

12th April 2009

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

12th April 2009

Easter Sunday

The joy of Easter and the greeting of the Risen Christ to all
Peace be with you

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

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lately deceased: Michael Smith, Margaret Austin, Aidan Brankin, Jimmy Loughlin, Winifred Henderson, Joe Bennett

At This Time: Fr. John McAleer, Eithne Flanigan, Oliver & Martin Smyth, Dennis McCaughley, Moira Cunningham, Husu

Misa Ba Matebian, Family Amaral

Sunday 12th: James Creaney, Catherine Davis, Michael Henderson, Sr. Brigid Culhane, John James McCann, Arthur

Williams, John Thomas Connelly Â

Monday 13th:Â Francis Austin, Sean McCourt, Eileen Hughes, Catherine McGuigan, Eileen Conlan, Brian Chambers Â

Tuesday 14th:Â Sr. Francis Moore, Patrick Hamill, Kathleen Judge Â

Wednesday 15th:Â Francis McDowell(1st Anniversary), Bridie Maher(1st Anniversary), Una Snell, Michael McConville, Bridie Reihill, John Creaney, Francis McDowell Â

Thursday 16th:Â Sheila Breen, Stephen Gibbens, Jim Corr, Robert John Coleman Â

Friday 17th:Â Noel McCann(1st Anniversary),Â May Douglas Â

Saturday 18th:Â Jim McAreavey(1st Anniversary), M.M. Paul Kelly, Peter Joseph McEvoy, Mary Grimley, Dennis Watson, Margaret McVeigh

Sunday 19th:Â Arthur Cush, Thomas McClean, Catherine Kelly, Julia Monaghan, Thomas James McAlinden

Monday 20th: M.M. Jose Varela Guterres

Tuesday 21st: Bobby Oâ€™Neill, Peter McEvoy, Cassie Oâ€™Connor, Annie Reilly, Mary Jane Oâ€™Neill, Eileen Taggart, Me Armagh Diocesan Clerical Benefit Society Â

Wednesday 22nd: Joe Harrity(1st Anniversary), Denis McGarry, John Goodwin, Arthur Walsh

Thursday 23rd: Lily Murphy, Mary Catherine Kelly, John Loftus

Friday 24th:Â M.M. Michael Smith, Mary Ellen

McGoldrick, Elizabeth McGoldrick, Mary McCann

Saturday 25th: Eileen Oâ€™Hehir, Joseph Gibson, Patrick Bernard Murphy

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EASTER DAWN SERVICE - Everyone is invited to a brief service organised by â€˜Churches Togetherâ€™ on Easter Sunday morning at 6.45 a.m. at Craigavon Lakes Water Sports Centre.Â Â â€œIt was very early on the first day of the week when Mary of Magdala came to the tombâ€•.

Easter Morning Masses:

St. John the BaptistÂ 8.30 & 11.30 a.m. Â

St. Patrickâ€™s Church 10am

Easter Week Masses:

St. Patrickâ€™s Church

Monday & Tuesday 10 a.m. (The Novena Prayers will be said during Monday morning Mass). Saturday - 10 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Church

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 7 p.m.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Thursday St. John the Baptist Church 6pm-6.55pm

Portadown Lourdes Committee - Annual Church Door Collection weekend of 18th & 19th April.

Confessions will not be held next Saturday 18th April.

Cemetery Sunday/Blessing of Graves - Sunday 7th June.

Easter Sunday on RTE: Mass from Rome with Pope Benedict at 9.25am followed by Urbi et Orbi, Popeâ€™s blessing to the City and the World at 10.55am.

Easter Sunday date is calculated as follows: the Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox.

Easter Water: the water blessed at the Easter Vigil comes from St.Patrickâ€™s Well, Mahon Road, supplied by the Knights of St. Columbanus.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 13th April Eddie McVeigh.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginningÂ 13th April

10 a.m. Denis McCourt.Â 7 p.m. Aidan McCormack.

