

## 4th October 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

Â 4th October 2009

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times:

St. John the Baptist

SaturdayÂ Â 7 p.m.

SundayÂ Â Â 8.30 & 11.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's

SundayÂ Â Â 10 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

St. John the Baptist

Tuesday - Friday 7p.m.

St. Patrick's

Monday - SaturdayÂ 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.

Devotions1st 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 beÂ 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: Â

Fr. O'Dwyer 38350610

Fr. White 38332218

Parish Mobile - 07841101850

Devotions this evening in St. Patrick's Church at 7 p.m.

Day for Life - Sunday 4th October - dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life from conception to natural death - will this year focus on suicide.Â A leaflet on this topic from the Catholic Bishop's Conference is available in the Churches.

Ministers of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 5th October Maura Berry.

Ministry of The WordÂ - Week beginningÂ 5th October 10 a.m. Peggy McKeever.Â 7 p.m. Aidan McCormack. Â

Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation:Â children attending St. John the Baptist, Presentation andÂ Ballyoran

primary schools follow Parish and School Programmes in preparation for these Sacraments. If your child attends other schools and your family are Parishioners and wish to avail of these Sacraments please contact Fr. White or Fr. O'Dwyer to register.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Saturday 29th May 2010 at 3 p.m. with Cardinal Sean Brady.

First Communion Dates: Presentation P.S..24th April, Ballyoran CPS 8th May,  
St. John the Baptist P.S.22nd May,  
Bun Scoil 8th May

Recent Baptisms: Aoise Lawless,  
Seanna Claire Campbell, Grainne Leigh  
Reynolds, Alexandre Manuel Nogueira,  
Bryan Filipe Vasselo Guerra, Bianca Isabel  
Vassalo Guerra, Vitor Manuel Guerra

New Pastoral Centre: Bishop Gerard Clifford will bless the site and cut the first sod next Saturday 10th October at 6.30 p.m. followed by Mass at 7 p.m. Design team da Architects; contractor Moss Construction Ltd. All welcome to this historic Parish event.

Evangelium: Friday 9th October at 7.30 p.m. in the Meeting Room, St. John the Baptist Church. The topic is 'The Eucharist' and preparatory reading could include questions 271-294 of the Compendium. All are welcome.

Distribution of Holy Communion: for those who are unable to come to the sanctuary, Holy Communion will be brought to you. Raise your hand or stand as the priest or extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist comes near you.

Sign Up Sunday: 15 Parish Groups and Societies participated last weekend. Thanks to all who made the effort. Our Parish will be blessed by the fruits of your labour.

Weddings 2010 - couples who have booked weddings for next year should confirm their bookings this month.

Pastoral Area of Drumcree, Kilmore, Loughgall, Tandragee - we welcome Fr. Michael Toner as the newly appointed Parish Priest of Kilmore. Ad multos annos. Fr. John Connolly will reside in Blackwatertown and continue his role as Diocesan Secretary. We thank him for his work and presence among us.

Christian Aid Lunch: in Armagh Road Presbyterian Church Hall on Wednesday 7th October, 12 noon - 1.30 p.m. Soup and cheese lunch. All welcome. Next Wednesday will celebrate Mrs. Lilian Ramsey's 40 yrs involvement with Christian Aid. The group are seeking more helpers from our Parish. If interested go on Wednesday or contact Fr. O'Dwyer.

Order forms in Churches.

Offertory Collection - Sunday 27th  
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GATE - Youth Magazine available in Churches - £1-50.

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Anna Fowler, Georgina Larkin, Laurence McKenna, Phyllis Little  
At This Time: Margaret Coleman, Maria da Cruz Gomes (1st Anniversary), Micheal Toland  
Sunday 4th: M.M. Margaret Murray, Sean McArdle(1st Anniversary), Annie Holland, Elizabeth Breen, Patrick Connolly, Denis Gallagher, Filomeno Soares, Ofelia do Rego  
Monday 5th: Maureen Fay, Helena Quinn, Mary Foy, Eileen Sloan, Eddie Atkinson  
Tuesday 6th: Angela Cooper(1st Anniversary), James McGrath, Tony O'Dwyer  
Wednesday 7th: Seamus Cullen, Harry Creaney, Alice Wilson, Paul Murphy, Bridie McStravick, Joseph Neill  
Thursday 8th: M.M. Fr. Kevin Devine, James O'Hare, Kathleen Smith, Ana Maria Rego Franciseo  
Friday 9th: M.M. Mary Maguinness, Jose Maria Martin Cabot  
Saturday 10th: Mary Ann McShane, Darren Murray, Daniel Thompson, Michael Conlon, Jim White, Mary Ann McShane  
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.

