8th 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. www.drumcreeparish.com

8th April 2012 Easter Sunday

The joy of Easter and the greeting of the Risen Christ to all \hat{A} - Peace be with you.

Mass Times: St. John the Baptist Saturday Â 7 p.m. Sunday Â Â 8.30 & 11.30 a.m. St. Patrick's Sunday Â 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.

Devotions1st & 2nd Sunday

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. Sheehan 38332218 Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

EASTER DAWN SERVICE - Everyone is invited to a brief service organised by `Churches Together'on Easter Sunday morning at 6.30Â a.m. at Craigavon Lakes Water Sports Centre.ÂÂ "It was very early on the first day of the week when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb".

Easter Morning Masses: St. John the Baptist 8.30 & 11.30 a.m. Â St. Patrick's Church 10am

Easter Week Masses:

St. Patrick's Church Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday - 10 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Church Monday 10 a.m. (Novena Prayers will be said), Thursday &Â Friday - 7 p.m.

Easter Water - from St. Patrick's Well, Mahon Road supplied by the Knights of St. Columbanus.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Thursday St. John the Baptist Church 6pm-6.55pm

Recent Baptisms: Â Chelsea Ellen Toland, Catarina Margues Pederneira De Sa, Emilia Sukalenkova McCann, Annie Elizabeth

Liggett, Alannah Stephanie Donlon, Sean Og Harrison McConville Walker

Confessions will not be held next Saturday 14th April.

Ministers of the Eucharist: St. John the Baptist, week beginning 9th April Geraldine Lawless.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 9th April 10 a.m. Michael Sherry. 7 p.m. Geraldine Lawless.

Legion of Mary: The annual retreat will take place in Benburb Priory on Sunday 22nd April. Cost £29 (including transport). All welcome. Bus leaves St. Patrick's 9 a.m. St. Mary's Hall 9.10 a.m. St. John the Baptist 9.25 a.m. Contact 38333563 or 38334245.

Confirmation: Â Congratulations to all those who were confirmed from the Bun Scoil last weekend.

Portadown Lourdes Committee - Annual Church Door Collection at all Masses, next weekend, 14/15th April.

Paul Murphy, Termonfeckin Parish will be ordained deacon on Monday in Rome for service in our Diocese. Keep him in your prayers.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia! for He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia! has risen as He said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia! Â Â Â Â said during Eastertide at Angeleus.

Eucharistic Congress - programmes are available in Churches - explaining the workshops and cultural events and the keynote speakers. Be part of this momentous occasion in Ireland 2012. More tickets are available for final ceremonies on Sunday 17th June - forms available in sacrities.

Offertory Collection Sunday 1st April - £2457-65 Thanks to all who contributed

Requiescant In Pace Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Lately deceased:Â Jim McCaffrey, Susan McParland, John McAlinden, Grace McCann, Paddy Roberts, Daniel Smith, Lucia Duarte, Dolores Magennis At This Time:Â Annie McCann Sunday 8th: Johnny Hamill, Mary Ellen McAlinden, Luis de sa Benevides, Bill Reid, Martha Nugent, Da Costa & Gama Families, Bill Reid Monday 9th: Dympna Hagan, Eileen Conlan, Brian Derry Tuesday 10th:Â M.M. Mary B. O'Reilly, Jim Creaney, Lisa Kelly, Winifred Henderson Â Wednesday 11th: M.M. Rosemary Lavery, Joe Bennett, Patrick Thompson Thursday 12th:Â M.M. Jim Cullen, Peggy Lappin(1st Anniversary), Jimmy Creaney, Arthur Williams, Michael Henderson, John James McCann, Catherine Davis, John Cullen Â Friday 13th:Â Â Catherine McGuigan, Francis Austin, Brian Chambers Saturday 14th:Â John McGeown(1st Anniversary), Patrick Hamill, Kathleen Judge, Hugh Marley Anniversaries late for Bulletin should be left in the Sacristy for inclusion on the proper day. $\hat{\text{A}}$

Parish & Community Notices Â NOTICES FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 15th April

