

5th 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

5th December 2010

Second 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: Â

Fr. O'Dwyer 38350610

Fr. Burns 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

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.

Attending this Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

Wednesday 8th - Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception. Masses:

Tuesday 7th St. John the Baptist Church 7pm

Wednesday 8th - St. John the Baptist Church 8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

St. Patrick's Church 10 a.m.

Sacrament of Baptism:Â the next dates available for booking next Friday are 8th January in St. Patrick's Church and 15th January in St. John the Baptist Church.

Recent Baptisms: Kayla Emily Bentley, Olivia Catherine Fitzpatrick, Cody Justin McStravick

Feasts: Monday 6th St. Nicholas; Tuesday 7th St. Ambrose; Wednesday 8th The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary;Â Thursday 9th St. Juan Diego.

Minister of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 6th Paddy Gorman.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 6th - 10 a.m. Belle Oliver.Â 7 p.m. Janet O'Neill.

Sacrament of Reconciliation next Sunday after 11.30 a.m. Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage:Â couples who have arranged marriages in the Parish in 2011 are asked to confirm their date, time, Church and priest celebrant by contacting Fr. Burns or Fr. O'Dwyer.

Friday Penance - leaflet from Bishops' Conference available in Churches.

Permanent Diaconate:Â last year some men from the Diocese began a journey of discernment and study, with the support of their families and friends, in the hope of being ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for service in our Diocese.Â Today, in the presence of Cardinal Brady, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, six men will be admitted as candidates, including Martin Barlow of this Parish.Â We congratulate Martin on this step and and assure him and his family of our prayers.

Apostolic Visitation of Archdiocese of Armagh: Â

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor will begin this work in January 2011.Â He has written a letter to the people of the Archdiocese - available in Churches. Those who wish to meet with him personally can find contact details in the letter.Â Also available is the communique from the Vatican dated 12th November concerning the Apostolic Visitation. The letter and communique are also found below.

Senior Citizens'Carol Service - Wednesday 8th December at 11 a.m. in Thomas Street Methodist Church.Â All welcome.

Some have asked for Fr. Brian White's new address: 6 Ard na Mara, Blackrock, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

Volunteers for Viatores Christi - meeting at Pastoral Centre, Dundalk on Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm Contact Colette at 0035318689986

'Film Night - screening of 'The 13th Day' (85 minutes), a 2009 film recounting the story of Fatima, at 7.30 pm on Friday 10 December in the Meeting Room, St John the Baptist Church. Free admission. All are welcome to attend.'

Offertory Collection

Sunday 28th Â£2217-45

Thanks to all who contributed

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Walk With Me - a journey of prayer for

Advent and Christmastide - booklets

available in Churches Â£1.

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Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased:Â Essie Livingstone

At This Time:Â Mary Hagan, Raymond Breen, Sarah Murray, Alice Hagan, Brigid Kelly, Margaret Hanratty

Sunday 5th:Â Peter Foy, Edward Murphy, Philomena McCann, Nancy Borse, Tony Borse, Fiona Moonan

Monday 6th: M.M. Leo Foy, Eamon Tennyson(1st Anniversary), Jackie Maye, Charles McCloskey, George RowneyÂ Â

Tuesday 7th:Â Veronica Furphy(1st Anniversary), Joseph Garvey, John McCoy, Vera WilliamsÂ Â

Wednesday 8th:Â John Reid(1st Anniversary), Clarence Gosney, Marie Nixon, Pauline Nixon, Maud Tennyson,

Bernadette Cullen, Kathleen McCann, Mary McDonald, Rosaleen McCann, Pheobe Donnelly, James FreeburnÂ Â

Thursday 9th:Â Gerard McCormac

Friday 10th: M.M. Carmel Walker, Patsy Byrne(1st Anniversary), Thomas McCann, Patrick & Margaret McCann, Patricia

Ann Begley, Patrick Keenan Â

Saturday 11th:Â M.M. Sean McNally, Sr. Paula McDermott(1st Anniversary), Rory McGuigan, James 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.

The Season of Advent is marked liturgically at Mass with purple

vestments, no Gloria, no flowers. The Advent Wreath is placed in the sanctuary.

St. Vincent De Paul - Christmas Appeal

5th - 12th December

Again we are asking you to give a donation via envelope to help others this Christmas.Â Please post donations in the Post Boxes which will be available in the Churches from next weekend.Â Your generosity will bring some joy and happiness to those in need and bring a blessing on yourself.Â Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 11th December 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church.

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. Â

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

Developing World Project - Christmas cards available to buy.

St. John the Baptist P.S. PTA present a Christmas Floral Extravaganza with Fr. Sean McEvoy on Thursday 9th December at 7.30 p.m.Â Ticket Â£5, available from school (includes light supper).

Bannside Development Centre:Â Homework Club Monday & Tuesday 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.Â Â£1 per day.Â 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).Â Deceased Member's Mass - Monday 6th December 7 p.m.Â also Annual General Meeting 8 p.m.Â Nomination forms available in the clubrooms.

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

St. Anthony's Hall, Craigavon - Ceili, Saturday 11th December, 9.30 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Christmas Youth 2000 Retreat - national Retreat for young people aged 16 - 35 at Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co Kildare from Friday 17th - Sunday 19th December.Â An opportunity not to be missed.Â Contact Youth 2000 office 00353 1 6753690 or 07842881878 for information.Â No charge - donation only.Â Special buses available from some locations.Â See poster in Church.Â Website www.youth2000.ie

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

Naiscoil Na Banna (Irish Language Pre School):Â Places still available.Â Contact (An Cheannaire) Ciara NÃ-Aodha on 38391243 from 8.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.

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

Tuesday's Child - Christmas Gala Ball - Saturday 18th December in Belfast City Hall.Â Ticket Â£60.Â All proceeds to projects for children living in hardship in Gaza, India and Pakistan.Â For details phone 90502725.

St. John the Baptist Nursery School - Application forms are now available for free pre-school places for September 2011 admissions.Â Closing date for applications is Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 12 noon.Â For more information call at the school or contact Mrs. Murtagh 38339283.

Drumcree College - Christmas Appeal:Â Pupils and staff are having a Shoe Box Appeal for the children of Latvia.Â

Donations for children up to the age of 12 would be appreciated.Â All items have to fit into a shoe box which will be supplied by the school.Â The boxes will be collected at Drumcree Friday 10th December.

Armagh Diocesan Historical Society:Â Due to bad weather the final lecture in the Autumn 2010 series has been postponed to next Wednesday (8th December) at 8 p.m. in the Cardinal "Fiaich Library & Archive.

Run for Barnardo's - Belfast or Newry Marathons 2011 - see www.barnardos.org.uk/northernireland.htm

Reflection

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He will make his home among us

We need a place we call home;
where there is acceptance,
a place we can just be ourselves.
Home is the place of family, friendship and of faith.
In the love of family, we find we can be ourselves,
and relax into the mystery of being loved for who we are,
and that is what home is.

In the love of friendship we also find our home,
accepted and affirmed for who we are,
loved for what is strong and weak within us.
And in faith there is the love of God,
accepting, affirming, forgiving all we are and need.

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He will make his home among us.

Home is more than bricks and
mortar,
more than a garden and a house;
it is the place of warmth and
acceptance.

And Jesus said to many he met
'Today I want to stay in your house'.
He makes his home within you,
in the warmth of your heart and
in the centre of your personality,
bringing with him
gifts of affirmation, affection,
acceptance and forgiveness

He will make his home among us.

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