Children come to believe through those they love. We pray for married couples that they may be rooted in Jesus and

share their love with their families.Â The call to married life is a special vocation.Â Â Contact Fr. Paddy Rushe 00353 42 93 34259.

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

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Clothes shop, tel. 38393898 orÂ Furniture shop tel. 38394219,Â in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road.Â Opening hours 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.

The Presentation Sisters Koinonia Project -Â Sarah's Circle on Saturday 10th October 11am; Meditation Mondays 7.30 p.m., T'ai Chi Chih classes Wednesdays 7.30 p.m. or Thursdays 11 a.m.Â Spiritual Direction by appointment. For details please call 38332220 or e-mail [brigidkavanagh@btinternet.com](mailto:brigidkavanagh@btinternet.com)

Youth 2000 Retreat - Newry:Â youth retreat in Sacred Heart Grammar School, 16th - 18th October (16-35 yr. olds).Â Donation only.Â Residential - bring a sleeping bag.Â For information contact Joanna, 07813266007 or [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

Feasts:Â Sunday 4th St. Francis of Assisi; Tuesday 6th St. Bruno; Wednesday 7th Our Lady of The Rosary;Â Friday 9th Ss. Denis and Companions, St. John Leonardi.

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha:Â second lecture in the Autumn series will be held on Wednesday 7th October, 8 p.m., in the Cardinal O'Fiaich Library.Â The lecture will be given by Dr. John Privilege who will talk about his new book, 'Cardinal Logue of Armagh'.

St. Mary's Women's Guild:Â No meeting on 7th October in Ashgrove Community Centre.Â Next meeting on 4th November.

Â Ballydoghan - cars will leave St. John's car park at 6.20 p.m. sharpÂ Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Friday 23rd October.

Legion of Mary:Â A DVD on the Legion of Mary will be shown in the meeting room of St. John the Baptist Church after evening Mass on Wednesday 7th October.Â All welcome.

Ashgrove Playgroup:Â AGM Tuesday 6th October, 7 p.m. in Ashgrove Community Centre.Â All welcome.

Drumcree College - Basketball - P7 - 1st & 2nd years every Wednesday from 3.30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Adult fitness classes Wednesdays 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.Â For more information contact the school 38334725.

Â PACE Portadown:Â Public meeting Thursday 15th October in Friends Meeting House, Portadown to hear about Church Forums.Â There are a number of Church Fora through N. Ireland and they are concrete and visible signs in the community of people of faith working together for the common good.Â The meeting will begin at 7.30 p.m. and finish at 9 p.m.Â All are most welcome.

SPRED -Â Wednesday in Drumcree Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.Â Enquiries phone 38392568.

St. Malachy's Indoor Bowling Club:Â Thursday 7.30 p.m. in Ashgrove Community Centre.Â New members welcome.

Curran Street / Obins Street Redevelopment:Â plans are on display in Sure Start, Park Road; Unit 8 Bannside; Millennium Court, William Street for Parishioners to view and make comment on.

Tir Na nOg GFC:Â Irish classes for beginners every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in clubrooms.Â Bingo every Tuesday night 8.30 p.m.Â Snowball begins next week.Â Â£500 for 40 numbers, raised each week by Â£50 until won.Â All support most welcome.

National Youth Ministry Conference - Sunday 17th October, 10.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Marianella, Dublin.Â Booking essential.Â Information at [www.ymsp.ie](http://www.ymsp.ie) or 0833530625.

Reflection

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The love of children

Jesus had a way with children,  
a welcome for them,  
a love for them,  
and saw in them

some of the qualities of  
openness to God.

The innocence of children and their weakness  
touch the strings of love in our hearts.  
If we are people of love,  
true followers of Jesus,  
we will want the best for our children.

We want happiness and love for them,  
good health and a meaning in their lives,  
we want them to find friends.

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We want to spare them the  
hardships of life,  
and when we cannot,  
we want to give them a light to guide them  
in what will be the pain of life.

We hope also to give them a way through  
the inevitable difficulties  
of love and of growth which they will find  
as they make their way through life.

Can we give them  
the way of Jesus?

He had a way with children  
because he is the Way to God.