

25th 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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The Nativity of Our Lord

A Blessed and Holy Christmas to All

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Prayer of Blessing at a Crib

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.Â Amen

Grace at table during Christmas

Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord Jesus, in the peace of this
season our spirits rejoice:
With the beasts and angels, the
shepherds and stars, with Mary and Joseph we sing God's praise.
By your coming may the hungry be filled with good things and may our table and home be blessed.

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.
Blessed are you, Lord God.
Through the fruitful virginity of Mary you fulfilled the long expectation of the poor and oppressed.
Grant that with the same faith with which Mary awaited the birth of her Son, we may look for him in our brothers and sisters in need.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.Â Amen.

Peace be with you
And also with you

During the Christmas Season exchange peace each morning with those at home

Dear Parishioners and Visitors

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Â Â Â during the first week of Advent the Pastoral Area held a mission with the theme "God is reaching out to you".Â This truth about Christmas has been taken up by many people in their response to the St. Vincent de Paul appeal in conjunction with the Salvation Army.Â Children have reached out to take a gift idea from the Giving Tree in Church and that in turn, when the present is passed on to those in need, will bring a smile and hope to many.Â The Christmas Star is a sign of God's love that shines for and on everyone.Â God's love became flesh in Jesus when he was born in Bethlehem to Mary and Joseph.

Â Â Â May we, as disciples of this same Jesus, continue to bring God's love to others in all we say and do, and especially to those in need.

Â Â Â We wish you all a blessed and family centered celebration of the Birth of Jesus.

Michael Sheehan, Michael O'Dwyer

Cardinal Brady wrote during the week -

'Please convey my good wishes for a happy blessed and peaceful Christmas to your Parishioners and congregation.'

This Christmas your presence may be more important than your presents.

Phone Numbers:

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Fr. Sheehan 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency

No. 0784110850

Christmas on RTE 1

Christmas Day - Pope Benedict 11 a.m.

Cardinal Brady 12.25 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass 11.30 a.m.

Samaritans 24/7 - We are here to listen. Do not suffer during this Christmas Season. Please contact us: Phone 02838333555 or email

Jo@samaritans.org

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An idea!

'My father always placed the family bible and the Christmas Candle

alongside the Crib. It was a reminder that the Crib is simply the words of the Gospel Story in visual form. Find some time these days to read the Christmas Story as you sit near the Crib either at home or in Church.'

Requiescant in Pace

Lately deceased: Jim Treanor, Jimmy Dalzell, May Laycock, Maureen Cassidy, John McAnallen, Rose McKeever, Zirandina Medeckiene, Billy Jordan, Anna Madden

At this time: Desmond Totton, Jim Dennison, John Breen, Annie Hughes, Catherine Murray

Sunday 25th: Eddie Murray, Ann Hamill, Joan Farnan, Patrick McNeice, James Furphy, Patrick Farrell, Joseph

McGurgan, Bernard Creaney, Mario Orlando Neves & Family, Filomena Da Costa, Fernanda Costa, Frances Hanratty

Monday 26th: Irene Dignam(1st Anniversary), Barry Madden(1st Anniversary), James Patrick Murphy, Vincent Melaugh,

Theresa Bailey, Edmund Cullinan, Mamie Smith, Michael Henderson Tuesday 27th: M.M. Fr. Peter Starrs, M.M. John

Grimes, John McAtamney, Leo Kelly, Patrick O'Neill, Veronica McBennett, Thomas Foy

Wednesday 28th: M.M. Terry McCoy, Tommy McCann, Margaret Mary McNally, Bridget McKenna, Isabel McCann,

George Berry, Rosheen Girvan, Barney Kelly, James Johnston, James Kelly Thursday 29th: Teresa Marley, Margaret

Foy, Pauline Nichols, Patrick Carvill, Mary Laverty Friday 30th: Eileen Kelly, Frank Kelly, Edward Mulholland Saturday

31st: Lisa Scullion, Ciaran Killops, Cardinal Cathal Daly, Msgr. Peter Shields

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Parish & Community Notices for week beginning 25th December

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Bethany and Book Shop will not open Christmas week

Masses

Monday 26th -St. John the Baptist Church 10 a.m. - the Novena Prayers will be said during Mass.

Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th -St. Patrick's Church 10 am.

Thursday 29th and Friday 30th

St. John the Baptist Church 7 p.m.

Saturday 31st - St. Patrick's 10 a.m.

1st January - Solemnity Mary, Mother of God - St. John the Baptist Church - Saturday 7 p.m. Sunday 8.30 & 11.30 a.m. St. Patrick's - 10 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 29th December in St. John the Baptist Church - 6 p.m. - 6.55 p.m.

Requiescant In Pace

Sunday: 1st: Scott Spears (1st Anniversary), Nora Carvill, Miriam McNally, Maureen Fisher, Pat Hughes, Noel Liggett, William Black, Mary Lappin, Dick & Mabel McCourt, Bridget McCann, Mary Ann Tiffney, Barney Hamill
 Monday 2nd: John Aloysius Derry
 Tuesday 3rd: Mona Kelly, Peter Daly, Thomas McQuaid, Catherine Watkins
 Wednesday 4th: Frances Henderson, Philomens Murphy, Joseph Hamill, Eddie McNally, Damian Goodwin, Jack Hagan
 Thursday 5th: Baby Ryan Joseph Preshur (1st Anniversary), James Cullen, Charlie Farrell
 Friday 6th: Pasty Foy, Eugene McParland, Mary Black, Nora Rooney, Eugenia De Oliveira, Elisa Costa, Margaret Donnelly
 Saturday 7th: M.M. Jim Treanor, Mary Geary (1st Anniversary) Dr. Gerrard McAnallen

Ministers of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist - Week Beginning 26th Dec. Martin Barlow.

Ministers of the Eucharist - January

Vigil Maura Berry, Aine McCooe, Sharon Garland, Kathleen Lavery 8.30 a.m. Martin Barlow, Patsy Hanratty, Eddie McVeigh 10 a.m. Winnie Breen, Ann Marie Hamill, Madeline O'Neill 11.30 a.m. Bernie Mallon, Patricia Halfpenny, Teresa Murphy, Mary Taggart.
 St. Francis Ann Murphy Rosemount Paddy Gorman

Minister of The Word

Week beginning 26th Dec. 10 a.m. Bridget McCann.
 7 p.m. Ursula Barlow.

Ministry of The Word - January

Vigil Olivia McDonald 8.30 a.m. David Greer 10 a.m. Niamh Devlin, Aine McCreesh-West 11.30 a.m. Ciara Burnett.

Feasts:

Monday 26th - St Stephen Tuesday 27th St John the Apostle and Evangelist Wednesday 28th The Holy Innocents.
 Thursday 29th St Thomas Becket. Friday 30th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Saturday 31st St. Sylvester.

Come Back to Mass Sunday 7th/8th January 2012

encourage family and friends to be a part instead of apart from the praying community.

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Reflection

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And the word was made flesh and lived among us

In the ordinary, the Lord was born.

A child born for us,
 a son given to the world;

son of Mary, born of the Holy Spirit
 and within the love of Mary and Joseph.

Jesus, like all of us, needed to grow up,
 in the environment of love.
 His growth from childhood to adolescence,
 from adolescence to adulthood
 took place within the usual human way;
 learning from experiences,
 studying his religion,
 formed like all of us by family and
 neighbourhood,
 within the love of Mary and Joseph,
 within a village community and an extended family
 of cousins, aunts, uncles,
 grandparents.

He celebrated his parents' birthdays,
he looked after them when they were sick.
He went to his grandparents' funerals
and later watched at Joseph's death
and consoled his widowed mother.
A young man growing up
and feeling all the joys and struggles of life.

He learned about God from the Bible
and worshipped every sabbath.
God became man in a very human way.
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Doesn't this enhance our humanity?
Doesn't it show the worth and dignity of us all?
God really mingled with us in the birth of Jesus.

Mingling among us
like light and earth mingle to grow the tree,
like memory and love mingle to keep friendship alive,
like water mingles with wine for drink for our journey,
God and humanity one in Jesus Christ.

And the word was made flesh and lived among us.

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