

# 29th November 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

29th November 2009

First Sunday of Advent

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Mass Times:

St. John the Baptist

SaturdayÂ Â 7 p.m.

SundayÂ Â 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.

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 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 - Emergency No. 07841101850

First Friday Notices:

Confessions - Thursday 3rd

St. Patrick'sÂ Â Â 6 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

St. John'sÂ Â Â 7.30 p.m.

Masses - Friday 4th

St. Patrick'sÂ Â Â 10 a.m.(Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 10.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

St. John'sÂ Â Â 7 p.m.

The sick and housebound will be visited as usual.

## Ministers of the Eucharist - December

Vigil Bernadette Breen, Mary McAlinden, Thomas McCooe, Ruairi O'Hanlon. Â

8.30 a.m. Margaret Marley, Catherine McCooe, Geraldine Lawless.Â 10 a.m. Kathleen Hagan, Denis McKeever, Seamus McCaffrey.Â 11.30 a.m. Ann Murphy, Declan McAtarsney, Bronagh Hagan, Kate Guy.

St. Francis - Madeline O'Neill.

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 30th November Martin Barlow.

## Ministry of The Word - December

Vigil Sheila Henderson.Â 8.30 a.m. Kevin McConville.Â 10 a.m. Niamh Devlin, Michael Sherry.Â 11.30 a.m. Monica McCaffrey.

Week beginningÂ 30th November 10 a.m.

Aidan McCormack. 7 p.m. David Greer. Â

Feasts: Monday 30th St. Andrew; Thursday 3rd St. Francis Xavier; Friday 4th St. John Damascene.

Walk with Me - a journey of prayer for Advent and Christmastime available at Â£1.

Evangelium: Friday 4th DecemberÂ at 7.30 p.m. in the Meeting Room, St. John the Baptist Church.Â Next module - 'Catholic Devotions'.Â Questions 351 - 353 and 557 - 566Â of The Compendium.Â All welcome. Â

Recent Baptisms:Â Freya Rose Douglas, Anna Marie Burnett, Kaley Grace Finnegan, Aoibhean Niamh O'Hanlon, Casey Leigh Mulligan, Rhys James Fitzpatrick, Liam David Fox, Ryan Mulholland

Sacrament of Marriage:Â congratulations to Ann Hamill and John Perry who were married recently.

Joy to the World - a musical celebration of classical and popular Christmas favourites will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Dundalk on Saturday 5th December.

Ticket 20 Euro - contact 00353 42 9392919.

Christmas Gala Concert in aid of St. Mary's Special School, Drumcar, Co Louth, featuring Fr. Liam Lawton in The Fairways Hotel, Dundalk on Friday 11th December at 8 p.m.

Global Gift - Trocaire:Â Change someones world this Christmas - available in Church porch.

Youth 2000 Retreat in Newbridge, Co Kildare 18th-20th December for young people aged 18-35years. An opportunity to experience the Catholic faith and meet new friends. Tel: 07521708876.

Legion of Mary:Â Annual Reunion will be held in the meeting room of St. John the Baptist Church on Sunday 6th December at 3 p.m.Â All auxiliary members welcome.Â Light refreshments.

LegioFeasts: Wednesday 14th St. Callistus; Thursday 15th St. Teresa of Avila;Â Friday 16th St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alcoque, St. Gall;

Saturday 17th St. Ignatius of Antioch.

## Offertory Collection - Sunday 22nd

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Thanks to all who contributed

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Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased:Â Elizabeth Lennon, Ignatius Fox, Teresa White, Lily Gribbon, Christy Harrison, Katryna Nowak

At This Time:Â John McCann, Kevin McCaffrey, Sharon Murray, Joao Dos Santos, Dos Santos Family

Sunday 29th: Maureen Lappin(1st Anniversary), Daniel Toland, Mary Byrne, Patrick Aloysius Douglas Â

Monday 30th: John Tate, Patrick John Shevlin, Thomas McQuillan, Dec. Members Pioneer Total Abstinence Assoc., Francis O'Neill

Tuesday 1st: Rose McNally, Catherine Blacker Â

Wednesday 2nd: Michael Leonard, Mary Elizabeth Green, Eileen Dunbar, Mary Mulholland, Margaret Hanratty, Rosaleen Bogues, Paul Bogues, John Connolly

Thursday 3rd:Â M.M. Maureen Farrell-Murray, Jack McLaughlin, Alice Hagan, Raymond Breen Â

Friday 4th: Tommy Campbell, Mary McParland, Patrick & Margaret McCann, Frankie Cush Â

Saturday 5th: Philomena McCann(1st Anniversary), Michelle McCann, Zofia Pieszak, Kroenke Family, Peter Foy, Edward Murphy

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

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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.

