

2nd December 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

2nd December 2012

First 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 this Sunday evening at 7pm in St Patrick's Church.

First Friday Notices:

Confessions - Thursday 6th

St. Patrick's 6 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

St. John's 7.30 p.m.

Masses - Friday 7th

St. Patrick's 10 a.m. (Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 10.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

St. John the Baptist 7 p.m.

The sick and housebound will be visited.

Saturday 8th December - The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy day of obligation). Masses as follows:

Vigil Friday 7th - 7 p.m. St. John's

Saturday 8th - St. Patrick's 10 a.m.

St. John's 11.30 a.m.

Minister of The Eucharist

St. John the Baptist - from 3rd

Teresa McCaffrey.

Ministry of The Word

from 3rd - 10 a.m. Tommy Mallon.

7 p.m. Martin Barlow.

Recent Baptisms: Mary Roisin Breen

Christian Aid Lunches - Wednesday 5th, 12 noon - 1.30 p.m. in Armagh Rd Presbyterian Church Hall. All support welcomed.

SHYNE - group meeting this Sunday, 2nd, in Pastoral Centre at 7 p.m.

St. Vincent De Paul - Christmas Appeal

2nd - 9th 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 are available in the Churches. Your generosity will bring some joy and happiness to those in need and bring a blessing on yourself.

Children's Christmas party/Disco in Pastoral Centre Sunday 9th December 2 - 5 p.m. P4 - P7 children only.

Feasts: Monday 3rd St. Francis Xavier; Tuesday 4th St. John Damascene; Thursday 6th St. Nicholas; Friday 7th St. Ambrose; Saturday 8th The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary.

Reflections for Advent: meet on Mondays after morning coffee in the Pastoral Centre and continue until 17th December. The readings are available from Bridget McCann, Michael Sherry or Denis McCourt. All welcome.

Youth Advent Challenge in the Year of Faith - Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission have produced a guide for helping all young people, in body or in heart, prepare for the true meaning of Christmas. Leaflets available in Churches.

Church Liturgical Year begins today: Sunday Readings Cycle C; Weekday Readings Year 1; Volume 1 of the Breviary - the Prayer of the Church - begins today.

Walk with Me booklets - a journey of Prayer for Advent and Christmas - available in Churches £1.

Trocaire Gift Certificates for Christmas - available to purchase in the Pastoral Centre Bookshop. for Chicks £5, for Light £8, for Olive Trees £16, for School Fees £24, for Goats £40, for Bike £50, for Safe Motherhood £80, for Water £120, for a Cow £160.

Requiescant in Pace

Lately Deceased: Damien Hughes, Maureen Tucker, Ita Mulholland, Phyllis McParland

At This Time: Michael Cavanagh, John Tate, Rose & Joe Ingram

Sunday 2nd: Mary Elizabeth Green, Margaret Hanratty, Eileen Dunbar, Mary Mulholland, Michael Leonard

Monday 3rd: Jack McLaughlin, Alice Hagan

Tuesday 4th: Frankie Cush, Tommy Campbell, Mary McParland, Tony Borse

Wednesday 5th: Peter Foy, Edith Brooks, Philomena McCann

Thursday 6th: Jackie Maye, John Edgar, Charlie McCloskey, Eamon Tennyson, George Rowney

Friday 7th: Veronica Furphy, John McCoy, Dr. Maureen Mackle, Joseph Garvey, Patrick & Margaret McCann

Saturday 8th: Jim Treanor (1st Anniversary), Bernie Cullen, John Reid, Rosaleen McCann, Phoebe Donnelly, Rose Donnelly, Maud Tennyson, Shaun Farrell, Clarence Gosnmey, James Freeburn, Maria Nixon, Pauline Nixon, Kathleen McCann, Mary McDonald, Michael Walsh

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.

Drumcree College: visit www.drumcreecollege.co.uk Our School. Our Community. Our Future. Your Choice. Support Drumcree College.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

URGENTLY REQUIRED!! BABY CLOTHES:

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 Pastoral Centre: Opening hours this week are as follows: Saturday 6-8.00pm; Sunday 9 am to 1 pm; Monday 10.30 am to 12 noon; Tuesday - Friday 6 - 8.00 pm.

Knock - All Night Vigil - Friday 7th December. Bus leaving St. John the Baptist Car Park, 5.30 p.m. For more information Tel. 07784648448 or 38831493.

