



Dunhill & Fenor Parish Newsletter

Summer 2009



Introduction from the Chair of the Pastoral Council

Your Pastoral Council was established to promote the mission of the “People of God” in the Parish of Dunhill/Fenor. The council is a consultative group that represents the people of this Christian community for a three year period. This spring we agreed to a three year strategic plan that we hope will help address the needs and concerns of our local members. Much concern was expressed about diminishing congregations especially among the younger generation, the quality of liturgies, declining vocations and the role of Christ in our everyday lives.

The four strategic directions we agreed on are:

- O Create a welcoming Christian community with a deep sense of belonging
- O Involve more people in the liturgies and the provision of parish services.
- O Establish a youth programme that inspires young people to participate more fully in our community, improving the understanding of true Christian values.
- O Enable the spiritual development of our people, ensuring that the joy of Christ is active in our homes and throughout the Parish.

In a very competitive and problematic world we want to inspire our youth and harness their idealism and enthusiasm. We plan to make our liturgies thought provoking, enriching and more participative. We would like to celebrate all that is good around us while comforting neighbours and friends who have become disillusioned or who are going through difficult times in their lives.

We welcome feedback from parishioners concerning the plan. We look forward to hearing from members that wish to get more involved in the pastoral activities of the Parish. Thank you to Fr Paul & Fr Liam Power, the members of your Pastoral Council and everybody who has helped to formulate this three year strategic plan. We hope our efforts will have a positive impact on the lives of parishioners. Enjoy the summer and please be careful on the roads and on the water. God Bless.

Donal Lehane,
Chair Pastoral Council - Parish of Dunhill & Fenor

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Strategic Planning 2009

What are the things we will do in the next 12 months to implement our strategic plan?

Strategic Direction	January to March	April to June	July to September	October to December
Establish a youth programme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet young people - talk & listen (post Confirmation). 2. Establish a Youth Group 3. Involvement in Easter ceremonies. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have a Pre-exam Mass. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organise a youth pilgrimage. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage teenagers to share faith with primary school children in line with 'Do this in Memory' programme. 2. Hold a youth Service.
Develop a sense of belonging	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set up a communications team 2. Set up a social team. 3. Establish a Bereavement group. 4. Publish newsletter. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design a basic web site. 2. Commence parish census. 3. Publish newsletter. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have after mass tea & biscuits one Sunday. 2. Remember our dead through graveyard masses. 3. Publish newsletter. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have complete web site in place. 2. Publish newsletter.
Involve more people in a structured way	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish data base of all those involved in parish work. 2. Develop working group to enhance Parish properties. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have a Parish social outing. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrange a harvest celebration in conjunction with the Church of Ireland. 2. Commence documenting our parish history.
Enable spiritual development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organise community involvement in Paschal ceremonies. 2. Offer Eucharist under two Species during Holy Week. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organise May event to the grotto in Dunhill. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a Prayer group. 2. Organise Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3. Hold a Healing Mass. 4. Establish a Gospel group.

The Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into our Christian community those who were baptised recently in our parish: Aimee Grace Frances Power; David Aaron Schley; Luca Patrick John Power; Finley James Noel Avery; Freya Grace Avery; Daniel John Patrick Phelan; Megan Doyle; Conor Doyle; Abby Sharon Dunphy; Ryan Rhys Thomas; Charlie Michael Mooney; Nadine Anna Crowley; Emma May Coughlan; and Tilly Mai Coughlan.

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

Deaths

We record our sadness at the death of the following parishioner since our last newsletter: Mary O'Sullivan Kelly of Coolnacuppogue. *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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Mass Times in Dunhill
 Saturday 7.00pm
 Sunday: 11.00am



Mass Times in Fenor
 Sunday 9.30am

Parish Notices

The Annual Fisherman's Mass and blessing of the boats takes place this Saturday 27th June at 10.30 a.m. All are welcome.

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After 11.00am Mass in Dunhill on Sunday 5th July, tea & biscuits will be available for all. Please feel free to join us for a chat and a cuppa.

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The Graveyard Masses will be held on Friday 24th July in Dunhill and on Friday 31st July in Fenor. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

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The Dunhill & Fenor Youth Group Pilgrimage will take place on the 9th August. Please register your interest at dunhill.fenor@gmail.com. Further details later.

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The Summer Youth Festival takes place in Knock on the weekend of the 23rd to 26th July. This is aimed at 18 - 35 year olds and details can be found at www.knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival/.

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The Annual Dunhill Gymkhana and Dog Show will take place this year on the 12th July. Come along for a fun day out

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The Dunhill Lourdes Fund Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to the recent collection. All who travelled had a very enjoyable time and candles were lit for the intentions of those who helped in any way to make the pilgrimage a success.

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Best wishes to all the pupils and staff of Dunhill and Fenor National Schools for an enjoyable and well deserved summer break. A big thank you to the teachers for all the hard work throughout the year. Both schools reopen on Monday August 31st.

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Local Summer Camps

<u>Name</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact</u>
GAA Cul Camp	Dunhill GAA Pitch	13- 17 July	086 0640124
Fenor Camp	Fenor National School	29 June -31 July	086 3041447
Brill Dunhill Camp	Dunhill GAA Centre	6 July - 21 Aug	396333
IWS Swimming Lessons	Boatstrand Pier	27 - 31 July	085 1671038

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