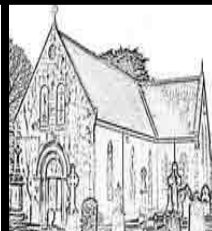


Dunhill & Fenor Parish Newsletter

Christmas 2008



Mary's Dream

I had a dream, Joseph, I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our Son.



They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They'd decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look. Oh, it was beautiful.

Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him?

I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so full of cheer, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus -not to be wanted at His own birthday celebration.

I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real.

Father Paul and the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils would like to extend a very sincere and heartfelt word of gratitude to all who participated in the life of our parish over the past year. To all who contribute in any way, pastorally, spiritually, financially, or just by way of your presence, your enthusiasm and your appreciation, we say 'Thank you very much. We wish you every blessing and happiness at Christmas and throughout the coming year.'

Parish Notices

Congratulations to all involved in the Annual Fenor Sale of Work which exceeded expectations this year. Well done to all who put in such a huge effort.

The Annual Christmas Collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be held outside both churches in the parish this weekend.

The Annual Community Care Christmas party will take place today Sunday in Dunhill GAA Centre at 1.00 p.m. and all senior citizens of the Parish of Dunhill & Fenor are welcome.

The Annual Candlelight Carol Singing in Annestown Church will take place tonight (Sunday 14th) at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome. Please bring your own candle.

There will be a Christmas Carol Concert in the Sacred Heart Church, Dunhill, on Tuesday evening (16th) at 8.00 p.m. Music and dance will be provided by the Centre Stage School of Dance and Dunhill Choir. Admission is free but there will be a voluntary collection for Waterford Hospice.

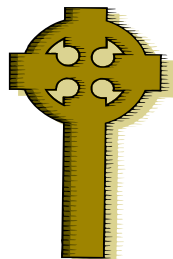
Dunhill Multi Education Centre will host a Coffee Morning for Retired Persons on Wednesday the 17th December @ 10.30am. This week's theme: Wine Tasting ~ Come along and sample wines from around the world. Or just come along and enjoy a coffee and a chat in a festive atmosphere. Admission €5.

Fenor National School will celebrate a Carol Service in Fenor Church on Thursday (18th) at 7.00 p.m.

A Christmas Songs of Praise, with all the choirs of our St Otteran's Cluster of parishes, will take place in the Holy Family Church, Waterford, this Thursday (18th) at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Lee on Tuesday, 31st March 2009, in Dunhill Church.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 06th to 11th June 2009. Further information is available on the poster at the back of the church but early booking is advisable. Those who would like to have their name included for selection should give their details to any member of the Dunhill Lourdes Committee as soon as possible.



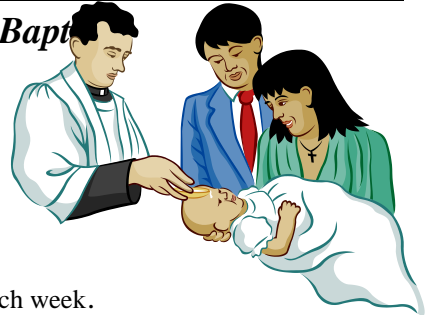
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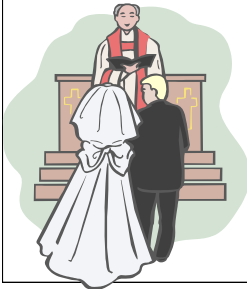
Mass Times in Fenor
Saturday: 7.00pm
Sunday: 9.30am

The Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into our Christian community those who were baptised recently in our parish: Bríd Úna Kavanagh; Megan Louise Mulcahy; Darragh John O'Brien; James Michael Power; Anja Elizabeth Kealy; Michael John O'Shea; Oscar James Robert McCloud; Emma Claire Doyle; Garvan Alan Kisanane; Corey Thomas Moore-Kennedy.



We pray that these children grow in love for God each week.



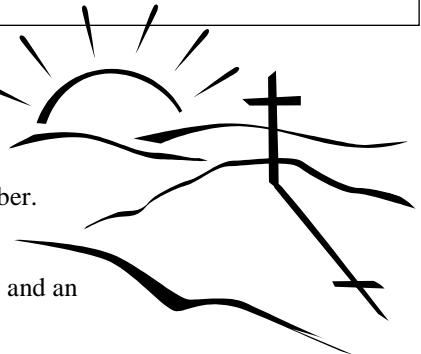
Marriages

Congratulations to Noel O'Neill & Sinéad O'Reilly and John Doyle & Norah Kelly who were married recently in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Fenor, and to Andrew Weir & Tanya Dixon and Michael Browne & Ruth O'Connor who were married recently in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Dunhill. Best wishes for a long and happy marriage.

Deaths

We record our sadness at the death of Mary Hearne of Kilfarrissey, Fenor, who died in November. *May she rest in peace.*

We extend to Mary's family our deepest sympathy and an assurance of a remembrance in our prayers.



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Church Services

Confession

Reconciliation Services (Confession) will be celebrated in Fenor Church on this Monday (Dec 15th) at 7.30p.m. and in Dunhill Church this Wednesday (17th) at 7.30p.m. Three priests will be present each night to celebrate the Sacrament.

Christmas Mass Times:

Fenor Church	9.00p.m.	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
	9.30a.m.	Christmas Dawn Mass
Dunhill Church	12.00a.m.	Christmas Midnight Mass
	11.00a.m.	Christmas Day Mass

New Schedule:

From the 1st January 2009 there will be a change in the Mass times in the Parish. Sunday masses will remain as at present - 9.30am in Fenor and 11.00am in Dunhill. The Saturday night vigil mass will now be at 7.00pm and will take place in Fenor in the months from October to March and in Dunhill in the months from April to September. A review of the new schedule will take place at the end of the year.

Feast of the Epiphany:

Fenor Church	7.00p.m.	Monday 5th
Dunhill Church	11.00a.m.	Tuesday 6th

Weekday Mass times are posted at the back of both Churches on a weekly basis.



The Annual Christmas Collection for the support of the Bishop and Priests will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Day. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Sincere thanks to those who distribute envelopes to all the homes in the parish. We deeply appreciate your commitment, especially at this busy time of the year.

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