Asking questions, add looking for answers/ Come along to  
ALPHA  
Contact David Greer 07759768878

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. URGENTLY REQUIRED! - CURTAINS  
NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours.

Drumcree College - Christmas Craft / Food Fair on Sunday 29th November 12 noon - 5 p.m. Also Car Boot Sale at the same time. Craft Stalls £15 (indoors). Car £7 - Van £12. To book phone 07707287843 or 38334725. This years event is in aid of P.I.P.S. - charity dealing with the prevention of suicide.  
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. For more information contact the school 38334725.

Drumcree Community Centre: Young Parent's Group, Tuesday 24th November, 1st and 8th December, 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Drumcree House of Health: Carer's Support Group Tuesday 17th November & 15th December 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Women's Drop-in Night Tuesday 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Men's Health Evening Thursday 10th December 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Therapies and Health information. Young Peoples Health Drop-in Monday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. This confidential service on all aspects of health 16th & 30th November and 24th December. (male or female) under 25 yrs. 'Introduction to Yoga' Thursday 3rd December, 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.  
Phone Jennifer or Linda on 38334522 for more details.

St. John the Baptist P.T.A. present a floral demonstration, with Fr. Sean McEvoy, Thursday 10th December. Ticket £5, includes supper. Available from the school.

Bannside Development Centre: A Holistic approach to Health - a series of talks Thursday 10 a.m. - 12 noon.  
Homework Club Monday and Tuesday 3.15 - 4.30 p.m. £1 per day.  
Bannside Scribblers - Mondays 7 - 9 p.m. English Classes Thursday 10 a.m. also I.C.T. for beginners. For more information contact Carol on 38339916.  
Servite Priory - Benburb: Sunday 5th December, Advent Retreat  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Phone 37548241 to book. Monday 7th December at 8 p.m. Christmas Bazaar.

Ashgrove Seniors Club: Christmas Dinner & Dance, Friday 4th December at 8 p.m. Ticket £4.

St. John's Accordion Band: classes in music on Thursdays 7pm in St. John the Baptist School. Anyone wishing to join contact a committee member at the school on the evening.

Tir Na nOg GFC: U10 Training in Drumcree College Tuesdays 6.30 p.m. Bingo - Tuesday 8.15 p.m.

Praying with icons - a day of prayer and reflection in SMA, Dromintine 5th December 11am-4pm with Don Gregory Collins OSB. To attend leave name and phone no at decoloughlin@yahoo.co.uk. cost £20, lunch provided.

Monastic Weekend - (Carmelite Life?) - Single women between 22 - 40 yrs are invited to experience the Carmelite Life, weekend of December 4th - 6th. Further information available. Contact Sr. Teresa 00353 58 56205.

St. Mary's Women's Guild: Meeting in Ashgrove Community Centre, Wednesday 2nd December at 8 p.m. Guest speaker. New members welcome.

Mental Health Awareness Day - Friday 4th December 10.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Ashgrove Community Centre. Drop in for tea/coffee or a chat.

Naiscoil Na Banna: A.G.M. Sunday 17th January, 3 p.m. in the Naiscoil.

Cumann Gaelach - Irish Class every Thursday in Ashgrove Community Centre, 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Adoption: Could you make a child happy again after a difficult start in life? Family care Society is seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children between 2 - 6 years. Please contact Family Care Society on

Belfast 90691133 or Derry 71368592.

A MINUTE IN EVERY HOUR!Â AN HOUR IN EVERY DAY! Â  
A DAY IN EVERY WEEK!

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Reflection

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Another Christmas

Advent is waiting for the birth of Jesus,  
but it's a strange waiting;  
we are waiting each year  
for someone we know is here!

We recall in Advent  
that the Lord Jesus has come among us,  
is present all the time  
and will come again in glory.

He is the child who is born each year,  
for the world always needs its God and saviour.  
He is the child awaited each year,  
for our lives are new each year,  
and we need him  
in different ways at different stages  
of life,  
and the world has different needs of God  
at different times.

We need the child of peace to be born  
in our wars and violence,  
the child of wisdom  
in our search for truth and meaning,  
the child of gentleness  
in a world which can be harsh and greedy.

We need to know in Jesus  
that birth and life  
are the most precious gifts of God,  
and that in the birth of Jesus each year,  
is the everlasting promise of God  
to be with us.

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And Advent looks ahead,  
letting us see that the life of Jesus is never over,  
that the truth of Jesus is always  
spoken,  
and that he will one day be seen in glory.

For we are people of Advent and Easter,  
of waiting and of resurrection;  
we are people of earth and Heaven,  
as he is the Son of God and Son of Mary,  
and leads us through our life on earth  
to the eternal glory of Heaven.