

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 26th December 2010 www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie

☒ Sunday, December 26th <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Bank Holiday Monday, December 27th	Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Bank Holiday Tuesday, December 28th	Fenor Church at 11.00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 29th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon</i>
Thursday, December 30th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, December 31st <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, January 01st, 2011	Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. <i>Happy New Year everybody!</i>

- We extend a very special '**Céad Míle Fáilte**' to all visitors to our parish this weekend; especially those who have come home to be with family members and friends this Christmas. We pray that you will enjoy your stay among us and carry treasured memories with you when you leave.
- The **Annual Christmas Collection** for the support of the Bishop and the Priests is being taken up at all Masses this weekend. Please give as generously as you can. We offer our sincere thanks to the volunteers who prepare and distribute envelopes to all the homes in the parish. We deeply appreciate everybody's generosity this Christmas.
- There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in Dunhill Church on Wednesday from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon and in Fenor Church on Friday from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon.
- The **Society of St Vincent De Paul** wish to thank everyone for their wonderful generosity at the annual collection recently. Thank you also to everyone who helped in any way to make the annual collection a success.
- Congratulations to all involved in the recent **Annual Sale of Work** at Fenor National School. The day was a great community event and it raised much needed funds for the further development of the area.
- Congratulations to the boys and girls of **Fenor National School** who raised € 244.50 at their Carol Service for the benefit of the WLRfm / Lions Club Christmas Hamper Appeal. Well done to all involved.
- Congratulations to Dr Senan Cooke on his wonderful new book **A History of the GAA in Kilmacow 1884-2010** which was launched recently by the legendary Mícheál Ó Muirheartaigh.
- On behalf of all the parishioners of our parish, we would like to extend a very **sincere and heartfelt word of gratitude** to all those who helped out in any way in our parish over the past year. In particular, we thank the members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council and all their sub-committees; Mary Power & Ita O'Reilly who take such great care in looking after the sacristies and the churches; and all those who help them throughout the year; all who help with the upkeep of all the parish properties, the Property Committee and all its advisors; those who decorate the churches throughout the year with beautiful floral arrangements; those who work in the background with things that need doing, such as erecting cribs and Christmas trees, fixing things, changing things, mending things, and so many other things which need doing throughout the year. We thank our former secretary Julie Hunt and our new secretary Margaret Power for their dedication; those who distribute envelopes; collectors in church and those who count the collection weekly; the musicians and choirs who lead us in song and especially for all the extra work they do for the major liturgies; Ministers of the Word and Eucharist; and the Altar Servers for their commitment and service. We thank the teachers in both schools for helping to pass on the faith to our children. We also thank Fr Purcell for his presence and ministry in our parish, and all the priests who help out from time to time when asked. May the peace of the child Jesus be with you all this Christmas and throughout the coming year.
- **Questions people ask** - Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Question: Was it foretold in the Old Testament that the Messiah would live in Nazareth?
Answer: It wasn't foretold. In fact Nazareth is never mentioned in the Old Testament. It was a good place for Joseph to get a job as it was close to the new town of Sephoris which Herod was constructing. The Gospel of Matthew has an outrageous pun on the word nazir which means somebody consecrated to God. People were so gobsmacked at the notion that the Messiah might come from Nazareth that it was remarked, 'Can anything good come from Nazareth.'
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €486.46 & Envelopes €699.00. Thank you for your continued support.