

2nd March 2008

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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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.

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: Stephen Fitzpatrick, Patrick Mulligan, Very Rev. John Reid, Jim McKeever, Maeve McConnell, Charlie McVeigh, Jack Derry, Bernadette McConville, Nicola Murray, Sean Dunbar. At This Time: John McConville, Daniel Kelly, Zelio Ximenes, Cristina & Antonis de Jesus, Celestina & Francisco Soares, Zacanas &

Albertina & Joana Freitas, Manuel & Manuela & Pedro Soares, Domingos Sarmento, James Mulholland. Sunday 2nd: M.M. Peter Hughes, Bill McAtamney(1st Anniversary), Ita Freeburn, Kay McNally, Tommy McParland, Molly & Leo McCooe, Brian

McGeough, Mary Rafferty, Kitty O'Neill. Monday 3rd: Anastasia McKeever(1st Anniversary), Patrick Marley, Mary Catherine Campbell, Thomas Garvey, Patrick Kelly, Mary Agnes Dunbar, Mary McAnallen. Tuesday 4th: Sister Agnes Collins, Mary Austin, Dr. Joseph Fearon, Vera Burke, Eileen McMurray, Mary Hughes, Joseph McCanney. Wednesday 5th: Peter Guy, Julie Litter, Elizabeth Carson, Noel Kelly. Thursday 6th: M.M. Richard

McNally, M.M. Joel Hamill, Margaret McCusker, James ConlonÂ Friday 7th:Â Christine McNally, Felix McKeever, Matilda Donnelly, Venia Prunty, Andy MulliganÂ Saturday 8th:Â Rita Carroll, Francis Hagan, Agnes Farrell, Mary McNally, Veriato Caldas

First Friday Notices:

Confessions - Thursday 6th

St. Patrickâ€™sÂ Â 6 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

St. Johnâ€™sÂ Â 7.30 p.m.

Masses - Friday 7th

St. Patrickâ€™sÂ Â 10 a.m. (Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 10.30 - 6 p.m.)

St. Johnâ€™sÂ Â 7 p.m.

The sick and housebound will be visited as usual.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 3rd March, Eddie McVeigh.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginningÂ 3rd March, 10 a.m. Michael Sherry,

7 p.m. Michael Dennison.

Eucharistic Ministers/Readers - afternoon of prayer next Sunday, 9th March, in Dromantine, beginning with lunch at 1 p.m.

Liturgy Group Meeting - Thursday 6th March at 7.30 p.m. in St. John the Baptist meeting room.

First Confession dates:

St. John the Baptist PS/Bunscoil

Tuesday 4th March at 5.30p.m.

Ballyoran CPS

Tuesday 11th March at 6 p.m.

Both in St. John the Baptist Church.

Presentation PS. - 12th March, 5.45 p.m.

Recent Baptisms:Â Ethan Brankin

Sacrament of Confirmation - those preparing, along with their parents, sponsors and families will attend Mass next weekend

Your Wedding - a guide to getting married in the Catholic Church - book available in Churches Â£2.

The Parish invites contractors for a select list to tender for a new parochial house on Moy Road.Â Anyone interested in pricing this project submit details by 12 Noon, Wednesday 5th March, 2008 to Parochial House, 15 Moy Road, Bt62 1QL.Â Tel 38350610.

Proposed New Pastoral Centre for The Parish:

We are seeking an architect design team to be considered for this project.Â An outlined budget is in the region of Â£750,000 including professional fees.Â If interested, please forward the following to:Â Very Rev. Michael Oâ€™Dwyer, Parish Priest, 15 Moy Road, Portadown, BT62 1QL.

The CV of proposed project architect(s)

Details of members of design team

Details of your professional indemnity insurance

Your previous experience in design of Parish/Pastoral centres

St. Josephâ€™s Young Priest Society - Afternoon of Prayer:Â The annual afternoon of prayer will take place on Sunday 9th March commencing at 2.30 p.m. and concludes with Mass at 5 p.m.Â The afternoon will be led by Fr. Darragh Connolly from Kilmore Diocese.

Tea/coffee will be available.Â You are very welcome to join with us in praying for vocations and for the continued work of the society.

Walk With Me - A Lenten Journey of Prayer - books available in Churches, Â£1.