Charity Table Quiz:Â Friday 17th April, 8.45 p.m. in Parkside Bar. Entrance Â£5 per person.Â Proceeds to support Archdiocese project with Habitat for Humanity taking place in Ethiopia during the summer.Â All are welcome.

Knights of St. Columbanus - next meeting changed to Tuesday 21st April

Ceili:Â St. Anthonyâ€™s Hall Saturday 18th April 9.30 p.m. - 12.30. Music by Oriel Ceili Band.

Cultra - Old Drumcree Church - trip and Mass on Sunday 21st June.

Sunday 5th April - Â£2736-82

Thanks to all who contributed

Walk with Me - an Eastertide journey of prayer - book available in Churches Â£1.

Reflection

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Joseph

Iâ€™m Joseph, the man who owned the tomb.

I watched the crucifixion of Jesus

with most of his friends

from a distance.

You might say I often felt I was dead in myself,

hanging around the edge of the crowdÂ with him,

asking questions with Nicodemus.

Jesus didnâ€™t seem to mind that -

come close when you want to,

no pressure -

was the impression he gave,

and I feel closer to him now.

Life was privileged for me,

no big problems,

enough money and family

connections,

but it was very dead.

Iâ€™m like people who have never forgiven themselves,

or who are too scared to love someone,

or who find it hard to feel with another person even when they want to,

or who thought that Jesus would ask too much.

All he asked of me was my tomb,

and Iâ€™m glad now to be rid of that,

I loved my security, in life and death -

I planned where Iâ€™d be buried,

and sure, I lived my life half-buried

in laws and fears and whispers of joy.

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Now I feel born again,

refreshed by the water of his side

like the water of a womb.

I knew when I gave that tomb away,

I was getting back the gift of life.

Then I was the owner of a tomb,

now I have been gifted with the fullness

of his life

Notices for Week Beginning Sunday 19th April

Ministers of the Eucharist:

St. John the Baptist, week 20th April Geraldine Lawless.

Ministry of the Word: Week 20th April, 10 a.m. Margaret Donovan.

7 p.m. Olivia McDonald.

New Envelopes available in the Church.

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society: Next meeting on Wednesday 22nd April in St. John the Baptist Meeting Room after 7 p.m. Mass.

Please return your Trocaire Box – please convert to notes for easier counting. Thank you.

Four years after his death the Parish will present a film celebrating the life of Pope John Paul II with classical and sacred music sung by Andrea Bocelli. The one hour film will be shown on Friday 24th April at 7.30 pm in St. John the Baptist Church. All welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council – Thursday 23rd April at 7.30 p.m.

In March 2006 the first elections took place for a new Parish Pastoral Council. It is recommended that elections take place every few years. That time has come and the process will begin on 26th April. On that date Parishioners will be asked to nominate other Parishioners – namely, Baptised Catholics, aged 17 years or more, who participate in the life and worship of the Parish, who have a loving concern for the Parish and are willing to be part of a Parish leadership group. The Spirit of God breathes in each Parishioner and each has something to contribute. No one is so rich that they have nothing to receive, and no one so poor that they have nothing to give.

April 16th: St. Bernadette Soubirous; April 23rd: St. George; April 25th: St. Mark

April 19th: anniversary of election of Pope Benedict XVI (2005)

April 21st: anniversary of Episcopal ordination Bishop Gerard Clifford (1991)

Cake Sale & Raffle in aid of Special Olympics 2009.

Friday 24th April, 10 a.m. – 12 noon in Ashgrove Centre. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela: walking the way of St. James will take place from 21st to 28th July. This route has been walked for hundreds of years by pilgrims from all over Europe and it allows pilgrims to encounter the natural beauty and culture of the region and to share in and be part of the experience of the thousands of pilgrims who have already walked the way. For further information and booking contact Fr. Peter McAnenly, Dungannon tel. 87722631.

Down and Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 10th – 17th July £595. Contact tel. 38361289