

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 05th December 2010 www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie

✘ Sunday, December 05th <i>Second Sunday of Advent – Year A</i>	Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, December 06th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 07th	Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.
✘ Wednesday, December 08th <i>Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.</i>	Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. <i>(No formal adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Dunhill today)</i>
Thursday, December 09th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, December 10th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon</i>
Saturday, December 11th	Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a **holyday of obligation**. Masses will be celebrated in Fenor Church on Tuesday evening at 6.30 p.m. and in Dunhill Church on Wednesday morning at 11.00 a.m. We will not have formal adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday.
- There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in Fenor Church on Friday from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon.
- **Dunhill National School** will re-open this Monday, December 06th. Monday was scheduled to be a staff in-service day but the school will now re-open to the students to help make up some of the days missed due to the snow.
- The **Annual Sale of Work** at Fenor National School has been postponed until next Sunday, December 12th. All the money raised will be ploughed back into the community so we urge you to come and enjoy this fun day in the parish. Of course, Santa will be coming too so that will make it even more special for the children.
- The **Annual Community Care Christmas Party** has also been postponed due to the severe weather conditions. We hope to hold the party in a few weeks time, to brighten the dark, dreary days of January.
- The Annual Society of **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection** will be taken up outside both churches next weekend, December 11th and 12th. Please give as generously as you can.
- There will be a Table Quiz in aid of the **Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association** in Harney's Pub, Dunhill, this Thursday, December 09th. Teams of 4 - €20. All are welcome and any support would be greatly appreciated.
- An **Advent Reflection Series** in preparation for Christmas, continues on the Monday evenings of Advent: 06th, 13th & 20th December in the Edmund Rice Centre at Mount Sion at 7:30 p.m. The talks will be based on the Advent Season and its readings, the Gospel of Matthew, and the Psalms. Presenters will be Father Michael Mullins of Ballybricken and Brother Stephen Hale of Mount Sion. All are welcome! For further information call 051 874390.
- The Parish Pastoral Council is considering the possibility of organising a **Parish Pilgrimage to Rome** from Monday, June 20th to Friday, June 24th 2011. Please note that the dates are earlier than previously advertised due to the Tall Ships' Festival in Waterford. Prices for the proposed pilgrimage work out at approximately €835 per person sharing which includes return package from Cork, four nights Half Board, entrance to some attractions, English-speaking tour guide throughout, one full-day and two-half day tours. If you are interested in further details please give us your contact details and if there is sufficient interest we will proceed with planning the pilgrimage. Friends and relations outside the parish would also be welcome.
- Advent reminds us that Christ's love encompasses everyone, in all nations. Let us remember the people in the developing world who struggle every day to find enough food to survive or don't know how they will keep their children safe. Help them through **Trocaire's Christmas Global Gift appeal**. www.trocaire.org/globalgift
- **Questions people ask** - Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Question: I feel Advent is devoured by the extended Christmas festival. What should I look out for in Advent?
Answer: The liturgy of Advent offers the opportunity to explore the W-experiences of life ... waiting patiently for answers; winter of the spirit; the wilderness of tempting spirits; the womb of Mary as she is excited by the news of the Saviour. The readings of Advent nurture the great virtue of hope as we wait on God to lead us out of the desert of our present tribulations. The repeated prayer of Advent is 'Come, Lord Jesus, come.'
- We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Margaret Power as the new **Parish Secretary**. Sponsored by FÁS, Margaret will be available to update parish records at the office in Dunhill Church. (Tel: 051-396892)
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €423.79 & Envelopes €275.94. Thank you for your continued support.