

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, December 04th, 2011 www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie

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| ✘ Sunday, December 04th <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> | Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. |
| Monday, December 05th | Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. |
| Tuesday, December 06th | Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, December 07th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> | Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. (Vigil Mass for the Holyday) <i>Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon</i> |
| ✘ Thursday, December 08th <i>Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.</i> | Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. |
| Friday, December 09th <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 10th | Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. |

- Keep Christ at the heart of Christmas this year by asking for **Christian cards and stamps** when you go shopping.
- Many thanks to all who turned up for the **Child Safeguarding** meetings over the past two weeks. All those who are involved in parish work and who missed the meetings should collect an envelope in the sacristy as soon as possible so as to have the forms completed and returned before Christmas.
- The **Annual Sale of Work** at Fenor National School takes place today (Sunday) starting at 1.30 p.m. 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 **Dunhill Community Market** is being revived after the 11.00 a.m. Mass today (Sunday) in the marquee behind Harney's Pub. Come along and see the range of products on offer.
- The **Annual Community Care Christmas Party** will take place next Sunday, December 11th, in the G.A.A. Centre, Dunhill. It is always a great occasion when the seniors in our community come together. We hope that all the usual volunteers will help out on the day and new volunteers are always welcome.
- The **new rosters** for the Ministers of the Word and Eucharist in Fenor Church are now available in the sacristy.
- The Annual Society of **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection** will be taken up outside both churches next weekend, December 10th and 11th. The Society is broke at the moment so please give as generously as you can.
- The 2011 **Public Annual General Meeting of DFBA** Community Enterprises Ltd is set for Wednesday week, 14th December, at 8.00 p.m. in the Dunhill Education Centre. Everyone is welcome as updates will be given on a number of community projects, including the Dunhill/Fenor Recreation Trail; the Diaspora / Genealogy project; and the proposed hot meals for the elderly in the community. An interesting meeting is planned.
- Congratulations to the staff, board, committee & volunteers of Dunhill Multi-Education Centre for scooping the new **Social Enterprise Award** at the 2011 Waterford County Community Forum Awards. Passage East & Crooke Development took the overall award, taking over from last year's winners Fenor Play Park. Well done to all!
- **The Memorial Acclamation.** The introduction to the memorial acclamation is now simply the words 'The Mystery of Faith'. The 1975 Missal gave us five acclamations whereas in the new edition we find four. The first acclamation is a new translation of the Latin text that the acclamations 'Christ has died...' and 'Dying you destroyed our death...' were both based upon. These familiar acclamations do not appear anymore. There is almost no change in the second acclamation 'When we eat this Bread...'. In the third acclamation, now beginning 'Save us, Saviour of the world' there is a change to the current word order. The acclamation 'My Lord and my God' is included for Ireland. **The Doxology.** The Eucharistic Prayer concludes with the Doxology (*which is the priest's prayer*) and the people's response 'Amen'. The doxology now sounds slightly different as it will follow more closely the original word order of the Latin. The people's assent 'Amen', remains the Great Amen!
- A National **Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat for Young People** aged 16-35 takes place at Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th December. It's an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends! There is no charge for the weekend but donations are accepted. Special buses are available from some locations. Visit their website at www.youth2000.ie or contact the Youth 2000 office (01 6753690 or 085 8289231) for further information.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €485.34 & Envelopes €790.50. Thank you for your continued support.