

# Dunkhill & Fenor Parish Newsletter

Autumn 2009



## Mission Month

### Reach Out

October is the traditional month of universal mission and is an opportunity for Christians to demonstrate solidarity with their missionary brothers and sisters. Mission Sunday, organised on the second last Sunday in October each year, is the focal point of Mission Month.

Mission Sunday 2009, the theme for which is *Reach Out*, takes place on **18<sup>th</sup> October**. Through the celebration of Mission Sunday, Catholics are encouraged to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity, through prayer, sacrifice and financial contribution.

Each year the Mission Sunday collection is organised by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. In 2008 the Irish people contributed over €2.6million.

Funds raised are distributed to mission projects throughout the world and assist missionaries in reaching out to communities in need, both spiritually and materially.

**Please support the  
Mission Sunday  
collection on  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October.**

For further information please  
visit: [www.wmi.ie](http://www.wmi.ie)



## *A Note on Parish Finances*

Sincere thanks to all who regularly and generously contribute to the weekly collections. The present day-to-day running costs of both churches, houses, graveyards and hall amount to €5,000 approximately per month and the weekly offertory and envelope collections goes towards these ongoing costs. The boxes of collection envelopes to cover the next twelve months are at present being delivered to every house in the parish.

Special attention has to be drawn to the financial needs of the parish at this current time. The regular running costs do not take into account any unforeseen expenses that occur from time to time and while a number of issues have already been addressed there's still a great deal of work to be done.

Recently the driveway at the Parochial House in Fenor was resurfaced with tarmacadam at a cost of €12,800, though the Fenor Sale of Work contributed €1,500 towards that expense. The parish made a contribution of €1,000 to our neighbours in the Church of Ireland community towards the work being carried out on the roof of Annewstown Church. Fenor Church has had its exterior doors and gates painted but Dunhill Church and surrounds are in need of a considerable amount of work, the cost of which will be extensive.

For example:

- Painting of the church at a cost of about €7,000 will commence this week.
- To comply with Health & Safety regulations, emergency lighting battery packs must be installed and, in addition to various electrical works which have already been carried out, the electrical bill for Dunhill Church alone will cost a few thousand euro.
- Tarmac of the graveyard and area surrounding the church is planned before Christmas, as is the cleaning and restoration of the priests' graves. Initial estimates suggest that €18,000 to €22,000 will be required here.
- The choir gallery has new heaters and improved sockets installed and requires further work to facilitate the music ministry.

### *The Parish Hall*

Following a Health & Safety inspection the Parish Hall in Dunhill had to be closed and a program of works has been put in place to make it safe and available for use by groups and members of the community.

- Phase 1 will cost in the region of €11,000 and will involve electrical and fire safety works in the main hall itself.
- Phase 2 will cost about €25,000 and involves re-roofing the entire back area covering three rooms.

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## Mass Times Change

This time last year we received permission from Bishop Lee to amalgamate the two Saturday evening Masses. From 2009, to take account of numbers attending, pastoral, liturgical and financial implications. We are still in the transition period. The Saturday evening Mass will return to Fenor Church of this year. So, as from Saturday, 3rd October, the Parish Vigil Mass will be held at Fenor Church at the earlier time of 6.30 p.m.



and, during other months, which will see a three month period to Fenor

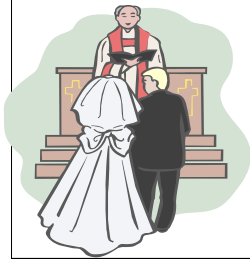
## *The Sacrament of Baptism*

We welcome into our Christian community those who were baptised recently in our parish: Theo Rocco Fitzgerald, Michael Patrick Hutchinson, Scott Benjamin Murray, Daniel Thomas Groves, Nessa Bridget McGrath, Daniel James O'Neill and Sophie Monique Doonan. We hope that they will come to know God's presence and love through their prayer with us each week.



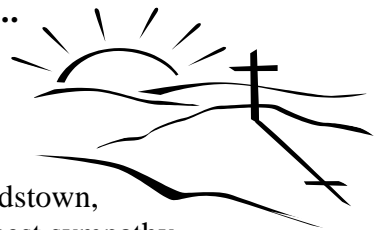
## *The Sacrament of Marriage*

Congratulations to the happy couples who were married recently in the parish: Joanne Curran & Greig Wilson, Jonathan Power & Alicja Furmaniewicz, Fiona McGrath & Cathal Comey. We wish them



## *The sadness of death...*

We record our sadness at the death of our parishioner Peter (Petie) Power, late of Upper Dunhill who died since our last newsletter was printed. We also remember William Chapman, (of the Religious Society of Friends) late of Woodstown, Annestown. We extend to both families our deepest sympathy and an assurance of a remembrance in our prayers. May they rest in peace.



*...gives way to the bright promise of eternal life.*

## *Can you lend a hand?*

We are always looking for new people to become involved in the various ministries and committees of the parish, or for Eucharistic Adoration. If you would like to volunteer for any particular service, or to offer yourself to help generally, we would be delighted to hear from you. Contact details on the back.

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- Phase 3 will cover installation of a toilet for the disabled, upgrading existing toilets and work throughout the rest of the building.

All the community groups using the hall have agreed to contribute to this refurbishment and for this the Parish is very grateful. However, the parish is the owner of the hall and its refurbishment will be a substantial financial drain.

Sincere thanks to all those who are involved in the ongoing work on the hall, churches and graveyards. The commitment, given voluntarily, is essential to the refurbishment and exemplify the community spirit for which Dunhill & Fenor is renowned.



### ***Your Contribution***

In these difficult economic times, when everybody is under pressure, we only ask that you give what you can, as often possible. These projects will only be possible if we all play our part and contribute towards our parish finances.

Everyone likes to see their church looking well for special occasions such as Holy Communion time, Confirmations, Weddings, and so on, but they forget, or are unaware of, the costs involved in achieving this. By returning our envelopes or giving a little extra to the offertory collection, we can maintain our parish properties to a standard of which we can all be proud. Your generosity will be greatly needed and much appreciated.

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