

21st November 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

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

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 & 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 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

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Solemnity of Christ the King: Eucharistic Adoration this afternoon in St. John the Baptist Church. Families and individuals are encouraged to come and pray in thanksgiving, in petition, in adoration. The following guidelines may help in deciding your time: if your address begins with P to S suggested time 1 - 2 p.m.; T to Z 2 - 3 p.m.; A or B 3 - 4 p.m.; C or D 4 - 5 p.m.; E to O 5 - 6 p.m. Concludes at 6 p.m. with Benediction.

Minister of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 22nd Eddie McVeigh.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 22nd - 10 a.m. Michael Sherry. 7 p.m. Sr. Mona Taggart.

Feasts: Monday 22nd St. Cecilia; Tuesday 23rd St. Columban; Wednesday 24th Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, St. Colman; Thursday 25th St. Catherine of Alexandria; Saturday 27th St. Fergal.

Recent Baptisms: Sophie Sharon Creaney, Julia Rice, Jak Johnny Bush-Doyle, Shea Michael Heatley

Wednesday 24th November: Mass for Bereaved, 7 p.m., in St. John the Baptist Church. Feel free to place memory cards of loved one in the Sanctuary at this Mass.

GIFT Programme for all first years continues next Friday 26th November 6.30 - 8.15 p.m. in St. Mary's Youth Club.

YOUTH MASS

Who: All are welcome - young people are encouraged.

What: A Youth Mass led by SHYNE.

Where: St John the Baptist Church.

When: Sunday 5th December at 6.30pm

Why: To celebrate young people's faith.

ALPHA: David and Miriam's group will begin an Advent Programme on Wednesday 24th November after evening Mass in St. John the Baptist Church.

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society: All are invited to refreshments in St. John's Meeting room Wednesday 24th after Mass for deceased members

St. John's Scout Unit will attend Mass next Saturday in St. John the Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Christmas Presents: Trocaire Global Gift forms available in Churches - help change someone's future.

Message from Irish Episcopal Conference regarding Mass Offerings available in Churches.

MESSAGE FOR PRIESTS AND FAITHFUL

RE: MASS OFFERINGS

Various misunderstandings about the tradition of Mass offerings and clear dangers of exploitation of the Mass can easily emerge. For this reason, the Irish Bishops wish to make clear the Church's position on Mass Offerings. The following is a brief summary of the Church's teaching and regulation regarding Mass Offerings.

1. The Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life, is at the heart of our belief, for it preserves the great mystery of our redemption in Jesus Christ. Therefore anything that might weaken or undermine our respect for the Eucharist must be avoided.

2. The practice of giving an offering dates back to the early Church when the faithful brought bread and wine for the Mass and other gifts for the support of the priest and for the poor. Nowadays a Mass offering is a way for the donor to join him/herself to the sacrifice of the Mass; it unites the donor closely with the life and apostolic activity of the Church, the Body of Christ, as the offering becomes a form of material support for the Church's ministers and pastoral life. The Mass must never be an occasion for "buying and selling" or "making money", nor should there be even the slightest appearance of making a profit from Mass offerings.

3. Normally a separate Mass is celebrated for each individual offering, however small. The donor specifies the individual intention and it is up to the donor to decide what amount to give. Because donors may sometimes ask how much it is appropriate to give, a current recommended diocesan offering is specified; (this amount is agreed by the Bishops at provincial level). A priest may accept less than the recommended offering and many priests on occasion do.

4. The priest who receives the offering has an obligation to apply Mass for the specific intention of the person who has made the offering. He is to celebrate a Mass within a reasonable time. Irrespective of how many Masses he celebrates in a day, a priest may only keep an offering for one Mass per day. If a priest receives too many Mass intentions he must transfer any surplus Mass offerings, in total, to another priest; (normally these offerings will be sent to priests working in needy areas).

5. The Church does not encourage "collective" or "multi-intentional" Masses but sees these as an exception. In the exceptional cases, the following must apply:

- a) It must be made explicitly clear to the donor beforehand that the offering is being combined into a single Mass offering and the donor must give free consent to this.
- b) The place, date and time for this Mass should be indicated publicly and such Masses may not be celebrated any more than two days weekly in any church.
- c) The priest who celebrates Mass for a collective intention must not keep any more than the specified diocesan

offering, and must transfer any additional amount, in accordance with canon law, for the purposes prescribed by the Bishop/Provincial.

6. Having signed or stamped Mass Cards for sale to the public in shops and other commercial outlets is a practice that is not approved by the Irish Episcopal Conference, the Major Religious Superiors or the Superiors of Missionary Societies. It undermines a correct Eucharistic Theology and is unacceptable. We ask that this practice, wherever it exists, be discontinued.

7. We strongly encourage the donor, where possible, to participate in the Mass. We recommend that the intention for which the Mass is being especially offered is mentioned in the Prayer of the Faithful. Of course the Mass is not exclusively for this intention - every Mass is offered for all people, especially those in need.

The Church's norms and regulations about Mass offerings are clearly set out in the 1983 Code of Canon Law and in the 1991 Decree *Mos iugiter*.

(This Message was prepared by the Irish Episcopal Conference in November 2010)

Sacrament of Confirmation: Bishop Clifford will confirm on Sunday 10th April 2011.

The Presentation of the Virgin Mary feast falls on 21st November - remember the Presentation Sisters of our Parish in prayer. Children and staff from Presentation Primary will come to Mass next Friday at 10am to mark the feast.

