

24th October 2010

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

24th October 2010

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday

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Mass Times:

St. John the Baptist

SaturdayÂ 7 p.m.

SundayÂ 8.30 & 11.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's

SundayÂ 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 BlessedÂ Sacrament Thursdays in St. John the Baptist Church beginning at 6 p.m.

Devotions 1st & 2nd Sunday -
October - June

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

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Minister of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 25th Mary McAlinden.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginningÂ 25th - 10 a.m. Denis McCourt.Â 7 p.m. Olivia McDonald.

Feasts:Â Monday 25th Bl. Thaddeus MacCarthy;Â Wednesday 27th St. Otteran;Thursday 28th Ss Simon & Jude;
Friday 29th St. Colman.

First Communion/First Penance: Children preparing for these Sacraments will attend Masses this weekend with their parents and families.

Recent Baptisms:Â Peyton Rose Teague,Caoimhe Fox, Cormac Judge, Harry Paul Farrell

SHYNE - meeting this Sunday, 24th, evening.

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society - meeting on Wednesday 27th October in St. John the Baptist meeting room, after 7 p.m. Mass.

Developing World Project - Romania Home Build -Â October donation envelopes available in Churches to help finance the building of a home in Romania.

Southern Area Hospice Services:Â Church door collection on weekend 5th / 6thÂ November.

Trocaire Emergency Relief - Haiti: Cardinal Brady writes:Â In the months since the disastrous earthquake in Haiti, Trocaire, in conjunction with international partners Caritas Internationalis, has been working on the ground to provide shelter, sustenance and healthcare to over one million people. The people of Ireland generously donated Â£7.58 million to Trocaire's emergency fund, Â£409,000 of this was donated through collections in this diocese.Â This is a marvellous achievement.Â I thank the people for their outstanding generosity toward this cause and for the ongoing support for the work of Trocaire.

GIFT Programme for all first years who were Confirmed earlier this year begins Friday 5th November 6.30 - 8.15 p.m. in St. Mary's Youth Club.

Commemoration of The Faithful Departed:

Mass for the deceased Tuesday 2nd November at 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church.Â List of the Dead sheets for completion are now available in the Churches - to be returned by Sunday 31st October.

PALS - over 18's interested in volunteering at either 10 a.m. or 11.30 a.m. Masses, please contact Ursula on 07889424614 after 6 p.m.

Eucharistic Congress:Â A series of meetings to begin our preparations for the 2012 International Eucharistic Congress are taking place in various locations around the diocese. All are welcome to attend these information sessions, which will help to deepen our appreciation of Eucharist.Â Date and venue for this area is:- St. John the Baptist Church, Drumcree - Thursday 28th October 7.30 p.m.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 17th Â£2206-55

Thanks to all who contributed

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Fireworks can annoy senior citizens, young children, those who live alone and animals.Â Those who use them should use them responsibly.

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Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Maureen McCullagh, Paul Karczmarek, Thomas Garvey, Gretta Marley

At This Time:Â Vincent Litter, Malachy Halfpenny, Bridie McKeever, Patrick Fearon, Ribiero & Da Cruz Families, Oliver Brown

Sunday 24th:Â Dymphna Breen

Monday 25th:Â M.M. Theresa McKeown, Lizzie Crossey, Mary Ann Campbell, Rose Keegan, Colm Boyle, Marie O'Neill, Kenny Totton, Felix Morgan

Tuesday 26th:Â M.M. Eddie Campbell, Delphine McLoughlin, Paul Hendron, Rose Beattie, Edward Cullen, John McCann, Mary Connolly

Wednesday 27th:Â M.M. Barney Heaney

Thursday 28th:Â Jim Mulholland, Kevin O'Connor, Charles McNally, Edward Mulholland

Friday 29th: M.M. Pat Breen, Frank Megarity, Patricia Hyde, Bernadette O'Connor, Oliver McKeown, Desmond Joseph O'Connell

Saturday 30th:Â Rosaleen Judge, Ernest Elliott, Kathleen Keegan, Dr. Eamonn Fleming

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

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.

