

## 4th December 2011

### 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

4th December 2011

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

Monday 10am

Tuesday - Friday 7p.m.

St. Patrick's

Tuesday - 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. Sheehan 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Devotions and Benediction in St. Patrick's this evening at 7 p.m.

The new prayers and responses to the Mass - there are leaflets available with the new responses for use during Mass. Parishioners are asked to use them and return them after Mass to the boxes provided.

The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary - Thursday 8th

(Holy Day of Obligation) Masses as follows: Vigil Wednesday 7th St. John's 7 p.m. Thursday 8th St. Patrick's 10 a.m.

St. John the Baptist 7 p.m.

#### Minister of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 5th Geraldine Lawless.

#### Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 5th - 10 a.m. Margaret Donovan. 7 p.m. Pat Hagan.

Feasts: Tuesday 6th St. Nicholas;

Wednesday 7th St. Ambrose; Thursday 8th The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary; Friday 9th St. Juan Diego.

Recent Baptisms: Irina Auskalniene, Kristupas Auskalnis, Shay Lavery

Sacrament of Marriage: congratulations to Terri Reynolds and Paul McGrath who were married recently.

Cardinal Brady has written a Pastoral Letter concerning Pastoral Areas - available in Churches.

School Aid Romania - Coffee Morning in the Pastoral Centre on Sunday 11th December after 8.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. Masses. All support welcome.

Bible Study Group based on the Advent readings will meet in the Pastoral Centre on Monday mornings during Advent 11am to 12.15pm. All welcome. Tel: 38337753.

Knights of St. Columbanus, in conjunction with Stage Aid, present "Uncle Tommy's Wake" in St. John the Baptist Parish Pastoral Centre on Sunday December 4th at 8 p.m. Tickets £8, proceeds in aid of charity.

Newry Hospice: you are invited to join us for coffee in Drumcree Pastoral Centre on Saturday 3rd December after evening Mass and also after all Masses on Sunday 4th December. Everyone is welcome to join us. 'Together we can help others.'

#### St. Vincent De Paul - Christmas Appeal

10th - 18th December

Again we are asking you to give a donation via envelope to help others this Christmas. Please post donations in the (envelopes provided) Post Boxes which will be available in the Churches from next weekend. Your generosity will bring some joy and happiness to those in need and bring a blessing on yourself. Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 10th December in St. John the Baptist Church.

Book Shop in the Pastoral Centre will be officially opened following 10 a.m. Mass on Monday 5th December. Opening hours this week are as follows: Monday til 12 noon; Monday to Friday 2 pm to 5 pm; Thursday 6 pm to 8.30 pm; Saturday 11 am to 3 pm, 6 pm to 8.30 pm; next Sunday 9 am to 1 pm.

#### Offertory Collection

Sunday 27th - £2516-48

Thanks to all who contributed

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Pastoral Centre: Cafe Bethany open after

10 a.m. Mass on Mondays

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Requiescant in Pace

Lately Deceased: Vera Fearon, Jeffrey Wright, Joey McAlinden, Nellie Toland, John Grimes, Terry McCoy, Fr. Peter Starrs, Maria Adelaide Coiate, Canon Tomas ^ Sabhaois

At This Time: Rose & Joe Ingram, Raymond Breen, Edward Murphy

Sunday 4th: Mary McParland, Tommy Campbell, Teresa McAloran, Francisco Xavier, Odilia Victor & Family, Frankie

Cush ^ Monday 5th: Fiona Moonan, Philomena McCann, Peter Foy ^

Tuesday 6th: John Edgar (1st Anniversary), Jackie Maye, Eamon Tennyson, Charlie McCloskey, George Rowney ^

Wednesday 7th: John McCoy, Dr. Maureen Mackle, Joseph Garvey, Veronica Furphy ^

Thursday 8th: Shaun Farrell (1st Anniversary), Clarence Gosney, Marie Nixon, Pauline Nixon, Rosaleen

McCann, Pheobe Donnelly, Maud Tennyson, James Freeburn, John Reid, Bernie Cullen, Mary McDonald ^

Friday 9th: James Tiffney, Gerard McCormack

Saturday 10th: M.M. Eileen McCann, M.M. Patricia Forker, Thomas McCann, Joao Gongalves, Mario Orlando Neves & Family, Patricia Ann Begley, Patrick Keenan

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

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Knock Shrine - all-night vigil Wednesday 7th December. Coach £15 - bring a packed lunch. Details and booking contact Gabrielle at 87784964 or Grace 87784942

#### St. Vincent De Paul Society

URGENTLY REQUIRED!! Ladies, Men's and Children's clothing. Clothes shop, tel. 38393898 or Furniture shop tel. 38394219, Mayfair Business Centre. Monday - Friday 10am- 3pm. Saturday 10am - 1 pm. SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours.

