

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Newsletter

Christmas 2009



A Christmas Blessing

May there be harmony in all your relationships.
May sharp words and old hurts be quickly dissolved.

May the peace and hope of this Christmas season settle in your soul. May it be a foundation of courage when times of sorrow and distress come to visit you.

May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children awaken within you a renewed awareness and appreciation for the giftedness of life.



May the bonds of love for one another be strengthened as you gather your family and friends around the table of festivity and nourishment.

May you go safely towards Christmas Day and the New Year.

May the child of Bethlehem touch your life so that in the coming year you will be blessed with good health, safe

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 MASS TIMES

Saturdays at 6.30 p.m. in Fenor
Sundays at 9.30 a.m. in Fenor
Sundays at 11.00 a.m. in
Dunhill

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Dunhill: Wednesdays 3.00 - 6.00 p.m.
Fenor: Fridays 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Congratulations to all involved in the *Annual Fenor Sale of Work* which was a great success once again. Well done to all who put in such a huge effort.

The *Annual Christmas Collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul* was held outside both churches in the parish last weekend and sincere thanks to all who contributed to this worthy organisation.



The *Annual Community Care Christmas Party* took place last Sunday in Dunhill GAA Centre at 1.00 p.m. and a great time was had by all. Thanks to all who prepared the food and those who helped out on the day.

The *Sacrament of Confirmation* will be administered by Bishop Lee on Friday 23rd April 2010, in Fenor Church.

The *Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes* will take place from 06th to 11th June 2010. 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.

Congratulations to the boys and girls who were Enrolled as Candidates for *First Penance and First Holy Communion* at our first 'Do this in Memory' Programme Mass in Dunhill recently. The programme strengthens the links between faith development in the home, at school and in the parish and we're all very excited about this wonderful opportunity for the children and their parents. The second (of six) 'Do this in Memory' Masses will be celebrated in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, 24th January. The children will have their First Penance on Tuesday, 09th March, in Fenor Church and the First Holy Communion will be celebrated in Fenor Church on Saturday, 15th May and in Dunhill Church on 22nd May. We wish them well in their preparations.

A sincere thank you to all those who contribute to the **Weekly Church Collections**, especially with the economic climate we all find ourselves in at present. The painting of Dunhill Church is now complete and looking splendid. The pews in both church's will also be treated for woodworm and then varnished. Phase 2 of renovations of the hall, i.e. re-roofing the back section, are well under way and should be complete by Christmas. Following the recent break-in to Fenor Church, the wood to repair the damaged door was obtained from Coillte and the repairs completed.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated and your continued support no matter how small is always welcome and will be put to good use keeping our Parish properties properly maintained.

The Sacrament of Baptism

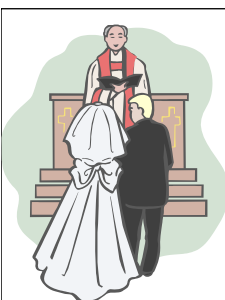
We welcome into our Christian community those who were baptised recently in our parish: Cathal Eoin Lynch, Freya Marie Higgins, Róisín Niamh McMahon, Finbarr Michael Murphy, John Luke Day, Hannah Bridget Ryan, Lucy Patricia Beresford, Diarmaid Conor Foran.



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

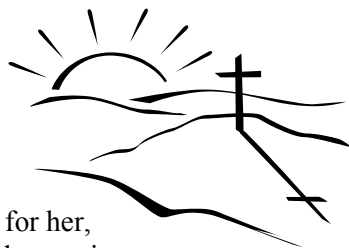
Marriages

Congratulations to Gillian Sauvage & Eric Corcoran and Catherine Greene & Michael Walsh who were married recently in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Fenor, and to Captain Geoff Curran and Emma Jay Long who were also married recently. We wish them all a lifetime of blessings and happiness.



Deaths

We record our sadness at the death in October of young Teresa Ann (Tess) Reilly-Smith who died in the loving and devoted care of Joe & Wilma Smith, Lisaviron. *May she rest in peace.*



We extend to Tess' family, and all those who cared for her, our deepest sympathy and an assurance of a remembrance in our prayers.

Christmas Arrangements



Christmas Reconciliation Services (Confessions) in the Pastoral Area

Tuesday, December 22nd	Holy Family Church, Waterford	7.15 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22nd	St Paul's Church, Lisduggan	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22nd	Holy Cross Church, Tramore	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 23rd	Sacred Heart Church, Dunhill	8.00 p.m.



Christmas Mass Times in Dunhill & Fenor Parish

Christmas Vigil	8.00p.m.	Dunhill Church
Midnight Mass	12 midnight	Fenor Church
Christmas Dawn Mass	9.30 a.m.	Fenor Church
Christmas Day Mass	11.00 a.m.	Dunhill Church

Mass Times for the Feast of the Epiphany (January 06th)

Tuesday, 5th January	6.30p.m.	Fenor Church
Wednesday 6th January	11.00a.m.	Dunhill Church

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



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