

9th December 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

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Second Sunday of Advent

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: Michael Malley. Peter Brennan, Dr. Maureen Mackle.

At This Time: . Fiona Moonan, Owen, Mary K., Thomas James & John Gormley, Charlie McCloskey, James Freeburn, Michael Walsh, Nancy Borse, Tony Borse, Mary Jane Leathem, Kathleen Greene. Sunday 9th: James Tiffney, John Maguire, John Tiffney, Gerard McCormack, Joao, Maria & Andre Soares. Monday 10th: Ana Maria Rego, Vanessa Araujo, Filomena Soares, Thomas McCann, Patrick Keenan. Tuesday 11th: Anthony Foy, James Creaney, Rory McGuigan, Francis McGinley. Wednesday 12th: Annie McCoole (1st Anniversary), Teresa Hagan, Patricia Ann Begley, Dymphna Fearnon. Thursday 13th: Edward Fearnon, Thomas Metcalfe, Mary Jordan, Kitty Tennyson, Mary Quinn, Patrick Hughes. Friday 14th: George Killops (1st Anniversary), Felix Donnelly (1st Anniversary), John McClean, Noel Benson, Geraldine Knox, Eugene Douglas. Saturday 15th: James Brennan, Daniel Fearon, Rose Marie McParland

Parish Nativity Play / Carol Service led by the young people from the cross-community

St. Mary's Youth Centre Project

in St. John the Baptist Church
 Â on Sunday 16th December at 7.30 p.m.
 A great night to prepare for the Birth of Christ.Â All are welcome. Â
 Please invite your family and
 friends.Â Refreshments after.

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

Polish Mass Tuesday 11th December in St. John the Baptist, 7.30 p.m.

Ministers of the Eucharist: St. John the Baptist, week beginning 10th December Eddie McVeigh.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginningÂ 10th December, 10 a.m. Tommy Bradley. 7.30 p.m. Gemma McKenna.

Recent Baptisms:Â Bronagh Ann Campbell, Noah Oliver McCann

St. Vincent De Paul Society:Â â€˜Giving Treeâ€™ in both churches 1st December - 16th December.Â To help those less
 fortunate in the parish please take symbol from tree, return symbol with appropriate gift.Â Thank you.

PACE Carol Service - Friday 21st December in Armagh Road Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m.Â All welcome.

A sculptured image of the Holy Family is on display in the Church today.Â It is entitled â€œA Quiet Momentâ€ and portrays the
 infant Jesus, Mary and Joseph in perfect harmony, love and peace.Â It is truly a celebration of love - a message greatly
 needed today.Â Copies can be purchased 35 euroes / 25 sterling - leave name and money in sacristy.

Advent Spirituality Nights, Synod Hall, Armagh - Tuesday 11th December, Preparing oneself for Christmas, Thursday
 13th December, The family and Christmas, Thursday 18th December, Proclaiming Godâ€™s Word.Â Â All 8 p.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation:Â those preparing for Confirmation through the schools will come to Mass this weekend for
 their Commitment Ceremony, along with their parents and families.Â Saturday 7 pm St. John the Baptist, Sunday 10 am
 Presentation, Sunday 11.30 am Ballyoran CPS.

ACCORD - Marriage Preparation Courses as follows:-Venue - Cohannon Inn.Â Tuesday 19th Feb, 26th Feb., 4th March,
 8th April, 15th April, 22nd April, 6th May, 13th May & 20th May.Â All times 7 - 10 p.m.Â Booking now.

New CTS Bookstands - helping to deepen and inform faith - see separate page - take and read.

10 a.m. Mass in St. Patrickâ€™s next Sunday will have participation of the Filipino community.

GATE:Â Diocesan Youth Magazine available in the churches.

â€œWalk With Meâ€ - a journey of Prayer for Advent and Christmas - booklets available in Churches, Â£1.

Sunday 2nd December

Â£2449-70

Thanks to all who contributed

Reflection

He will make his home among us

We need a place we call home;
 where there is acceptance,
 a place we can just be ourselves.
 Home is the place of family friendship
 and of faith.
 In the love of family, we find we can be
 ourselves,

and relax into the mystery of being loved
for who we are,
and that is what home is.
In the love of friendship we also find our home,
accepted and affirmed for who we are,
loved for what is strong and weak within us.
And in faith there is the love of God,
accepting, affirming, forgiving all we are and need.

He will make his home among us
Home is more than bricks and mortar,
more than a garden and a house;
it is the place of warmth and
acceptance.

And Jesus said to many he met
"Today I want to stay in your house".
He makes his home within you,
in the warmth of your heart and
in the centre of your personality,
bringing with him
gifts of affirmation, affection,
acceptance and forgiveness.

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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.

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.

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 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours.

ARE YOU HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP? SKILLED COUNSELLORS CAN HELP YOU. CALL ACCORD - ph. 38334781.

BANNSIDE COMMUNITY GROUP: Arts & Crafts, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7 - 8.30 p.m. English/ ICT for beginners. December classes - TADI (talking about tough issues) and Bill of Rights. Genealogy (Family Tree) Know Yourself & Your Neighbour. Contact Phyllis for further information. 38339916. Volunteers needed to supervise Homework Club.

Tir Na nOg GFC: Bingo every Tuesday 8.30 p.m. The bigger the crowd the bigger the prizes. Support the Club Lotto.
St. John's Accordion Band. Lessons in accordion, percussion and keyboard Thursdays 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist School. All ages welcome.

PRESENTATION SISTERS KOINONIA PROJECT - Advent Retreat 15th December, 10.45am to 3.30pm. Limited to 10 participants. Bring Bible and notebook. £10 includes morning coffee and lunch. (103 Thomas Street). From Trauma To Healing and Beyond. Information evening Thursday 7th December at 7.30 pm. HEALING AND EMPOWERING YOUR INNER CHILD sessions are scheduled to begin Wednesday 9th January, 7.30 p.m. For information on all of above call Sr. Brigid Kavanagh 38332220.

Christmas Gifts: Trocaire Global Gift Plan brochures available in Churches. One Action Can Change The World.

to be different.

IS CHRISTMAS JUST FOR CHILDREN? An adult look at the Nativity Stories in the Gospels. 4 Thursday evenings on this theme will be given at Iona House, Churchill Park, starting 29th November at 7 p.m. If interested ring Fr. Michael on 38330366.

Christian Aid Lunches - Soup, bread, cheese - in Armagh Road
Presbyterian Church Hall 12 noon - 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday 5th
December. £3 minimum donation.

On Wednesday 19th December at 7.30 p.m. PIPS Upper Bann will be lighting a Memory Tree in Mount Zion House, Edward St., Lurgan and will remain lit for the Christmas period, to remember all of those who have died through suicide in our community. Anyone who has lost a loved one, family or friend is invited to come along and tie a symbol of their loved one to the memory tree during the evening.

Naiscoil Na Banna (Irish Language Pre School): If you have a child aged 2+ and are interested in Irish Medium Education contact Shileen at the Naiscoil, 38391243.

Cumann Gaelach Port an Dunain: Ceili Na Nollag (Christmas Ceili)
Saturday 15th December in Ashgrove Community Centre. 9 p.m. -
1 a.m. Banna Ceol McElhinney. Taille £5.

St. Joseph's Grammar School, Donaghmore - School Aid Romania
Fund Raising Event. Quiz Night in Seagoe Hotel on Monday 17th December at 8.30 p.m. Cost £5. Admission at door.

Thornton Trust Concert, Wednesday 12th December in Millennium
Court Art Centre, 1-10 p.m. - 2 p.m.