

1st April 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

1st April 2012

Passion (Palm) Sunday

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 - Stations of The Cross in St. Patrick's at 7 p.m. this evening, Sunday.

Holy Week Notices: Chrism Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Thursday 5th April at 11 a.m. The Oils of Catechumen, Chrism and Anointing of The Sick will be blessed and consecrated during this Mass and the priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly commitment.

Confessions: Saturday 31st - after Evening Mass. Sunday 1st - after 11.30 a.m. Mass.

St. Patrick's Church

Monday 2nd

6.30 p.m. and after Novena.

Tuesday & Wednesday 12.30 - 1.15 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church -

Tuesday & Wednesday - 7.30 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY

St. John the Baptist Church - Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m. - The Blessed Sacrament will be kept at the Altar of Repose until 10 p.m. Please spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.

"The Mass of The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the evening at a time convenient for the full participation of the whole local community."

GOOD FRIDAY

Day of Fast and Abstinence in memory of The Lord's Passion.

St. Patrick's - 3 p.m. Celebration of The Lord's Passion. - "For the Veneration of The Cross let a cross be used that is of appropriate size and beauty. - Only ONE cross should be used for the Veneration as this contributes to the full symbolism of the Rite".

St. John the Baptist - 8 p.m. - Stations of The Cross led by the SHYNE youth of the Parish.

Good Friday Walk (organised by Churches Together in Portadown) from various Churches to the Plaza in town centre. - Leaving St. John the Baptist Church at 10.45 a.m. to arrive at 11.30 a.m. for short service. - Walk as Jesus walked and listen to St. Mark's Gospel of that first Good Friday.

HOLY SATURDAY

Prayers in St. Patrick's at 10 a.m. - On this day the Church is, as it were at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his passion and death, and on his descent into hell, and awaiting his resurrection with prayer and fasting.

EASTER

Vigil in St. John the Baptist at 9 p.m.

This is the night when the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the Resurrection of The Lord. - The Resurrection of Christ in which he broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave, is the foundation of our faith and hope, and through Baptism and Confirmation we enter into the paschal mystery of Christ, dying, buried and raised with him, and with him we shall also reign.

Easter Dawn Service - everyone is invited to a brief service organised by 'Churches Together' on Easter

Sunday morning at 6.30 a.m. at Craigavon Lakes Water Sports Centre. - "It was very early on the first day of the week when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb".

Polish Community - Easter Breakfast Food will be blessed at 10.30 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church on Holy Saturday.

During the Easter Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday - all other celebrations (except those proper to these days), even Funeral Masses, are prohibited.

Anniversaries for Good Friday and Holy Saturday will be prayed for at the Holy Thursday evening Mass in St. John the Baptist Church.

Offertory Collection - £2409-38

Sunday 25th March

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: Jim Cullen, Mary B O'Reilly, Rosemary Lavery, Ann Mackle, Jim McCaffrey, Peggy Cedor, Susan McParland, John McAlinden, Grace McCann, Paddy Roberts, Daniel Smith, Lucia Duarte

At This Time: - Pat O'Neill, Kathleen & Bernard Vallely, Margaret Lyness

Sunday 1st: Denis McGuigan -

Monday 2nd: Henry McGuigan, Patrick Mulholland, Jackie Grimley, Patrick Grimley -

Tuesday - 3rd: Louis McCann (1st Anniversary), - Martin McVeigh, Elizabeth & Joe Corr, John Mallon, Gerard Jones -

Wednesday 4th: Kathleen Crozier, Aidan Brankin, Alice Marley, Vincent Creaney, Josephine Atkinson -

Thursday 5th: Michael McGoldrick

Friday 6th: M.M. Molly McLoughlin, Rita Stuart, Joseph Molloy, Eoghan Dunbar, Jimbo Grimes

Saturday 7th: Jean McParland, Mary Carvill, Eileen Marley

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

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are asked to sign up for Easter Triduum duties in the sacristies, please.

First Friday calls will not be made this week.

Ministry of The Word - from 2nd - 10 a.m. Tommy Mallon.

7 p.m. Martin Barlow.

Minister of The Eucharist - St. John the Baptist from 2nd - Teresa McCaffrey, Eddie McVeigh.

Recent Baptisms: Lorna Rose Magill, Molly Anne Murray,

Maja Pokora, Kornelija Arbociute

Fatima Rosary Group - no meeting on Holy Saturday, will resume on Saturday 5th May.

PALS - no PALS group at Easter Vigil but as usual on Easter Sunday.

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.

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, 6 - 8.30 pm.

Gifts for First Communion now available.

Developing World project - Guest Tea in Pastoral Centre on Friday 27th April 8 p.m. If interested in having a table contact Bronagh on 38351678 or 38352313 also are collecting old pens and markers - please leave in boxes in Churches.

Legion of Mary: Annual day retreat to Benburb Priory Sunday 22nd April. All auxiliaries and friends welcome to join us. Please note earlier date. Full details later.

The Song of Mark - a musical of Mark's Gospel, St. Patrick's Church, Dungannon, Tuesday 3rd April at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 87727400.

Drumcree College: keep up to date - visit www.drumcreecollege.co.uk Petition available in Church to sign.

Ashgrove Community Centre: Monday 5 - 6 p.m. Indoor Football (Junior 7 - 14 yrs.). 6 - 7 p.m. Street Dance Class (5 - 11yrs.). 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. Junior Boxercise 6.30-7.30pm. 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.

Tir Na nOg: Bingo every Tuesday 8 pm All support needed also Club Lotto. U 14 training Thursday 7 - 8pm at Scout Den. U12 girls training Thursday in the Scout Den 5.45 - 6.45 p.m.

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.

St. Patrick's Church, Clonoe - exhibition until 13th April on 'The Eucharistic Miracles of The World'. For more details contact clonoeparish@tiscali.co.uk

St. Malachy's Hurling Club: March Draw Winner - James Connolly.

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha: The third lecture in the 2012 programme, 'Ulster's quiet revolutionaries: Women in sport, medicine and education' Wednesday 4th April 8 p.m. in the Cardinal O Fiaich Library and Archive.

CU Factor:Â Credit Union singing competition for young people aged between 12 and 19.Â Next heat in Armagh City Hotel, Wednesday 11th April. Download application form from facebook page.Â Closing date Friday 6th April.

Ballyoran Community Association have now a Face Book page.Â For more information contact any Committee Member.

Trocaire monies can be returned this week - please convert your small coins to notes or larger coins to help with counting. Thank you.

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.

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Reflection

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Walking on wounded feet

The crowd cheered him,
'Blessings on him,' they roared,
waving flags of palm,
'for he comes to us in God's name.'
And a few days later they cheered again,
this time for his death,
and blessings on a public robber, Barrabas.

A fickle people.
We wonder why?
What changed them?

Like Peter later,
they would say,
'I don't know the man',
for the man they saw later in the week
was, in their eyes, a different man.

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The king had become a spectacle,
bloodied, mocked, rejected.
Who wants a leader like that?

Jesus didn't want acclamation,
he had been trying to say all along
that he was a different type of king.

And so he chose a donkey
as his chariot.
They saw their own hopes
for a leader who would overthrow their oppressors
and didn't see the real Jesus.

The leadership of Jesus has lasted longer
than any of the public leadership of the time,
because he was king of love, compassion,
and walked the way of his cross -
carried by his wounded feet and the help of a friend,
and guided by the hand of God his
Father.

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