

# *Dunhill & Fenor Parish Newsletter*

*Easter 2009*



## *An Easter Message*

Easter is the time of Resurrection and New Life. It is the time when the days get longer and brighter, and when the buds and blossoms burst forth. It is a time of energy and vitality.

A renewal of Christian life is taking place in the Parish of Dunhill & Fenor too. Many new initiatives are beginning to bud and some have already started to blossom. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), having had its Constitution approved by the Diocese, has worked at length on a strategic pastoral plan for the parish over the next two years. The four main focuses of the PPC will be to enable spiritual development; involve more people; develop a sense of belonging; and establish a youth programme. Some of the initiatives proposed under these headings are already taking shape: we have had Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent; the Baptismal Team is well established and proving beneficial to parents of children preparing to be baptised; there's a team working on a parish website; the young people preparing for Confirmation have had a Spiritual Retreat to focus their minds on the Sacrament; we had a successful Pancake Night meeting with some of the young people of the parish, when we formed a youth group comprising of 20 members; and we're in the process of forming a Bereavement Support Group, to mention just a few projects. And there's much more to come!

Any such initiatives are dependent on good people to help out, but also on the finance and properties to facilitate their development. The Parish Finance Council (PFC) is reviewing its procedures and protocols and will oversee a new Parish Property Committee which has been established to ensure the proper maintenance of the churches, cemeteries, etc. Some sub-committees have even been formed to give particular and direct attention to specific needs, such as a Parish Hall Committee. All the background effort of the people involved in these 'bricks and mortar' committees will prove extremely beneficial to those promoting the 'pastoral' side of things.

We can't promise a donkey for Palm Sunday but we do hope to have a visit from Saint Paul during Holy Week, as we celebrate the 2000<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Birth. Do come and join us for the Holy Week liturgies (listed elsewhere in this newsletter) and we can celebrate together the saving work of Jesus Christ, and the living work of the Christian community of Dunhill & Fenor. May the Risen Lord bless you this Easter, and always.



Fr. Paul

## *Parish Notices*

### **Get Well Soon**

We send our best wishes to Fr. Purcell, and to all who are sick, for a speedy recovery and an assurance of a remembrance in our prayers.

### **Mass Times Change**

Our Saturday evening Mass at 7.00 p.m. will be celebrated in Dunhill, from Saturday, April 04<sup>th</sup>, until Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. There will not be a Saturday evening Mass in Fenor during this period. This is in line with recommendations made to Bishop Lee before Christmas. In October, the Mass will revert back to Fenor. This policy is up for review at the end of the year and comments and/or suggestions will be invited and welcomed at that time.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Dunhill, last week. We were delighted to welcome the Most Revd Dr William Lee, Bishop of Waterford & Lismore, to confirm the young people of this parish in their faith. We are very grateful also to the staff of both parish schools for all the faith-formation over the years and particularly for the preparation for the day itself. We wish these young boys and girls every blessing in the years ahead.



### **First Holy Communion**

The children in second class in both schools are continuing their preparation for their First Holy Communion. They celebrated their First Confession early in March and we wish them, their families, and their teachers all the best as they get ready for First Holy Communion. The ceremonies will take place in Dunhill, on Saturday, May 09<sup>th</sup>, and in Fenor, on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Holy Week**

The week begins with **Palm Sunday** and all are welcome to take some of the Blessed Palm home with them after the Masses. On **Monday** there is Confession during the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30p.m. in Dunhill. Bishop Lee has invited us all to the Mass of Chrism in the Cathedral at 10.30a.m. on **Holy Thursday**, the only Mass celebrated in the diocese on that morning. Our evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7.30p.m. in Fenor and your offerings for this years Trocaire Lenten Campaign may be handed in at that Mass. It would be a great help if you could empty your Trocaire box at home and exchange coins with notes but, either way, any donation will be gratefully received on Holy Thursday evening. **Good Friday** remains a day of fast and abstinence. We will commemorate the Stations of the Cross in Dunhill at 10.00a.m. The main celebration, the Lord's Passion will take place in Fenor at 3.00p.m and in Dunhill and 7.30p.m. On that day the Collection for the Holy Places is taken up. On **Holy Saturday** the Easter Vigil takes place after nightfall and so will begin at the Easter Fire at 9.00p.m. The idea of the Easter Fire spread, from Ireland, throughout the Christian world and is one of the great Irish contributions to the Universal Church. The Easter Water will be available for each home in the parish.