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SPRED - the group meet on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. in Drumcree Community Centre.

Bannside Development Centre: Homework Club Monday & Tuesday 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. £1 per day. ICT Classes, English classes to be arranged. Arts and Crafts Classes from 7 - 8.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. For more information contact Carol 38339916.

Tir Na nOg GFC: Bingo and Lotto Tuesday 8.15 p.m. (All support welcomed). Annual Dinner Dance in Clubrooms Saturday 27th November. Music by Karisma. Ticket £5 (includes buffet).

Deceased Member's Mass - Monday 6th December 7 p.m. also Annual General Meeting 8 p.m. Nomination forms available in the clubrooms.

St. John's Accordion Orchestra: classes in music on Thursdays 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist P. School. Anyone wishing to join please contact a committee member at the school on the evening.

Drumcree College: Adult Fitness Classes - Thursdays 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Adoption: Family Care Society is seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children between 0 - 8 years who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you? For further information please contact Belfast 90 691133 or Derry 71368592 e-mail email@familycaresociety.org

An Cumann Gaelach: Irish language classes as follows: Monday in Mayfair Business Centre 6.15 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. Mean Rang (for those with some knowledge of the language). Thursday in Ashgrove Community Centre 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Bun Rang (for those with little or no Irish). All welcome.

Fundraising Art Group - Due to demand, all available places have been filled.

Naiscoil Na Banna (Irish Language Pre School): Places still available. Contact (An Cheannaire) Ciara Ní-Aodha on 38391243 from 8.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. The Fundraising Buffet and Night of Traditional Music realised £1160. Mí-le buíochas do Cháich.

Armagh Diocesan Historical Society: The third lecture in the Autumn series will take place on Wednesday 3rd November, 8 p.m. in Cardinal Fiaich Library. The lecture will be given by Dr. Paul Rouse of UCD who will talk about 'A photographic history of Hurling'.

BE AWARE! The darker evenings have led to a rise in handbag snatching in the area - be careful.

Inter-Church Forum

On November 6th a seminar entitled 'Building Healthy Communities Through Honest Friendship' will mark the Launch of Portadown

Inter-Church Forum - which is made up primarily of lay people who are a group of Christians from different Church traditions who are willing to work to overcome the challenge of division in our community. Speakers on the day are Very Rev Dr Ken Newell, former Moderator of the

Presbyterian Church in Ireland and Rev Gerry Reynolds, Clonard Monastery. This event will be held in the Town Hall, Portadown from 10am to 1pm. For catering purposes please confirm attendance by contacting Eileen gallagher at eccgallagher@yahoo.co.uk or tel: 66328210 or 90775010.

Reflection

Be merciful to me, a sinner

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Deep down we like to praise ourselves,
and even though we don't say it aloud
don't we sometimes feel we're better than others?

We can list for God
our pilgrimages and fasts,
our holy hours and prayer,
our help to the poor,
and almost want to be praised.

In itself, is that wrong?
Hardly - but it becomes dangerous
when we look down on others.

That's the story today -
the Pharisee was not a bad man,
for he lived a good life
but his fault was
that he looked down on others.

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To be at rights with God
is to know that each of us depends on God
for so much in life,
that our faith and religion are gifts,
that our good works and prayer are gifts,
our desire to help the poor is a gift,
and that we should be grateful rather than boastful.

We thank God and others for what we have and are,
rather than for what we do.

In each of us is the humility of the tax gatherer,
and the knowledge that evil finds a home at times in each heart -
the evil word and thought,
the evil intention and desire,
the ways we'd like to get even with
others;
and, there is the willingness to say,
as did the tax gatherer,
'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,'
and know then that
we are at rights with God.
For in the eyes of God
we are, each of us,
sinners who are immensely loved.

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

THE JOY RULE
THINK OF JESUS
THINK OF OTHERS
THINK OF YOURSELF