon, Bernard McVeigh, Thomas Robinson, Margaret Mallon, John McBennett

THURSDAY 16th: Kathleen Atkinson, Mary Donnelly

FRIDAY 17th: Aidan Mawhinney (1st Anniversary) Marie Murphy, Jim Turley, Tommy Donnelly, Muriel Crealey, Patrick Reynolds, Edward Lappin

SATURDAY 18th: M.M. Mary McNeil, M.M. Votatus Valencius

Church Notices

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15th August - The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day. Masses as follows:

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

St. Patrick's 7.30 p.m.

St. Patrick's 10 a.m.

(The 7.30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday 14th will serve as a Vigil for the Holy Day and will have the Polish community in attendance)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday

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

St. John's 6.15 - 6.45 p.m.

Baptism: Next Baptisms Saturday 18th August in St. John's Church at 5 p.m.

Pre-baptismal meeting in St. John's Friday after evening Mass.

Recent Baptisms: Edmilson Patrick Gutierrez, Margaret Jane Quinn

Offertory Collection

5th August - £2344-45

Thanks to all who contributed

Ministers of The Eucharist

Aug. - Vigil Paddy Gorman, Miriam Loftus, Bernadette Breen. 8.30 a.m. Catherine McCooe, Thomas McCooe.

10 a.m. - Winnie Breen, Ann Marie Hamill, Madeline O'Neill.

11.30 a.m. - Patricia Halfpenny, Rosaleen Hamill, Nicola Fay, Bernie Mallon.

Grange: Eithne McAtarsney.

St. Francis: Madeline O'Neill.

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 14th Aug. Martin Barlow.

Ministry of The Word - Aug.

Vigil Ursula Barlow

8.30 a.m. Julia Lawless

10 a.m. Damien Russell

David Fleming

11.30 a.m. Jerome Marley

Week beginning 13th Aug, 10 a.m. Mass, Tommy Mallon.

7.30 p.m. Theresa Beattie.

Useful Numbers: Fr. O'Dwyer - 38350610
 Fr. White - 38332218
 Parish Mobile: to contact the Priest on Duty or for emergencies, contact 07841101850.

Children are always welcome in our Churches to Masses and other liturgies. Parents and other adults who accompany children to Church are asked to keep children under reasonable control so as not to be a distraction to others. All Parishioners and visitors to the Churches have a responsibility to keep a prayerful atmosphere at all times.

St. John the Baptist Church - Altar Society: Aug. Rota - Team 3.

The car park at St. John the Baptist Church is being resurfaced. This work will take approx. two weeks to complete. We apologise for any inconvenience this will cause and ask parishioners to exercise care near the car park.

LOUGH DERG:

Quiet Days - 9th May - 5th September: Arrive 10 a.m., departure 4 p.m. Cost £15, includes boat fare and lunch. Reservations essential.

One Day Retreats: Aug. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29. Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8,

10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23. The retreats are not suited to children. Numbers limited so advance booking is essential.

Each retreat begins at 10 a.m. and ends at approx. 5 p.m. Cost £18 includes boat fare and lunch. Reservations essential. For bookings tel. 00353 71 9861518.

Theology by Distance Learning September 2007 to January 2008 including: Introduction to Theology and Scripture: The Gospel of Mark and Moral Theology. For more information contact The Priory Institute, Tallagh, tel. 00353 1 4048124 or www.prioryinstitute.com.

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!!! - MEN'S CLOTHING.

Senior Citizen Outing and Social Evening - Wednesday 22nd August. Tickets available in St. Vincent De Paul Shop, £2 each. (Tickets limited). Bus times as follows:-

St. Patrick's Hall 12.30 p.m.

Parkside 12.40 p.m.

Obins Avenue 12.30 p.m.

St. Mary's Hall 1.00 p.m.

St. John's Church 1.10 p.m.

Mayfair 1.20 p.m.

Spar 1.30 p.m.

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.

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Being Ready

Being ready and noticing the call of God is one hallmark of being a Christian.

Be ready
 to notice the need of God
 in the people we meet:
 in their need to be heard at a time of worry,
 in their need for care in illness,
 for forgiveness when we've hurt each other,
 for the conversations
 that can bring faith in doubt,
 hope in despair
 and love always.
 For there is the Son of man,

coming at an hour you do not expect.

Be ready, says the Lord,
to notice the need of God
in the millions of hungry children,
homeless parents,
refugees without a home,
people, even children,
sleeping rough in our own cities;
be ready to care,
to help, to reach out,
for there is the Son of man,
coming at an hour you do not expect.

Be ready,
in times and spaces for prayer,
to notice the love of God
reaching you and the world through you,
the forgiveness of God
touching a world of hurt and violence through you,
and the call of God
to be ready
today and every day,
to be his presence, justice and love
among his people.

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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.

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

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

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.

ASHGROVE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP:

Now enrolling for 2007/2008 year. For further details contact Catherine 07849599813.

St. John the Baptist P.S. - Due to supplier difficulties, uniforms and school jackets will not be available for collection until week beginning Tuesday 28th August.

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BANNSIDE COMMUNITY GROUP: Â

Bannside Scribblers, Monday 7 - 9 p.m. Arts & Crafts, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7 - 8.30 p.m.

ICT for beginners. Contact Carol for further information.

HOMEWORK CLUB: VOLUNTEER NEEDED for September 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. Â£2-50 per night. For more information phone 38337745.

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

welcome.

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

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

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

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

9 nights, 13th - 22nd Sept.Â E1300 per person.Â Flights from Dublin, coach throughout.Â Further information and booking phone P. McConville 38891247.