String orchestra and silver band concert in aid of Parish Developing World Project - Romania - on Thursday 2nd December.

Cardinal Brady has appointed a priest to the Parish who will be here next weekend.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 14th £2604-06
Thanks to all who contributed
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Candles for graves now available in Churches - £1.

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Agnes McCann, Patricia McQuaid, Leo Foy, Lucia Morgan, Michael Brannigan, Terence Furphy, Carmel Walker, Essie Livingstone

At This Time: Peter Connolly, Vera Madden, Charles Gavin Duffy, Thomas Madden, William Wright, Matt Kavanagh, Vera Mullaly, Patrick Breen, Hannah Jones, Annie Reynolds, Rosena

McCaffrey, Francis Kelly

Sunday 21st: Alice Black, Vincent Berry, William James Murphy,

Anthony McGurgan, Bridie Connolly, Vincent Murray

Monday 22nd: M.M. Greta Marley, Elizabeth McQuillan, Annie Hamill, Daniel Reid, John Bennett, Joseph Kearns, Dan Murphy, Lily Gorman, John McCann, Harry McQuaid

Tuesday 23rd: Lil Black, Joe Creaney, Sarah McKeown, Kevin McCaffrey, Thomas Campbell Dec. Members Armagh Diocesan Clerical Benefit Society, Dec Members Knights of St Columbanus.

Wednesday 24th: Br-d McCormac, Joseph McCann, Brigid Toal, John Joe McNally, Dec. Members St. Joseph's Young Priest Society, Dolores Greer, Mary Donnelly

Thursday 25th: M.M. Brendan McQuillan, Elizabeth Duffy, Kevin McDermott, James Hughes, Michael Green, Josephine Mitchell, James Hagan, Vera Robinson

Friday 26th: Christy Harrison (1st Anniversary), Hugh Lappin

Saturday 27th: Joseph Livingstone, Zofia Pieszak, James Reynolds, Rose McParland

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.

Prisons Week - Sunday 21st - Saturday 27th November:

Prisoners' Week began in England and Wales in 1976. The Prisoners' Week Committee, consisting of Prison Chaplains and other Christians involved in work with prisoners and their families, was formed to encourage prayer within churches and the wider Christian community for the needs of prisoners. A secondary aim is to influence the prevailing attitude as regards prisons, away from a place of retribution and 'out of sight, out of mind', towards a process of restoration and sense of corporate responsibility for our prisoners. This year the theme is 'Be with Me' The text is Luke 23 v 33-43.

Prayer for Nascent Life: On Saturday 27th November, Pope Benedict

XVI will preside "at first Vespers for the first Sunday of Advent and at a prayer vigil for nascent life. This is joint initiative with particular Churches all over the world", he said, "and I have recommended that it also be held in parishes, religious communities, associations and movements. The period in which we prepare for Christmas is an appropriate time to invoke divine protection on every human being called into existence, and to thank God for the gift of life we received from our parents". This Parish will incorporate Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church) at Mass next Saturday evening.

Anam Cara Bereavement Event - Armagh City Hotel, Tuesday 23rd November, 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. This event is for all parents who have lost a child. Anam Cara is a voluntary support organisation to provide support and understanding to families who have experienced the death of a son or daughter. Guest speaker Peter Hanlon and he will give an address on "A Parent's Grief".

St Columbanus feast day on Tuesday - a special day for the local Knights. Deceased Knights will be remembered at Mass on Tuesday evening. Congratulations to Brendan McCann who was elected Supreme Warden of the Knights recently.

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.

Knock Shrine - All night Vigil - 7th December. Coach £15. Bring packed lunch. To bookphone 87784964 or 07933521105 or 87784942

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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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.

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.

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.

St. Mary's Youth Centre: Girls Football every Monday evening 7.15 p.m. - 8.15 p.m. (qualified coach). Ages 11 - 15 yrs. All welcome.

Armagh Diocesan Historical Society: The final lecture in the Autumn series will take place on Wednesday 1st December, 8 p.m. in the Cardinal O Fiaich Library. The lecture on 'Frank Aiken, The Early Years' will be given by Dr. Eoin Magennis.

Marie Curie Cancer Care: Armagh Rhymers and other artists on Friday 26th November, 9 p.m. in Wolfe Tone GAC, Derrymacash. Admission £5.

St. Catherine's College, Armagh - presents 'The Wizard of Oz', Sunday 21st - Friday 26th November nightly at 7.30 p.m. in main school building. Ticket £9, available from school office. Booking essential.

Reflection

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And how is he a king?

How is this man a king?

Jesus Christ, of heaven and earth,

mocked and killed through
the cruelty of his people -
king?

Just in Paradise?
Or now, today?
Where is his power?
How is he powerful?

This man - one single life -
who has been the most predominant
influence
on human history.

His power is seen on a cross,
and the cross is his throne.
Maybe we see him at his truest there,
forgetful of self,
mindful of the thief beside him,
compassionate to the end,
saying to the one beside him on Calvary
'Today you will be with me in paradise'.

His power is in the weakness of love,
and the strength of compassion.
His leadership is in the sharing of struggles
and in his vision of humanity.
His attraction is in his care for all
and in his urgency for justice.
His influence is from the truth of God
and his desire that this word be heard in the way we live.

A king not only of the future but of
today,
not only of heaven but of earth,
not of power but of service,
for he comes among us as one who serves.

Compassion, love,
forgiveness, truth,
wholehearted care and acceptance of us all;
this is Jesus the King,
fully human, fully divine,
Son of God and Son of Mary.

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