Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, September 25th, 2011 www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie

✤ Sunday, September 25 th	Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m.
26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, September 26 th	Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 27 th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 28 th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon
Thursday, September 29 th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, September 30 th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Fenor Church from 10.30 a.m. until 12.00 noon
Saturday, October 01 st	Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- The <u>Annual Autumn Collection</u> 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. Sincere thanks to the volunteers who distributed the envelopes.
- The **Defibrillators** for Dunhill and Fenor have recently been purchased and we are hosting a meeting to organise a team of Cardiac First Responders who will be available in the event of an emergency. Many people in our community have been trained in Cardiac First Response through their workplace or other organisations and we would be delighted if all such people could make themselves available for the meeting which will be held in the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre this Monday evening, 26th September, at 8.00 p.m. Representatives of the HSE will also be in attendance to give us some advice and help us make the best decisions for our community.
- Over the next few weekends the <u>Parish Pastoral Council</u> (PPC) will be distributing nomination forms for new members of the council. A PPC is essentially a visionary body that plans for the future needs of the parish. Rather than simply dealing with issues as they arise, the PPC looks ahead and creates the structures needed for a well run parish, encourages parishioners to participate, and provides them with any training or facilities that they might require. The PPC is a consultative body its purpose is not to run the parish but to assist and advise the priest in his pastoral duties. A parish meeting will be held on *Tuesday*, 11th October, in the Dunhill Education Centre at 8.00 p.m. At this meeting the purpose of the PPC and the role of its members will be explained. Every parishioner is invited to nominate one or more persons, including themselves, for council membership. In any case, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting. Nomination forms are available in both churches.
- Thank you to the parents who have applied for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for their children during the coming year. This weekend we called the children by name and enrolled them as candidates preparing for these Sacraments. This was the first of ten <u>**'Do this in Memory'**</u> Masses throughout the year, which the children's parents will help to organise and participate in. We wish them the very best in their preparations. The children will celebrate their First Confession on Monday, 26th March 2012 and will receive their First Holy Communion in Fenor Church on Saturday, 12th May, or in Dunhill Church on Saturday, 19th May 2012.
- Thanks to all who joined us for Mass on Friday evening to celebrate and honour those who are celebrating significant <u>wedding anniversaries</u> this year, and to all who made it the wonderful occasion it was.
- A coffee morning will be held in aid of <u>Waterford Hospice</u> this (Sunday) morning after 9.30 a.m. Mass until 12.30 p.m. in Mother McHugh's in Fenor. Please call in and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.
- Dunhill National School has established a <u>'Before & After School Service'</u> which is now running from 8.00 a.m. until 9.10 a.m. and from 2.00 p.m. until 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. The service caters for all children attending Dunhill N.S. and is located in its own dedicated room within the school grounds. Please contact Alison Johnson on 396383 for information or bookings.

<u>Questions people ask</u> – *Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email* silvesteroflynn80@gmail.com
Q. I don't mean to sound disrespectful, but if Our Lady is regularly transmitting messages to certain visionaries, then why did she not send a warning about a tsumami which caused so many deaths and suffering in Japan? A message would have saved so much suffering. A. Actually I too wrestle with the same question. In my mind it raises the question of the authenticity of these visions and messages. I have no doubts about Mary's concern for her children on earth. These messages, as far as I know, never address the great problems of injustice, war, or famine.

• Last week's Parish Collection: Masses €466.28 & Envelopes €533.20. Thank you for your continued support.