

19th December 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

19th December 2010

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Fr. Burns 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Confessions:

Sunday 19th - after 11.30 a.m. Mass

Monday - St. Patrick's - 6.30 - 6.55 p.m. & after Novena Mass.

Tuesday - St. John the Baptist - Penitential Service - 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday

St. Patrick's - 12.30 - 1.15 p.m.

St. John the Baptist - 6.30 - 6.55 p.m. & after evening Mass.

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve - St. John the Baptist & St. Patrick's both 9 p.m.

Christmas Day - St. John the Baptist 8.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

St. Patrick - 10 a.m.
No Mass Saturday evening.

Recent Baptisms: Liam Martin McVeigh

Feasts: Monday 20th St. Fachanan; Tuesday 21st St. Peter Canisius; Thursday 23rd St. John of Kanty.

Minister of the Eucharist
St. John the Baptist, week beginning 20th Maura Berry.

Ministry of The Word
Week beginning 20th - 10 a.m. Peggy
McKeever. 7 p.m. David Greer.

Congratulations to Fr. Donal Bennett, Chaplain to the Filopino Community who celebrates 50 years of priestly ordination on 21st December. Ad multos annos, Donal.

FACE UP - youth magazine available in Churches £1.50

Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Card available in Churches - please take one.

St. Vincent De Paul Society
THANKS to all who donated gifts etc during our
Appeal Week and also to those who contribute
financially or otherwise throughout the year.
God's Blessings on you and yours.

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.

Fr. Declan Deane - whom many will have known between 1982 - 1988, while in the Iona Community - died on Saturday
December 11th in California, where he had worked as a priest in various parishes for the last 15 years or so. The Parish
Mass next Wednesday, 22nd December, at 7 p.m. in St. John's will be a Memorial Mass for him. All are welcome.

Television: BBC1 Monday to Thursday 7pm The Nativity
Christmas Eve 11.45pm Mass from Liverpool.
Christmas Day 11am RTE1 Urbi et Orbi - Pope Benedict followed by Mass 11.30am

SPIRITFEST - a celebration of prayer and spirituality in the catholic tradition 1st to 3rd July 2011 in Armagh. The purpose
is to encourage people to deepen their relationship with Christ through prayer by providing them with insights into the
deep Christian tradition of prayer. There will be prayer experiences, keynote addresses and workshops. Numbers are
limited - to register contact www.spiritfestarmagh.com-registeronline or tel: 00353 42 9336649.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 12th £2624-52
Thanks to all who contributed
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Walk With Me - a journey of prayer for
Advent and Christmastide - booklets
available in Churches £1.

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: John Edgar, Angela Teggart, Sean Farrell, Bridie Cody, Fr. Declan Deane SJ,
Mary Coleman, Peter McCann, Henry Redmond.

At This Time: Francie Fay, Martin Toal, William T McQuaid, George Moonan

Sunday 19th: Annie Millsopp, Billy Doran, John Loughran, Iris Berry, Frank Hamill, Vera Madden, Kathleen Kerr, John
Henry McCooe, Alfred Pugh, Elizabeth Lavery, Mary Gorman, Bridget Metcalfe, Cissie Lappin, Gertrude Garvey, Brian
Judge

Monday 20th: Stephen Lyness, Desmond Totton, Charles O'Neill, Hugh & Joe Fox, Annie Daley, Eamon Freeburn,
Jimmy Dunbar, Tommy McDonald

Tuesday 21st: & & & & & & &

Wednesday 22nd: Sr. Paschal McGivern, George Matchett Thursday 23rd: Alice Oliver, Mary Quinn, John Joseph
Hagan

Friday 24th: Joseph McCabe, Edith Brankin, Joseph R. Cullen, Teresa Devine, Brendan Mackle

Saturday 25th: Eddie Murray, Daniel O'Neill, Patrick Farrell, Frances Hanratty, Ann Hamill, James Furphy, Patrick McNeice, Bernard Creaney

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.

