

14th December 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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Third Sunday of Advent
(Gaudete 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

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Sean Davidson, Lil Black, Joe Mallon, Rita Kane, Brigid Quigley, Gerald McCusker, Philomena McCann, Eileen Mallon, Fr. P.J. O'Neill, Canon Joseph Conway

At This Time: Edward Fearnon, Patrick Hughes, Martin Toal, Victor Family

Sunday 14th: John McClean, Noel Benson, Eugene Douglas, Thomas McAleenan, Geraldine Knox, John Loughran, George Killops, Felix Donnelly, Gama Family

Monday 15th: Brian Loftus (1st Anniversary), Rose Marie McParland, Daniel Fearon, Thomas & Kitty McCourt, Jim Brennan, Agostinho Family

Tuesday 16th: Felix Devine, Nora McDonald, Michael Davidson, Patrick McGarrity, Sarah McCann, Sharon Byrne, Brian

McDonald Â

Wednesday 17th: Laurence Crozier, Ailish Black, George Walker, John Kelly, Joe Bailey, Jim Dennison, Margaret FoxÂ Â Â

Thursday 18th: Maurice Loughran, Patrick Kelly, Brigid Metcalfe, Sharon Berry, Paddy McConville, James McCullaugh, Charles Gavin Duffy, Francie Fay

Friday 19th:Â James Henry McCooe, William Keegan, Cissie Lappin, Vera Madden, Iris Berry, Ellen Catherine McCann, Alfred Pugh, Kathleen Kerr, Elizabeth Lavery, Annie Millsopp, Caroline Magennis, Bridget Metcalfe, Brian Judge, May Gorman, Billy DoranÂ Â

Saturday 20th:Â M.M. Phyllis Oâ€™Connor, Jimmy Dunbar(1st Anniversary), Stephen Lyness, Desmond Totten, Tommy McDonald, Eamon Freeburn, Hugh Fox, Joe Fox

Ministers of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 15th December Teresa McCaffrey.

Ministry of The Word - Week beginning 8th December 10 a.m. Aidan McCormack.

7 p.m. Mary McAlinden.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting Thursday 18th at 7.30pm in Fr. Whiteâ€™s house.

Nativity Play with St. John the Baptist

Primary School in St. John the Baptist Church on Monday 15th December at 7 p.m

Penitential Service Wednesday 17th at 7.30pm in St. John the Baptist Church.

Recent Baptisms:Â Eimear Todd, Cara Hope McGreevy, James Robert Peel, Aidan Daragh Gallagher

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Christmas Appeal - 7th - 14th December

This year St. Vincent de Paul Society are asking you to give a donation via a brown envelope to help others this Christmas.Â Please post donations in the Post Boxes provided in the Churches near the Advent Tree before or after Masses. Your generosity will bring some joy and happiness to those in need and bring a blessing on yourself.

Youth Group will host a Nativity Play next

Sunday, 21st December, 7.30pm in St. John the Baptist Church.

Legion of Mary - our Parish Praesidium, Our Lady Queen of Ireland, will hold its three thousandth (3000) meeting on Monday 15th December. The first meeting took place on 15th October 1934.Â Eighteen ladies were present and the priests of the Parish.Â There were also visitors from Belfast.Â The Praesidium took the name Our Lady of Lourdes. The first work was to distribute leaflets concerning enthronement of the Sacred Heart - 195 homes were visited.Â Over the years men joined the Legion and name was changed to Our Lady Queen of Ireland.Â Work nowadays includes visitation of homes and also nursing homes. To mark this special event the present members have arranged a Mass of Thanksgiving and Blessing on that date (7 p.m. St. Patrickâ€™s Church).Â All past and auxiliary members are welcome to attend.Â â€œMy soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.â€•

Is there someone missing from your Christmas Table this year?Â Is there someone missing from Christâ€™s Altar today?Â To include those missing from the Altar/table paper figures are available in the Churches - take one and write the Christian name only on it of whoever is missing and return to the Church.Â During the Christmas Season the figures will be placed around the Church.

The Bibles have arrived.Â If you ordered one please collect in the Sacristy.

Next Sundays bulletin (21st December) will be the last until 4th January - notices for Christmas season and anniversaries should be left in either Parochial House (Moy Rd.) before Wednesday 17th December.

GATE Diocesan Youth Magazine on
sale in Churches - Â£1-50

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Offertory Collection

Sunday 7th December

TotalÂ Â Â£2474-24

Thanks to all who contributed

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Reflection

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Witness for the light

May my life speak as a witness for the light;

where there is darkness may I bring
light,
where there is loneliness, may I bring companionship,
where there is pain, may I bring
healing.

May my words bring comfort to others,
as the morning dawn lightens the
darkness,
and may my prayers bring hope to
others,
as the moon gives its light to the sky

May my touch lighten
the loneliness and fears of young and old,
and may my sufferings and
struggles,
as these were part of the life of
Jesus,
and part of the life of Mary and Joseph,
bring hope and depth to others.

And when like the Baptist, I cry,
in the wilderness of anxiety , fear and hopelessness,
may I be heard by God
and may the light of Jesus
lit in the love of Mary and Joseph,
shine through the ways I deal with pain,
and comfort the pain of another.

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May I believe
that each person,
like John the Baptist,
is a voice speaking the word of God.

May the way of Jesus Christ,
Prince of Peace, Son of God,
be bright in my soul and the souls of others.

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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.

Evangelium: module 5 is entitled "Salvation History" and takes place on Friday 19th December at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of St. John the Baptist Church. Optional reading includes questions 6-8 and 102 of the Compendium. All welcome.

Thanks to all who participated in the celebrations to mark the end of the Lourdes Jubilee Year last Monday evening. To Francis, Declan, Ryan and Matt (for the idea) a special thanks.

PACE Portadown Cross-Community Christmas Service in Friends Meeting House Friday 19th December at 8pm All welcome.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

BABY CLOTHES REQUIRED URGENTLY - Good quality used clothing and furniture welcome at all times. Collection can be arranged. Contact the clothes shop, tel. 38393898 or Furniture shop tel. 38394219, in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road. 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.

Presentation Sisters Koinonia Project: Programmes at 103 Thomas St. Programmes will resume the week of 12th January. Â