### **Lourdes Collection**

The door to door collection in aid of the Lourdes Fund will take place over the coming weeks in the Dunhill area.

## **mabs Helpline**

Money Advice & Budgeting Service

Problems paying off debts?

Experiencing **Financial Difficulty**?

Need advice on **Money Management**?

**CALL: 1890 283438**

## *Parish Notices*

### **Child Safeguarding in Dunhill & Fenor**

In line with our Diocesan Child Safeguarding Policy, all parishioners who are actively participating in the various parish groups (such as members of the Youth Group; Altar Servers and their parents; Ministers of the Word & Eucharist; members of the Baptismal Team; the Parish Pastoral Council and its sub-committees, etc.) are requested to attend an information meeting.

In order to accommodate everyone, two meetings have been organised but members of these groups need only attend either **ONE** of the meetings. The meetings will be held on **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. and on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m.** Both meetings will be held at the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre. Please mark one of these dates into your diary now as attendance at the meeting is extremely important for the sake of ensuring the very highest safeguarding standards in Dunhill & Fenor.

### *The Sacrament of Baptism*



We welcome into our Christian community those who were baptized recently in our parish: Niamh Donna Mary Allen; Ethan Eamonn Caulfield; Pippa Julie Roche; Caoilinn Clodagh Agnes Flynn; and Maya Ellen Hoban.

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

### *Marriages*

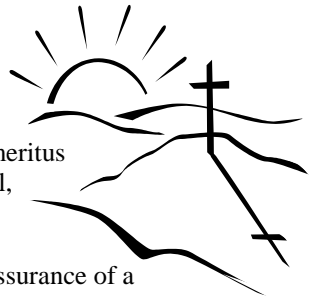
Congratulations to Alison Power and Thomas Mulhall who were married recently in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Dunhill. Best wishes for a long and happy marriage.

### *Deaths*

We record our sadness at the death Edward (Eddie) Torpey of Benvoy, Annestown; Kathleen (Kitty) Allen of Upper Dunhill; and Margaret (Mags) Sutherland of Whitestown, Annestown. We also record here the death of the Bishop Emeritus of Waterford & Lismore, Most Reverend Dr Michael Russell, who served as our bishop for 28 years.

*May they rest in peace.*

We extend to all the families our deepest sympathy and an assurance of a remembrance in our prayers.



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**Mass Times in Dunhill**

Saturday 7.00pm

Sunday: 11.00am

**Mass Times in Fenor**

Sunday 9.30am

**Church Services****Holy Week Timetable for Dunhill & Fenor 2009**

Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> March	Fenor	7.00p.m.	Confessions after Mass
Saturday	04 <sup>th</sup> April	Dunhill	7.00p.m.	Anticipated Palm Sunday Mass with Blessing of Palms
Palm Sunday	05 <sup>th</sup> April	Fenor	9.30a.m.	Blessing of Palms before Mass
Palm Sunday	05 <sup>th</sup> April	Dunhill	11.00a.m.	Blessing of Palms before Mass
Monday of Holy Week	06 <sup>th</sup> April	Dunhill	7.30p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Benediction
Holy Thursday	09 <sup>th</sup> April	Cathedral	10.30a.m.	Chrism Mass
Holy Thursday	09 <sup>th</sup> April	Fenor	7.30p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	Dunhill	10.00a.m.	Stations of the Cross
Good Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	Fenor	3.00p.m.	Solemn Celebration of the Passion
Good Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	Dunhill	7.30p.m.	Solemn Celebration of the Passion
Holy Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> April	Dunhill	9.00p.m.	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> April	Fenor	9.30a.m.	Mass of the Lord's Resurrection
Easter Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> April	Dunhill	11.00a.m.	Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

The Annual Easter Collection for the support of the Bishop and Priests will be taken up at all Masses on Easter Sunday. 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.

*This Newsletter is a publication of Dunhill & Fenor Parish Pastoral Council. We welcome articles, notices or announcements relating to parish activities. These can be given to any member of the council or emailed to dunhill.fenor@gmail.com*