

16th 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

16th March 2008

Palm Sunday

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.

Devotions 1st and 2nd Sunday

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

HOLY WEEK NOTICES:

Chrism Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral,

Armagh on Tuesday 18th March at 12 noon. The Oils of Catechumen, Chrism and Anointing of the Sick will be blessed and consecrated during this Mass and the priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly commitment with Cardinal Brady and Bishop Clifford.

Confessions:

Saturday 15th - after evening Mass

Sunday 16th - after 11.30 a.m. Mass

St. Patrick's Church:

Monday 17th - 12.30 - 1.15 p.m.
 After Novena Mass.
 Wednesday 19th - 12.30 - 1.15 p.m.
 St. John the Baptist Church
 Tuesday 7.30 p.m. - Penitential Service
 Wednesday - 7.30 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY - 20th March

St. John the Baptist - Mass of The Lord's Supper, 7 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be kept at the Altar of Repose until 10 p.m. Please take time to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament. "The Mass of The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the evening at a time convenient for the full participation of the whole local community".

GOOD FRIDAY - Day of Fast and

Abstinence in memory of The Lord's Passion.

St. Patrick's, 3 p.m. - Celebration of The Lord's Passion. "For the Veneration of The Cross, let a cross be used that is of appropriate size and beauty. Only ONE cross should be used for the Veneration as this contributes to the full symbolism of the Rite".

St. John the Baptist - 7 p.m. Stations of The Cross led by the Youth of the Parish

HOLY SATURDAY - Prayers in St. Patrick's at 10 a.m. On this day the Church is as it were at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his passion and death, and on his descent into hell, and awaiting his resurrection with prayer and fasting. (Anniversaries for Good Friday and Holy Saturday will be prayed for at the Holy Thursday evening Mass in St. John the Baptist)

Easter Vigil in St. John the Baptist at 9 p.m.

This is the night when the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the Resurrection of the Lord. The Resurrection of Christ, in which he broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave, is the foundation of our faith and hope, and through Baptism and Confirmation we enter into the paschal mystery of Christ, dying, buried and raised with him, and with him we shall also reign.

EASTER DAWN SERVICE - Everyone is invited to a brief service organised by 'Churches Together' on Easter Sunday morning at 6.30 a.m. at Craigavon Lakes Water Sports Centre. "It was very early on the first day of the week when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb".

Easter Morning Masses:

St. John the Baptist 8.30 & 11.30 a.m.
 St. Patrick's Church 10am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place next
 Thursday evening (6pm to 6.55pm)

Trocaire Boxes should be returned this week - please convert coins to notes for easier counting. Thank you.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 17th March, Paddy Gorman.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 17th March, 10 a.m. Tommy Bradley, 7 p.m. Jerome Marley.

Recent Baptisms: Niamh Alice Lyness, Annie Murphy, Heidi Hamill, Weronika Sak, Daire Charlie Furphy, duardo Ferreira, Bruna Rabino, Joao Paulo Ferreira

During the Easter Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday - all other celebrations (except those proper to these days), even funeral Masses, are prohibited.

New Envelopes were left in the Church last weekend. If there was no box for you, and you would like to use the envelope method to contribute to the Parish, please leave your name with the sacristan. Any changes to names or addresses should be forwarded to the Parish Office.

Embryology and Human Fertilisation Bill (Westminster): Cardinal Brady encourages us to write to our local MP to inform the MP of our opposition to this. Postcards are available in the Churches to send to our MP.

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Sunday 9th March
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Thanks to all who contributed

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Requiescat In Pace

Lately deceased:Â Jack Derry, Bernadette McConville, Nicola Murray, Sean Dunbar, Thomas Cullen, Ann Lilly, Martin Breen, Isadore Campbell, Seamus Cavanagh,

Vincent Barlow, Hugo Hannaway.Â At This Time:Â John Garvey, Mary Wilson, Elizabeth Murphy, Michael & Danny Robinson, Vincent Meehan, Kathleen Meehan, Hans & Gerda Hainold, Renate Kleffel, Domingus De Almeida, Matius & Nahalu De Almeida, Rose Mangan.Â Â Sunday 16th:Â Seamus McCann(1st Anniversary), Bernadette Carvill, Bridie Lambe, Lily McKeever, Thomas Molloy, John Hollywood, Patricia Jean Fitzpatrick, John Keegan, Peter Nichols, Anne Meehan, Eddie Brennan.Â Monday 17th:Â Catherine McCoy, William Carvill, Sarah Byrne, Jerry McCann, Sarah Mulholland, Susan McBennett, Patsy Lavery, Harry Murray.Â Â Tuesday 18th:Â Sean Kelly, John McGarry, Annie Matchett, James Taggart, Bernadette Matchett, Mary McDonald, Frank Kelly, Christopher Mangan.Â Wednesday 19th:Â Â Mary Catherine Haughian(1st Anniversary), Owen McCann.Â Thursday 20th:Â M.M. Charlie McVeigh, M.M. Jim McKeever, Edward Neeson, John Molloy, Thomas Michael KellyÂ Â Friday 21st:Â Frank McLoughlin.Â Â Â Â Saturday 22nd:Â Elizabeth McCann, Elizabeth Creaney, Sarah Kelly

Anniversaries, notices etc for the Bulletin for Easter Week must be submitted by Tuesday 18th March.Â There will not be a Bulletin Sunday 30thÂ March, so notices for that date should also be submitted by 18th March.

Reflection

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He was not crucified alone,
and he is not crucified alone today

We're all part of Jesus,
he has no body now but ours,
he suffers today in his people,
and he suffers in you.

He was not crucified alone,
and he is not crucified alone today.

Are you ill?Â He suffers in your illness.
Are you lonely? He suffers in your loneliness
Are you homeless?Â He suffers in your homelessness.
Have you been neglected?Â He suffers in your neglect.
Have you been abused?Â He suffers in your abuse.
Have you been despairing?Â He suffers in your despair.

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Are you victimised by greed?Â He
suffers with you.

He has no body now on earth but yours

He was consoled by the look of Mary - his mother,
by the touch of Veronica - his
Â consoler,
by the helping hand of Simon - his
cross-carrier,
by the quiet presence of John - his
friend.

You are Jesus.

And you are Mary, Veronica, Simon, John,
his helpers on the way of the Cross.

You are the body of Christ.

Parish & Community Notices

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Polish Community:Â As is the custom in Poland, food will be blessed on Holy Saturday in St. John the Baptist Church at 6.30p.m. Parishioners are welcome to join in this custom.

Lourdes 150th Anniversary - Direct from Belfast (7 nights) - 17th July. Jeanne D'Arc Hotel, Â£485.Â Tel 38361289 for details.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Members of the Society will take an active part in the Novena Mass on Monday 17th March to honour some of the long service members.

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

Tir Na nOg GFC:Â OPEN NIGHT -Â Â Bingo every Tuesday 8.30 p.m. Â

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St. John'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 T'AI CHI CHIH at Cascades Leisure Centre beginsÂ on Thursday 3rd April 11 a.m.Â Â Call Sr. Brigid KavanaghÂ 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.Â Winners of the Draw:Â 1st - Louise NicGhiolla Bhride, Ballyoran Park.Â 2nd - Somhairle MacNaois, Eanach Mor.Â 3rd - NNatalie Proctor c/o A. Agancies.

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

Ashgrove Women's Group thank all who supported their Jumble Sale.Â A total of Â£415 was raised and this has been donated to St. Joseph's Young Priest Society.