No bulletin next week - 15th April

Requiescant In Pace Anniversaries Sunday 15th:Â Â Francis Martin, Joseph McDowell, Bridie Rehill, John Creaney, Harry McCann Monday 16th:Â Sheila Breen, Elizabeth Marley, Jim Corr, Robert Coleman, Maire Pennington Tuesday 17th:Â Bridget Catherine Lappin, Harry Creaney, May Douglas, Anna Mackle, James Patrick Tiffney, Vincent Melaugh Wednesday 18th: James McAreavey, Peter Joseph McEvoy, Dennis Watson, Mary Grimley, Margaret McVeigh Thursday 19th:Â Veronica Ryan, James Gribbon, Julia Monaghan, Thomas McClean, Arthur Cush, Thomas James McAlinden Friday 20th:Â Rita Murray, Bernadette Prunty, Daniel O'Neill, James McCormick Saturday 21st:Â M.M. Jim McCaffrey, Bobby O'Neill, Peter McEvoy, Billy Murphy, Catherine Kelly, Bobby Smith, Adrian Lamph, James Millsopp, Cassie O'Connor, Eileen Taggart

Minister of The Eucharist - St. John the Baptist, week beginning 16th April, Mary McAlinden.

Ministry of The Word - week beginning 16th April, 10 a.m. Bridget McCann. 7 p.m. Elizabeth Wilson.

Important dates: Eucharistic Congress Bell Saturday 28th April Relic of Veneraable Matt Talbot 19th/20th May. First Holy Communion: 19th May Ballyoran P.S. at 11 a.m. Bun Scoil Eoin Baiste & St. John the Baptist P.S. 12th May at 11 a.m. Â 26th May Presentation P.S. at 11 a.m. Cemetery Sunday/Blessing of Graves - Sunday 3rd June 11.30am. Cultra - Old Drumcree Church - trip and Mass on Sunday 10th June. Eucharistic Congress Week of Prayer 10th - 17th June. Parish Garden Party Saturday 23rd June.

Walk with me - Easter prayer books available in Churches.

Trocaire: Thanks and congratulations to the boys and girls of Ashgrove Pre-School who raised £100-25 for Trocaire. Trocaire monies can still be returned to the Churches.

Tir Na nOg GFC - Bingo every Tuesday at 8pm.

Drumcree College:keep up to date - visit www.drumcreecollege.co.uk Petition available in Church to sign. Pupils wishing to change their first preference for September next can do so by contacting the Pupil and Parent Unit at the S.E.L.B.

Clanbrassil Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann presents a concert to celebrate 60years in exixtence - come along to a night of traditional music, dance and song on Saturday 28th April in Drumcree Pastoral Centre. Workshops in fiddle, banjo, whistle, bodhran, flute, guitar from 12noon to 5pm cost £10. Concert 8pm to 11pm Admission £5. Light supper provided.

Ballyoran Community Association has now a facebook page. get all the latest news and information for the estate. fb address is -

ballyorancommunityassociation Portadown.

St Vinvent de Paul Society - self help line 38339639

Book shop Pastoral Centre closed this week 8th to 15th April.

Developing World Project - Guest Tea in Drumcree Pastoral Centre on Friday 27th April at 8pm. If interested in having a table contact Bronagh at 38351678 or 38352313.

The Committee are also collecting old pens and markers - please leave in boxes in Churches.

Reflection Â Joseph

I'm Joseph, the man who owned the tomb I watched the crucifixion of Jesus with most of his friends from a distance.

You might say I often felt I was dead in myself, hanging around the edge of the crowd with him, asking questions with Nicodemus. Jesus didn't seem to mind that come close when you want to, no pressure was the impression he gave, and I feel closer to him now.

Life was privileged for me, no big problems, enough money and family connections, but it was very dead. I'm like people who have never forgiven themselves, or who are too scared to love someone, or who find it hard to feel with another person even when they want to, or who thought that Jesus would ask too much.

All he asked of me was my tomb, and I'm glad now to be rid of that. I loved my security, in life and death -I planned where I'd be buried and sure, I lived my life half-buried in laws and fears and whispers of joy.

Now I feel born again, refreshed by the water of his side like water of a womb. I knew when I gave that tomb away, I was getting back the gift of life.

Then I was the owner of a tomb, now I have been gifted with the fullness of his life.