Examination of Conscience

A Teacher of the law said to Jesus, 'Master what must I do to inherit life eternal?' Jesus said to him: 'What is written in the law?' 'What do you read there?' He replied: 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right', Jesus said, 'do this and life is yours.' (Luke 10:25 - 28)

We look at the ten commandments in the light of Christ's teaching and we see where we fail to love God and neighbour, in the home and in the community, at work, at school and at leisure.

1. I am the Lord your God, you shall not have false Gods before me. 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind' (Matt 22:37)

Is the living God the centre of my life? Are the false Gods of money, power and pleasure more important to me? Do I feel the need of God? Do I live as if he did not exist? Do I pray to him from time to time during the day? Do I turn to him in trust and praise? Do I thank him for his love and goodness.

2. You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain. "All

beings ... should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and ... every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord" (Phil

2.10). Do I use the holy name with respect? Have I been guilty of perjury? Do I live up to the name of a Christian? Am I ready to stand by my principals?

3. Remember that you keep holy the Lord's day. "This is my body... This is the cup of my blood... Do this in memory of me" (Eucharistic Prayer). Is my Sunday an expression of my Christian faith? Am I careless about Mass on Sunday and on holy days? Do I look towards the sacrifice of the Mass as the great moment of thanks in my life? Do I put Sunday to good use, or do I waste it in self indulgence? Do I perform unnecessary work for material gain on Sunday?

4. Honour your father and your mother. "He went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority" (Luke 2:51). Am I a good parent, child, brother, sister? Do I waste family money on drink, gambling or through extravagance? Do I respect those in authority in the home, school, place of work, Church, state? If I am in a position of Authority, do I use it as Christ would? Do I give time to my family? Do I try to bring happiness to my family and to those around me?

5. You shall not kill. "Anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it (Matt 5:22). Do I give way to anger? Do I indulge in selfish moods? Do I endanger my own life and health or the lives and health of others by drugs, drunkenness or dangerous driving? Do I respect unborn life? Do I seek revenge? Do I refuse to forgive? Do I use or condone violence, intimidation, threats, bullying? Do I lead others into sin?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife. "Your body ... is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God (Cor. 6:9). Do I respect myself and others as people whose bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit? Do I appreciate sexuality as a gift from God? Am I responsible and generous with regard to parenthood? Have I given in to unlawful sexual passion alone or with another, in act or desire? Do I avoid company, place, conversation or reading matter which lowers Christian standards and may lead to sin?

7. You shall not steal.

10. You shall not covet your neighbours goods. "I was hungry and you never gave me food" (Matt 25:42). Have I stolen? Have I deliberately damaged property by vandalism, waste, neglect? Have I been dishonest in business dealings? Do I do an honest days work? Do I provide fair wages and conditions? Am I honest about taxation, social security and health benefits? Have I made restitution where necessary? Do I contribute a fair proportion of my income to those in need: the poor, the homeless, the lonely and the sick? Have I been selfish in refusing my time to those who look to me for help? Do I support the community in which I live - Church, state, local groups? Do I contribute to the

needs of my parish and priests?Â Have I run up debts beyond my means?Â Have I paid back what I owe?Â Have I coveted my neighbours goods?Â Have I been jealous of another's possessions or of their success?

8.Â You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

"Never ... cover up the truth with lies" (James 2:14).Â Do I tell lies?

Have I been truthful in my dealings with others - with members of my family, those in official positions, those in my place of work, my friends?Â Do I keep my promises?Â Do I respect confidential information?Â Do I avoid pretence in my conversation and style of Life?Â Have I tried to overcome prejudice, resentment and dislike of others?Â Have I injured my neighbour by malicious gossip and slander?

Reflection

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Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife

Isn't it a story of faith?

Joseph, wondering and afraid of what was going on in Mary?

Mary, afraid of her call to be the mother of God?

Fear and faith go together.

You believe in a person and maybe you'll be let down.

You believe in God and you can't pin him down.

So much of life is lived in trust:

that love once promised will last,

that children will be safe and will do the right thing,

that health will last and old age will be safe;

we want our security.

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And Mary and Joseph were the same;

wanting security in relationship and

religion.

And their real safety was in God.

Do not be afraid, the Lord says;

I am your companion all your days.

And Jesus who became a man in

Palestine,

is with us today in bread and wine.

Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife.

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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