

19th February 2012

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 February 2012

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Minister of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 20th Teresa McCaffrey.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 20th - 10 a.m. Bridget McCann. 7 p.m. Olivia McDonald.

Recent Baptisms: Sophia Ella Anna Cassells, Eimear Geraldine Quinn, Ethan Geoffrey Pharro, Harry Patrick McQuaid, Jacob Conor Kerr

Feasts: Tuesday 21st St. Peter Damien; Wednesday 22nd Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday 22nd February - Day of Fast and Abstinence.Â Distribution of Ashes at Masses:Â St. John the Baptist 8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. & 7 p.m.Â St. Patrick's 10 a.m.Â (Trocaire Boxes available in both Churches).

Lent: What are you doing?

Fast and Abstinence:Â Are you a Catholic and aged between 18 and 60 years?Â If yes, then you are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday, which means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced.Â All Catholics aged over 14 yrs. are bound to abstinence - giving up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement.

The Alliance of Filipino Communities in Portadown will speak at Masses this weekend and have a collection for the victims of the recent typhoon in the Philippines.

Drumcree College

The Northern Ireland Commission for Catholic Education in its third recommendation for the Greater Armagh City and District Project Area concerning post-primary education says:Â The Trustees will initiate immediate discussions with CCMS with a view to consulting on the closure of Drumcree College in Portadown, subject to guaranteed access for current pupils to Catholic post-primary provision in the project area.Â This work is to be completed by June 2012. The Board of Governors of the College have organised a meeting in the school on Wednesday 22nd February at 8 p.m.Â All interested welcome.

What will our Parish look like in five years time?

Current Reality/Challenges and Possibilities?

On Tuesday 21st February in Drumcree Pastoral Centre at 7.30 p.m. there will be an open gathering for all interested parishioners on this topic.Â It is one that should concern all of us.Â Some of the issues to be discussed are Church attendances and levels of Sacramental practice, the declining number of priests/religious and the implications of Baptism and the responsibility of the lay faithful. This is an important gathering and the results from these engagements across the Diocese will help to shape the pastoral plan for the next few years. The Parishes of the Pastoral Area will also be attending.

CROSSROADS 2012 ULSTER YOUTH CONGRESS

Crossroads is a new vibrant event organised by the Ulster Diocesan Youth Offices.Â The event is for youth from all over the Northern Dioceses to journey and discover faith through prayer, music, talks, workshops and much more.

When:Â Sunday 26th February 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. (7 p.m. Leaving Mass)

Where:Â St. Ciaran's College, Ballygawley

Who:Â The event is for those aged 14+

Cost:Â FREE

Further information contact the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office on 028/048 37523084 or e-mail armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Mission - 10th - 16th March led by St. Patrick's Community.

Lenten Study Programme will begin in the Pastoral Centre 11 a.m. - 12 noon every Monday from 27th February.Â Those attending are asked to reflect on the Sunday Readings.

Parish Lenten Group begins Wednesday 29th - 7.45 - 9.15 p.m. in Pastoral Centre. Contact 077597688788 or 07742694514Â or leave name in Sacristy.

Thanks to all who contributed
to the recent Dues

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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: Ildonsu Victor, Susan Brankin, Pat Quinn, Mary Martin, Brian McGrane, Seamus Murphy, Jose Jaime Soares

At This Time: Margaret Smyth, Fernando Muniz, Doreen Devlin

Sunday 19th: M.M. Margaret Gilbert, Stephen Murphy, Robert Jones, Annie McConnell

Monday 20th: Charlie McVeigh, Sheila Gorman, Peter McKeown, Sarah Bunting, Jim McKeever

Tuesday 21st: Vincent Byrne, Joseph Litter, Joseph Marley, Owen McCann, Mary Ellen Kelly
 Wednesday 22nd: John McConville, John Woolsey, Edward Murphy, Ellen Fearon, Paul Creaney, James McNally
 Thursday 23rd: M.M. Rosaleen McBride, Rose Judge, Jimmy Clarke, Rita Litter, James McNally, Orlando Da Costa
 Friday 24th: Molly McCann (1st Anniversary), Charlie O'Neill, Teresinha Correia
 Saturday 25th: John McNally, Elizabeth Murphy, Winifred McConaghy, Antonio & Felizmina Correia, Domingos Antonio
 Anniversaries late for Bulletin should be left in the Sacristy for inclusion on proper day

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.

