

28th October 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

28th October 2007 Thirtieth 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 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

Requiescat In Pace

Lately deceased: Mary McConnell, Brian Henry, Rosaleen McAleer, Danny McKevitt

Sr. Marie Therese McCreesh, Rose Keegan, Gerard Livingstone.

At This Time: Artie O'Neill, Paul Hendron, Bernadette O'Neill, Kathleen, Patrick & Brendan McConville, Felix Morgan, Thomas Morgan.

Sunday 28th: Jim Mulholland, William Cullen, Violeta de Sousa Gama, Mario Antonio Gama, Anita Gama, Odilia Victor, Orlando Victor, Edward Mulholland, Kevin O'Connor.

Monday 29th: Frank Megarity(1st Ann.), Patricia Hyde, Michael McEvoy, Bernadette O'Connor, Desmond Joseph O'Connell, Oliver McKeown, John Jordan, John Keating.

Tuesday 30th: Mary Campbell, Kay Keegan, Dr. Eamon Fleming, Rose Ann Speers, Rosaleen Judge.

Wednesday 31st: Francis Hanratty, Peter McGurk, Gareth McCormac.

Thursday 1st:Â Rosaleen Harte, Emily McCourt, Elizabeth Murphy, Jim Judge. Â
 Friday 2nd:Â Â Elizabeth Mulligan, Mamie Tiffney, Jim McNally, Thomas Moonan.
 Saturday 3rd:Â M.M. Francis Grimes. Christina Hamill
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 Holy Hour in St. Patrickâ€™s this evening at 7 p.m.

Thursday 1st November Feast of All Saints (Holy day of Obligation).Â Masses as follows:-
 St. Johnâ€™sÂ Â Â 8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. &
 Â Â Â Â Â 7.30 p.m.
 St. Patrickâ€™sÂ Â Â 10 a.m.
 (7.30 p.m. Mass on Wednesday 31st will serve as Vigil Mass for 1st November).
 Collection for the Missions (Blue Envelope) at all Masses.

First Friday Notices:

Confessions - Thursday 1st
 St. Patrickâ€™s - 6.30 - 7 p.m.
 St. Johnâ€™s - 8 p.m.
 Masses - Friday 2nd
 St. Patrickâ€™sÂ Â Â 10 a.m. (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.)
 St. Johnâ€™sÂ Â Â 7.30 p.m.
 Fr. White will make his house calls as usual.

Friday 2nd November:Â St. John the Baptist Church 7.30 p.m. Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. All who have suffered a bereavement are welcome, but a special invitation is extended to those who have lostÂ loved ones during the past twelve months.Â Red candles dedicated to their memory will burn in the Sanctuary during the Mass; afterwards they may be placed on the grave or taken home. Blank List of The Dead sheets are available and it is suggested that completed lists are placed in a basket provided for this purpose on Sunday 28th October.Â The lists will remain on the altar throughout the month of November.

Ministers of the Eucharist - November â€™

Vigil, Theresa McCaffrey, Paddy Gorman, Miriam Loftus, Bernadette Breen. Â
 8.30 a.m. Patsy Hanratty, Catherine McCoole.
 10 a.m. Winnie Breen, Ann Marie Hamill, Madeline Oâ€™Neill. Â
 11.30 a.m. Patricia Halfpenny, Rosaleen Hamill, Nicola Fay, Bernie Mallon.
 St. Francis - Madeline Oâ€™Neill. Grange - Ann Murphy.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 30th October Mary McAlinden.

Ministers of The Word - November

Vigil, Denis McCourt. Â
 8.30 a.m.Â Tommy Mallon.
 10 a.m. Tommy Bradley, Theresa Beattie. Â
 11.30 a.m. Michael Dennison.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginningÂ 29th October,

10 a.m. Aidan McCormack.
 7.30 p.m. Aidan McCormack

Recent Baptisms:Â Â Erica Pires Santos, Leigha Marie Brigid Gallagher

WEDDINGS 2008:Â Couples who have booked weddings for next year are asked to confirm date, Church and time by contacting one of the priests.

Seasons of Advent and Christmas workshop in Synod Hall, Armagh, Monday 5th November, 8 - 10 p.m.
 Facilitators Fr. Sean McEvoy and Maureen Morgan (Liturgy Team).Â This promises to be a very worthwhile evening and we encourage members of the parish to attend.