Irish Association of Anger Management - Stay Cool This

Christmas. Christmas is supposed to be the season of peace and good will to all people. This confidential one day anger management programme is specifically designed to give participants effective tools to prevent anger destroying their and their families Christmas this year. For more information about this programme and how you can participate in it, call 028 90222633 / 07525212555 or log on to www.difficultemotions.com

Drumcree Developing World Committee - the young people who have expressed an interest in travelling to Romania to work on the house build are invited to a meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 5th December at 8 p.m. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Fr. Sheehan, Paddy McVeigh or Jeanette Toland.

St. Mary's Womens Guild: Meeting in Ashgrove Community Centre on Wednesday 5th December at 8 p.m. All welcome.

Ballyoran Primary School & Nursery - Open Afternoon & Christmas Fair on Wednesday 5th December 1 - 4 p.m. Come along and see the newly refurbished School and new Community Learning Centre as well as enjoying the PTA Christmas Fair.

Phoenix Players Present Music From The Shows on Friday 7th December at 7.30 p.m. in Portadown Town Hall. Tickets available from Winnie's £7.

St. Malachy's Hurling Club - Mass for deceased members in Tir Na nOg club Monday 3rd December at 7 p.m.

Ashgrove Community Centre:

Monday Junior Indoor Soccer 4.30 - 5.30 p.m. Hip Hop Dance 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesday 12 - 1 p.m. Seniors Luncheon Club.

MMA Fitness Class (Adult) 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. Pilates 7 - 8 p.m. Wednesday 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. Housing Executive

Advice. Ballyoran Seniors Club 2 - 3.30 p.m. Young Female Activity Programme 7 - 9 p.m.

Thursday Seniors Luncheon Club 11.30 - 12.30 p.m.

St. Malachy's Bowling 7.30 - 9 p.m. Irish Language Class 8 - 9 p.m.

Friday Irish Dancing School 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Intergenerational Project 7 - 9 p.m. MMA Fitness Class (Kids) 6 - 7 p.m.

Saturday Ballet Dancing 10.30 - 1.30 p.m. Christian Meeting 6 - 8 p.m. Sunday Pride of Eireinn Band Practice 3 - 5 p.m.

For bookings etc contact Chris Cassidy 028 38 331650 or 07912389509 for Birthday Parties and Private Bookings.

Tir Na nOg: Mass for deceased members in the club rooms on Monday 3rd December at 7 p.m. AGM Monday 3rd December at 7.45 p.m. If you have not received your nomination form please contact the club ASAP. Forms to be returned before 3rd December. No forms will be accepted on the night. All full members, lapsed members and parents welcome.

Bingo every Tuesday 8 pm All support needed also Club Lotto.

Ballyoran Community Association: for up to date information log on to Facebook Page - [ballyorancommunityassociationPortadown](https://www.facebook.com/ballyorancommunityassociationPortadown).

Bannside Development Centre: Homework Club Monday and Tuesday 3.15 - 4.30 p.m. £1 per day. Arts and Craft Classes

Tuesday and Wednesday 7 - 8 p.m. Computer Classes Thursdays 10a.m. - 12.30 p.m. For more information contact

Ann 028 38339916.

Christmas Youth Retreat: Youth 2000 - in Newbridge College, Co Kildare Friday 14th to Sunday 16th December. For 16 to 35 year olds. Cost - donation only. Bring sleeping bag. To book contact 0035316753690 or 07598876399 or www.youth2000.ie

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Reflection

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Another Christmas

Advent is waiting for the birth of Jesus,
but itâ€™s a strange waiting;
we are waiting each year
for someone we know is here!

We recall in Advent
that the Lord Jesus has come among us,
is present all the time
and will come again in glory.

He is the child who is born each year,
for the world always needs its God and saviour.
He is the child awaited each year,
for our lives are new each year
and we need him
in different ways at different stages ofÂ life
and the world has different needs of God
at different times.

We need the child of peace to be born
in our wars and violence,
the child of wisdom
in our search for truth and meaning,
the child of gentleness
in a world which can be harsh and greedy.

We need to know in Jesus
that birth and life
are the most precious gifts ofÂ God
and that in the birth of Jesus each year,
is the everlasting promise of God
to be with us.

And Advent looks ahead,
letting us see that the life of Jesus is never over,
that the truth of Jesus is always spoken
and that he will one day be seen in glory.

For we are people of Advent and Easter,
of waiting and of resurrection;
we are people of earth and Heaven,
as he is the Son of God and Son of Mary,
and leads us through our life on earth
to the eternal glory of Heaven.

Sunday 25th

Offertory Collection Â£2266-20

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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Â 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