

6th September 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

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Ministers of the Eucharist - September

Vigil Mary McAlinden, Thomas McCooe, Ruairi O'Hanlon, Kathleen Lavery. 8.30 a.m. Eddie McVeigh, Patsy Hanratty. 10 a.m. Kathleen Hagan, Denis McKeever, Seamus McCaffrey. 11.30 a.m. Ann Murphy, Declan McAtarsney, Bronagh Hagan, Kate Guy. St. Francis - Jackie McKeown.

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 7th September Eddie McVeigh.

Ministry of The Word - September

Vigil Richard Hendron. 8.30 a.m. James Lawless. 10 a.m. Michael Sherry, Ann Hamill. 11.30 a.m. Gemma McKenna.

Week beginning 7th September 10 a.m. Michael Sherry. 7 p.m. Margaret Marley.

Feasts: Tuesday 8th The Birthday of The Blessed Virgin Mary; Wednesday 9th St. Ciaran, Bl. Frederick Ozanam;

Saturday 12th The Holy Name of Mary, St. Ailbe.

Recent Baptisms: Emma Preshur, Ciaran Edward Rafferty, Ryan Lee Flynn, Ben Thomas Wilson, Cody Shea Gorman, Ty James McAlinden

Year for Priests - 19th June 2009 to 11th June 2010. Rosary intentions for priests: Luminous Mysteries: 1. The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan - we pray that every priest may hear the voice of Jesus. 2. The Wedding Feast at Cana - we pray that every priest may turn to Mary in times of need. 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom - we pray that every priest may proclaim the truth of the Gospel. 4. The Transfiguration - we pray that every priest may witness to Jesus the Son of God. 5. The Institution of the Eucharist - we pray for our own bishop(s), priests and deacons.

Welcome to Fr. Brendan McParlin who has joined the Jesuit Community in the Parish.

Liturgy Group: meeting on Thursday 10th September at 7.30 p.m. in St. John the Baptist meeting room.

Marriage Encounter Weekend 9th / 11th October at Emmaus Conference Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin.

Offertory Collection - Sunday 30th
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Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Mary Campbell, Ann Green, Paul Douglas, Oliver O'Neill, Kieran McClean, Nathan Creaney, Eileen Skelton, Kathleen Murphy, Margaret Marley, Margaret Murray

At This Time: Sr. M. Ann Burke, Elizabeth McClean, Daniel Kelly
Sunday 6th: Louis Neill, Jinnie Molloy, Mary Smith, Tess Woods, Jim Millsopp, Liam Donnelly, Tom Robinson, Vytolds Kotovas

Monday 7th: Mary Molloy, Joan Goodwin, Peter Lawless, Margaret Foy
Tuesday 8th: Canon P.J. Early, Charlotte Hueston, Mary Hamill, Margaret Campbell
Wednesday 9th: Laurence Cusack, John Garvey
Thursday 10th: Johnny Byrne(1st Anniversary), Ted McCorry, Catherine Kelly
Friday 11th: Patrick Gerard Lavery, Mary Alice Henderson
Saturday 12th: MM Marie McClean

Anniversaries late for bulletin should be left in the Sacristy for inclusion on the proper day.

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.

Ask God to open your ears to hear his call. May he also free your tongue to proclaim the good news. Consider serving God as a priest, brother or sister. Contact Fr. Paddy Rushe 00353 42 93 34259.

Sign-Up Sunday: 26th/27th September - Parish based societies/groups/organisations should use this weekend to promote and recruit new members.

Parish Pastoral Centre - model and plans are in St. John the Baptist Church to view.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

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.

The Presentation Sisters Koinonia Project programmes resume with Sarah's Circle on Saturday 12th September, 11 a.m., Meditation Monday 14th September 7.30 p.m., T'ai Chi Chih classes Wednesday 16th September 7.30 p.m. or Thursday 17th September at 11 a.m. For details please call 38332220 or e-mail brigidkavanagh@btinternet.com

Servite Priory - Benburb: Forthcoming events.

Friday 18th - Sunday 20th September. De Mello Weekend.

Wednesday 30th September. An Evening with Sr. Joyce Rupp O.S.M. Beginning 7.30 p.m. Thursday 1st October. A Day with Joyce Rupp. Beginning at 10 a.m.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses: in Armagh City Hotel on 9th/16th/23rd September and 4th/11th/18th November; in Cohannon Inn on 8th/15th/22nd September and 6th/13th/20th October and 3rd/10th/17th November. It is

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important to book early even if your wedding is not until 2010. To book contact ACCORD Office at 38334781.
New website connects Pope Benedict to youth - check it out - Pope2you.

Bannside Development Centre: Bannside Scribblers

Mondays 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Arts and Crafts Classes from 7 - 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. English classes Thursday 10 a.m. I.C.T. for beginners. Homework club resumes Monday 7th September 3.15 - 4.30 p.m. Positive Mental Health & Wellbeing Classes starting September: limited places, enrol early to avoid disappointment. Phone 38339916.

St. Malachy's Indoor Bowling Club: Practice for the new season Thursday 7.30 p.m. in Ashgrove Community Centre. New members welcome.

Fancy yourself as a budding football manager? Why not join Drumcree League in the Premiership Football League Manager. Log on to www.fantasy.premierleague.com and register. To join the Drumcree Premier League the league no. is 73161-237706.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 23rd - 30th September: Spiritual Director. Price £460 - via Belfast International Airport. Details / booking form contact Josphine 028 38343091.

Finesse School of Modelling - Fashion Show, Supper and Dance Extravaganza, Lurgan Castle, Saturday 19th September. Tickets £25 each. (In aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care). Phone 38321815.

Ceili Class - St. Anthony's Hall - Craigavon: every Tuesday 9 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. All welcome.

Community Drugs Awareness Night - Tuesday 15th September, 7.30 p.m. in Ashgrove Community Centre. Presentations from Dr. Arthur Cassidy (member of Irish Assoc. of Suicide Prevention & Lecturer in Social Psychology). Contact Drug Recognition, Neighbour Policing Team and DPP member.

Reflection

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Bonded and free

A speech impediment
makes you afraid to meet people,
blocks you from saying what you want
to say,
makes you feel inferior to others,
and you want to be healed and free,
and that's what Jesus offered the one who came to him.

In many ways in life we are unfree,
and Jesus offers healing from our
burdens,
like he healed the man with the stammer.

We fear what others think of us,
what they might say about us;
we fear we'll not be able to love forever,
and that another will not love us;
we fear illness and death,
and we fear we'll be left alone.

Jesus offers courage and freedom;
he unblocks our fears and anxieties;
he knows that we are capable of
love and forgiveness,
commitment and endurance
and his love grounds our confidence in ourselves.

He healed the speaker's impediment
so that he could speak freely;
let him heal your impediments to love, to care, to live in joy
with the gift of his love and the
example of
how he lived his life fully, lovingly

and joyfully
in the face of suffering and of death.