

✘ Sunday, July 24 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.	<i>Feast Day of St Declan of Ardmore Patron of our Diocese</i>
Monday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.	
Tuesday, July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.	
Wednesday, July 27 <sup>th</sup> <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, July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.	
Friday, July 29 <sup>th</sup> <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, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.	

- The annual **Sacristans Collection** is being taken up in both churches this weekend. The job of the Sacristan is an unpaid, seven-days-a-week job and we are really grateful to Mrs Mary Power and Mrs Ita O'Reilly for their dedication and commitment. This weekend is our opportunity to show our appreciation for them and for what they do for our parish community. Please give as generously as you can.
- **Is the Mass changing?** The structure of the Mass is not changing. Its order and the actions of the Mass remain unchanged. The readings at Mass are not changed. However, with the introduction of the new edition of Roman Missal we will notice a change in how the Mass sounds. The translations of a significant number of our prayer texts from the original Latin have changed – sometimes by just a change in a particular word or in the word order. Prayers that we have become used to reciting by memory will need to be relearned. Prayers that we are used to hearing the priest say will sound different to us. The style of language we will hear and pray may seem more formal to us and perhaps, in parts, more complex. But over time, with the praying of these texts, the sound of the Mass will again become familiar to us. We will start introducing these next texts in September.
- The recent media coverage has made us aware of the **dreadful drought** which is affecting large parts of the East Africa region and is endangering the lives of up to 12 million people. Trócaire informed us that all the precursors of famine exist across the region following a number of failed rains over several years. This has brought about a situation where water is very scarce, fodder for animals is almost non-existent in the worst-affected areas, and malnutrition is now widespread among children. Trócaire has been involved in work with many of these communities in recent years and now hopes to increase the level of its response. Already the agency is providing health and nutrition services to over 200,000 people in Somalia and in Kenya and Ethiopia is involved in livestock, irrigation and water supply management, and food and cash for work programmes. Trócaire has said that these are among the most vulnerable people in the world, particularly because of conflict in the region as well as changing weather patterns. For these reasons we are responding positively to Trócaire's appeal to hold a collection in our parish next weekend, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July. Some people may have contributed already but there will be an opportunity at Masses next weekend for anyone who wishes to make a contribution.
- "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field..." **What is the treasure of your heart?** To receive and live the Gospel is to be rich beyond measure. Have you ever thought of following Jesus as diocesan priest? To learn more about the vocation to the **priesthood** contact Fr Billy Meehan at 052-612 2954/ 086-2478866.
- Anyone interested in participating in the **Fr Colm O'Brien Memorial Cycle** on 06<sup>th</sup> August can find out more details and register on the website: [www.frcolmobrienmemorialcycle.com](http://www.frcolmobrienmemorialcycle.com)
- Remember that the Fenor **Barn Dance** is taking place on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> August. Mark it in your diary.
- Have you signed up to be a volunteer at the **50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress** next year? Why not take a look at the website, [www.iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie), and see if there's anything you can get involved in.
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap Email [silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)  
**Q.** How might a person apply the parable of the hidden treasure to life today? **What is this hidden treasure?**  
**A.** This is one of seven parables about the kingdom of God. The kingdom, or reign of God, means that a person accepts the importance of God in life and resolves to live by God's law. It is the key to inner peace. Sadly, for many the treasure remains hidden because they search in the wrong places. As C. S. Lewis put it, there is a God-shaped emptiness in the human heart. Knowing Christ Jesus is a treasure awaiting discovery.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €407.06 & Envelopes €394.98. Thank you for your continued support.