Tir Na nOg: bingo every Tuesday 8.15pm All support needed.

Club Lotto - underage players will be going door to door selling tickets.

Please support. Sat. 10th Snake Bite. Friday 16th Microlip (pay at door). Fri. 23rd Comedian Tim McGarry (from Hole in the Wall Gang) Ticket £5.

Bannside Development Centre: Homework Club Monday & Tuesday 3.15 - 4.30 p.m. £1 per day. ICT Classes to be arranged. Gentle Exercise Classes to be arranged. Arts & Crafts Classes Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays 7 - 8.30 p.m. Workshop / Craft Shop open Tuesday - Saturday. Friends Cafe open every day. For more information contact Carol on 38339916.

Bannside Knitting Club - Tuesdays 7 - 8.30 p.m. St. Mary's Hall - The Good Old Days. Writing your Life History. Do You Enjoy Singing? Contact the centre for details of above activities.

St. Mary's A.B.C. (Boxing Club):

Training Thursday 8 - 12 yrs. old 7 - 8 p.m. 13 yrs plus 8 - 9 p.m.

Inter-Church Carol Service on Friday 16th December at 8 p.m. at St. Gobhan's Church, Seagoe Parish, arranged by Portadown

Inter-Church Forum. All welcome.

Oran Fold - apartment to let. If you are 55yrs or over and want to see the benefits of living in a fold property please call Michelle at 38391918 to arrange your appointment to view.

CRAIGAVON CEILE MOVED TO Drumcree Pastoral Centre, Garvaghy Road - Friday 9th December. Music by Long Note.

Ashgrove Pre-School Playgroup: Playgroup Assistant Required, Temporary January 2012 - June 2012. Essential Criteria NVQ Level 2 Childcare or equivalent. Desirable Criteria 6 months paid employment in Pre-School setting. Application form from Portadown Jobs and Benefit Office. Closing date Friday 9th December.

Malachi Cush - Christmas Carols & Reflections - Friday 16th December at 8 p.m. SHARP in St. Patrick's Church, Keady. Admission by ticket only £10 - contact 37531242.

ACCORD: pre-marriage courses must be booked at least 10 months before the wedding date. Bookings to be made through 1 Tavanagh Avenue, Portadown. Phone 38334781.

Richmount Rural Community Association - Be Seen at Night on Country Roads - Free reflective collars, toggles and bibs for 200 dogs starting Monday 5th December. Lights for 200 Children's bikes, supplied and fitted free, starting 11th January 2012. Further details from Joe Garvey 07934186635 or Geraldine Lawless 07737547439.

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha - a lecture 'Plantation and the Ulster landscape: Armagh, 1610-1641' on Wednesday 7th

December, 8 p.m. in the Cardinal "Fiaich Library and Archive.

Senior Citizens' Carol Service - Wednesday 7th December at 11 a.m. in Thomas Street Methodist Church. All welcome.

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.

Reflection

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Prepare the Way of the Lord

The weeks of Advent prepare for Christmas;  
all we associate with Christmas prepares us for Jesus,  
for his birth in the love of Mary and Joseph.

All of us can be like John the Baptist,  
preparing a room for Jesus Christ in our families,  
among friends, in schools and workplaces,  
preparing a room in our hearts for love.

Or Christmas weeks can be like empty tinsel;  
singing the songs of Christmas and  
forgetting the birth,  
or playing Santa and pretending love;  
or being so busy that you wish it was already over.

But it need not be like this.

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Allow time these days for prayer,  
for moments taken in a busy day,  
like stopping in the heavy traffic,  
and just remembering that Jesus is near.

Take time for friendship, for love, for care,  
for those activities that grow our friendship and love  
with the people who mean a lot.

Take time these days for the poor,  
for ensuring that someone's Christmas  
will be better  
because of your generosity.

Then the songs will be full,  
and gifts will be reminders of love,  
and Santa the friend of children,  
will be like the Christ child.

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Then love for God and others  
will come to birth at Christmas.

PARISH -  
BE A PART OF IT  
Â OR BE APART FROM IT

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

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Servite Priory, Benburb:Â Monday 5th December, Annual Fundraising Bazaar, Doors open 8 p.m. after St. Peregrine Mass.

Sunday 11th December, Advent Sunday Retreat.Â A time for quiet prayer and reflection on the meaning of Christmas.Â 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.Â Offering Â£20 includes lunch.

Trocaire Global Gift forms available in Churches.Â `Change someone's World.'