Armagh Diocesan Youth Ministry:Â All young people, parents and youth leaders are invited to a diocesan youth liturgy on Sunday 4th November in St. Josephâ€™s Parish, Dundalk.Â The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Clifford and has been planned by a group of young people from the Dundalk area.

St. John the Baptist P.S. - â€™Star Manâ€™ - Angels of Hope Appeal
 One of our past pupils (Kathy Oâ€™Neill)Â is running the New York Marathon for Angels of Hope.Â We ask parents and familiesÂ for your usual generosity for this appeal.

GATE:Â Diocesan Youth Magazine available in the churches.

Sunday 21st October

Â£2468-30

Thanks to all who contributed

Reflection

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Be merciful to me, a sinner

Deep down we like to praise ourselves,
and even though we donâ€™t say it aloud
donâ€™t we sometimes feel weâ€™re better than
Â others?

We can list for God
our pilgrimages and fasts,
our holy hours and prayer,
our help to the poor,
and almost want to be praised.

In itself, is that wrong?
Hardly - but it becomes dangerous
when we look down on others.

Thatâ€™s the story today -
the Pharisee was not a bad man,
for he lived a good life

but his fault was
that he looked down on others.

To be at rights with God
is to know that each of us depends
Â on God
for so much in life,
that our faith and religion are gifts,
that our good works and prayer are gifts,
our desire to help the poor is a gift,
and that we should be grateful rather than boastful.

We thank God and others for what we have and are,
rather than for what we do.

In each of us is the humility of the tax gatherer,
and the knowledge that evil finds a home at times in each heart -
the evil word and thought,
the evil intention and desire,
the ways weâ€™d like to get even with
Â others;

and there is the willingness to say,
as did the tax gatherer,
â€˜God, be merciful to me, a sinner,â€™
and know then that
we are at rights with God.
For in the eyes of God
we are, each of us,
sinners who are immensely loved.

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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.

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.

SPRED Group -Â WednesdayÂ in Drumcree Community Centre, 7.30 p.m.Â Enquiries ph. 38392568.

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. October - TADI (talking about tough issues) and Bill of Rights.Â November - Know Yourself & Your Neighbour.Â Contact Phyllis for further information.Â 38339916.Â Volunteers needed to supervise Homework Club.

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.

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. Johnâ€™s Scouts:Â Scouts - Monday 7 - 9 p.m. - Cubs Tuesday 7 - 8.30 p.m. - Beavers Wednesday 7 - 8.30 p.m.Â New members always welcome.

PRESENTATION SISTERS KOINONIA PROJECT â€“ WeeklyÂ Meditation on Monday at 7.30 p.m.at 103 Thomas St.Â Tâ€™s Chi Chih classes Tuesday 8 p.m. and Thursday 11 a.m. in Committee Room of Cascades Leisure Centre.Â Information nights for HEALING AND EMPOWERING YOUR INNER CHILD sessions are scheduled to begin Wednesday 9th January, 7.30 p.m. For informationÂ call Sr. Brigid KavanaghÂ 38332220.

African Missions, Dromantine Presents:Â October 29th, 8 p.m. Concert Starring Philomena Begley, Aiden Quinn, Gene Fitzpatrick, Malachi Cush, Rosemary Woods, Conor â€™Singing Brickieâ€™ and Dromantine Priests with Country Harmony.

Drumcree House of Health:Â Hill Walking, Sunday 28th October.Â Bus leaves Drumcree Community Centre 10 a.m. returns approx 6 p.m.

Positive Thinking Course - 6 weekly workshops starting Tuesday 6th November 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Still running - Salsa Exercise every Tuesday 8.30 p.m. (Â£1).

Weigh in - every Monday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Yoga - every Wednesday 11 a.m. (Â£3).

ULSTER PROJECTS DELAWARE, HUTCHINSON AND McPHERSON soon recruiting 11 and 12 year Students.Â More information to follow.

St. Maryâ€™s Womenâ€™s Guild:Â Thursday, November 1st, bus departs 7 p.m. from St. Johnâ€™s car park for The Market Armagh.

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