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.

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society: next meeting on Tuesday 21st February in the Pastoral Centre after evening Mass.

DANCE - Friday 2nd March in Pastoral Centre.

Dancing 8.30 p.m. - 12.30 a.m.

Music - Blue Magic

Adm. £5 (includes supper)

Book Shop: Opening hours this week are as follows:

Saturday 6-8.30pm; Sunday 9 am to 1 pm; Monday 10.30 am to 12 noon; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6 - 8.30 pm. Gifts for Confirmation and First Communion now available.

Tir Na nOg: Bingo every Tuesday 8 pm All support needed also Club Lotto.

Bannside Development Centre: Homework Club Monday & Tuesday 3.15 - 4.30 p.m. £1 per day. Crafts Classes Tue., Wed. 7 - 8 p.m. Computer Classes Starting Thursday 15th March 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. - contact Ann 38339916.

The Pioneers we are making a special effort to promote a short-term pledge of abstinence from alcohol for the duration of Lent for the well-being of others.

Do something special this Lent. Have you a friend or family member who has a problem with alcohol? Do you want to help in a simple yet effective way? Then take the pledge for Lent. Forms available in Churches. Make a difference to someone's life.

'Can I stay in the Catholic Church?' is a question faced by many Catholics in the light of the child abuse crisis. The book is by Fr Brian Lennon, Jesuit priest. He will discuss his book in the Synod Hall, Armagh on Thursday 23rd February at 8.15pm. There will be time for feedback. So, if you have concerns about the Church and would like to discuss them, please come. All are welcome!

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.

Ashgrove Community Centre:

Monday - 5 - 6 p.m. Indoor Football (Junior 7 - 14 yrs.).

6 - 7 p.m. Street Dance Class (5 - 11 yrs.) 7 - 8 p.m. Circuits

Exercise Class. Tuesday 12 - 2 p.m. Seniors Luncheon Club. 5.30 - 6.30 p.m. & 7.30 - 9 p.m. Slimming World.

Wednesday 10 a.m. - noon Housing Executive Advice. 2 - 3.30 p.m. Ballyoran Senior

Citizens Club. Indoor Soccer 5 - 6 p.m. Thursday 12 noon - 2 p.m. Seniors Luncheon Club. 7.30 - 9 p.m. St. Malachy's

Indoor Bowling Club. 8 - 9 p.m. Irish Language Class. Friday Irish Dancing School 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. For bookings etc contact Chris Cassidy 028 38 331650 or 07912389509.

Ballyoran Community Association and all Community Groups. All are invited to attend an open meeting in Ashgrove Centre on Wednesday 22nd February at 7 p.m. Come along and discuss any problems e.g. benefits housing etc, grants or refurbishments. Reps from the various relevant bodies will attend. For more information contact Yvonne on 0791989114.

St. John's Scouts: Scouts Monday 7 - 9 p.m. Cubs Tuesday 7 - 8.30 p.m. Beavers Wednesday 7 - 8 p.m. Former members that have uniforms please leave at Den on any of above nights. Thank you.

Orchard Community Group Flower Arranging Classes in the Pastoral Centre, Drumcree on Mondays at 7 p.m.

If you have moved to the Parish or changed address within the past year and would like to contribute to the upkeep of

the Parish, using envelopes, please complete the slip below.Â Place in collection basket or leave at Parochial House, 15 Moy Road.Â Thank you.

Name.....

Address.....

Old Address/Parish.....

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Your sins are forgiven

We need to hear these words;
when we feel guilty over things said or done,
when our faults are like a dark window,
or like muddied water,
we need these words of Jesus.

Your sins are forgiven.

Like the paralysed man we need others
who will bring us to the forgiveness of God,
who will carry us in the weakness of our soul
when our convictions seem so fragile.

Then the words of Jesus,
Your sins are forgiven,
like melting snow in winter,
like flowers growing from rocks,
like the touch of someone who is loving.

Forgiveness brings joy and freedom,
like when a person is healed
or like when the burden of guilt is lifted,
like a gift we know we need
but which no one can give but God alone.

If we bring our sin to God,
the words of Jesus
will lift our hearts in hope and joy.

Your sins are forgiven.

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

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