

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, July 25th, 2010

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☒ Sunday, July 25 th	Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, July 26 th	Both Churches at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, July 27 th	Both Churches at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 28 th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Both Churches at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 1.00 p.m.</i>
Thursday, July 29 th	Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, July 30 th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Both Churches at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon</i>
Saturday, July 31 st	Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in Dunhill Church on Wednesday from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 1.00 p.m. and in Fenor Church on Friday from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until **12.00 noon**
- The **Annual Cemetery Masses** will be celebrated in Fenor Cemetery on Thursday, August 05th, and in Dunhill Cemetery on Tuesday, August 10th. Why not check if your family grave needs a tidy up before the Mass?
- Saturday was the **Feast of St Declan**, a Patron of our Diocese. But who was he? Declan, a prince of the Decies Kingdom in Munster, was born in the 5th century. He was baptised by a priest named Colman, later to become St. Colman. When Declan was seven years old he studied under a sage called Dioma. This training continued for many years until Declan, taking with him some of his disciples, went to Rome for further instruction in Christianity. While in Rome the Pope consecrated Declan. Declan had a strong desire to return to Ireland and, according to legend, he had in his possession a miraculous black bell with which he summoned an empty vessel to carry him on his journey. The bell was placed in a rock and when Declan prayed the rock floated out to sea. He followed it and eventually, it led him to shore at Ardmore, Co. Waterford. There Declan worked conscientiously among the people and built a Church.
While returning to Ireland it is reported that Declan met St. Patrick. Declan and three other Bishops – Ibar, Cieran and Ailbe were evangelising in Ireland when St. Patrick arrived here. Declan did not confine his work to Ardmore and the Déise region but he also travelled further afield and especially to Cashel.
One of the most remarkable groups of ancient ecclesiastical remains in Ireland can be seen today in Declan's well-loved Ardmore – a beautiful and perfect Round Tower, a singularly interesting ruined Cathedral, the ruins of a second Church beside a holy well, a primitive oratory and some ogham-inscribed pillar stones.
Declan is an outstanding example of a Saint whose cult has not only survived, but has recently shown a marked revival. This is demonstrated by pilgrims, visitors and local people who are proud of St. Declan and the strong faith that they have inherited.
- There will be a **70's Boogie Night** on Saturday, July 24th, at 8.00 p.m. in aid of the Fenor Community Playground. Mother McHugh's will be packed with flares, wigs and platform shoes as the crowd boogie down to the sounds of the 70's. Great crack is promised with 70's disco, novelty acts and spot prizes, including best dressed on the night. There will be a €5 cover charge on the door and all proceeds will go towards the Fenor Community Playground.
- **Questions people ask**
Question. I talk to God and regularly apologise for my sins. I believe God forgives me. Why should I have to go to confession?
Answer. Your private chat with God is very important. However, since we are not isolated individuals but members of the one body, every sin is an offence against the Church. The sacrament celebrates reconciliation with the body of the Church. If there has been serious sin, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is necessary before receiving the Eucharist. The father of the prodigal might have accepted his son's apology privately but he preferred to make it a family celebration. Since God already knows your sins, regard the sacrament as a celebration of God's forgiveness within the family of the Church.
- Don't forget that on Saturday, August 07th, a **Sponsored Leisure Cycle** will take place in memory of Fr. Colm O'Brien, with all proceeds going to the South Eastern Cancer Foundation. For further information on the cycle please visit: www.frcolmobrienmemorialcycle.com or contact David on 087-7415999.
- Last week's **Parish Collection** totalled: Masses €498.73 & Envelopes €497.00. Thank you.