Sunday 24th February

Â£2253-48

Thanks to all who contributed

Reflection

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I am the light of the world, says the Lord.Â Anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Our life with God

is a journey,
sometimes uphill, other times level,
through light and shadow,
to the fullness of Godâ€™s eternal joy.

It is a journey,
sometimes gentle,
Â sometimes strenuous,
through doubt and faith,
to the fullness of Godâ€™s eternal life.

It is a journey,
sometimes solitary, other
times accompanied,
through isolation and love,
to the fullness of Godâ€™s
eternal friendship.

It is a journey,
sometimes sad,
sometimes joyful,
through sorrows and happiness
to the fullness of Godâ€™s
Â eternal joy
I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Â
Anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

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Parish & Community Notices

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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.Â Â Â Â Â Â Â URGENTLY REQUIRED - Baby Clothes.

ARE YOU HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP?Â CALL ACCORD - ph. 38334781.Â Â ACCORD - Marriage Preparation Courses.Â Due to increasing demand ACCORD are advising couples to book their place at least ten months before the wedding.Â Marriage Preparation courses are now available for viewing on the website address www.accordni.com Â

Womenâ€™s World Day of Prayer - Friday 7th March, 8 p.m. at Thomas St. Methodist Church.Â Prayer Service prepared by Christian Women of Guyana on the theme, Godâ€™s Wisdom Provides New Understanding.Â All are welcome: men, women, young people.Â Refreshments following.

Tir Na nOg GFC:Â OPEN NIGHT - Friday 7th March.Â Registration 7.30 p.m. for all players (boys & girls) U8 - U16.Â Estates Blitz, Sunday 9th March.Â Bingo every Tuesday 8.30 p.m. Â

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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. Â

PRESENTATION SISTERS KOINONIA PROJECT -Â programmes at 103 Thomas Street.Â MEDITATION , Mondays, 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. New series of Tâ€™AI CHI CHIH at Cascades Leisure Centre beginsÂ on Thursday 3rd April 11 a.m.Â Â Call

Sr. Brigid Kavanagh 38332220 to register and for further information.

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.

BANNSIDE COMMUNITY GROUP: Arts & Crafts, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7 - 8.30 p.m. Contact Phyllis for further information. 38339916. Volunteers needed to supervise Homework Club Monday / Wednesday.

Armagh Diocesan PTAA - Annual Dinner Dance Friday 4th April, Ryandale Hotel, Moy. For tickets phone 07737547439. Diocesan Pioneer Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 22nd - 27th September.

Quiz - under 27 over 16 - Sunday 2nd March. Senior Quiz - Over 16 - Sunday 2nd March. Juvenile - Under 13 - Friday 7th March

Juvenile - Under 16 - Friday 7th March. Anyone wishing to enter please phone 07737547439 before 23rd February.

St. John the Baptist P.T.A. are currently recycling old mobile phones to raise funds. Phones may be left in Mallon's Butchers (Ashgrove), Costcutters, or Litter's Garage. Please place phone in box provided. No chargers please.

St. Mary's Women's Guild: Meeting on Wednesday 5th March in Ashgrove Centre, 8 p.m. Guest Speaker. All welcome.

Medjugorge Pilgrimage - departs Dublin 5th April returns 12th April.
Price £379. Spiritual Director Fr. John Gates. For details contact
Maureen McKeown, tel. 04837522188 or 07752465339.

Catholic Truth Society CTS Bookstand

You might have noticed that at the back of the Church we have a new bookstand from CTS. Formed 140yrs ago CTS publish a wide range of booklets helping to inform us about our faith and help us better understand the love which God has for each of us personally. Subjects will include social issues, lives of the saints, Church teaching, prayer and scripture. Why not take a booklet home today, perhaps even on a topic that is unfamiliar to you. All the CTS booklets are written in a friendly style and are reasonably priced.

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This week we also have a small range of Easter cards for you to send to your friends to celebrate the most joyous time of our year - the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Cards are priced at only 50p each.

COMING SOON: In times past no Catholic home would have been without a bible. Perhaps you would like to have a new Bible but are unsure which one to choose. Well, CTS has just launched a new range to suit all needs. The range includes compact, travel, standard and presentation variations, all of the highest quality, with pleasing layout and footnotes. The Bibles also contain information relating to our Catholic faith, placing each book of the Bible in the Church's liturgical year. In the next few weeks you will be able to inspect copies and purchase any of these Bibles.

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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.