

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, New Year's Day 2012 www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie

<p>✘ Sunday, January 01st <i>New Year's Day</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Happy New Year! </div>
<p>Monday, January 02nd</p>	<p>Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. (<i>Bank Holiday</i>)</p>	
<p>Tuesday, January 03rd</p>	<p>Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Wednesday, January 04th</p>	<p>Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Adoration in Dunhill Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon</i></p>	
<p>Thursday, January 05th</p>	<p>Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. (<i>Vigil Mass for the Epiphany</i>)</p>	
<p>✘ Friday, January 06th <i>Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord</i></p>	<p>Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. (<i>Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord</i>) Arrival of the Eucharistic Congress Bell in Tramore at 7.00 p.m.</p>	
<p>Saturday, January 07th</p>	<p>The Eucharistic Congress Bell leaves Tramore after 10.00 a.m. Mass Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. (<i>Vigil for Sunday</i>)</p>	

- Thank you for your contribution to the **Annual Christmas Collection** for the support of the Bishop and the Priests which was taken up recently. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- The **Altar Servers** and junior Choir members have an outing this Wednesday. The children should arrive at Storm Cinema in Waterford at 11.15 a.m. Remember that a parental consent form for each child must be returned before the event. These forms are available at the sacristy.
- Friday is the Solemnity of the **Epiphany of the Lord** and it is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated in Fenor Church on Thursday evening at 6.30 p.m. and in Dunhill Church on Friday morning at 11.00 a.m.
- Friday is also the **First Friday** of January and Fr Paul will be visiting the sick and housebound with the Sacraments. If you, or anyone you know, would like to celebrate Confession, Anointing of the Sick or to receive the Eucharist please let us know as soon as possible.
- The **Eucharistic Congress Bell** is the main symbol and the clarion call for people to be aware of the great international event which is taking place in Dublin in June. The Bell itself is presently on pilgrimage around the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore and we will have an opportunity to join the celebrations at Holy Cross Church in Tramore next weekend. On **Friday**, the Bell will be carried into the Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.00 p.m. by representatives from Tramore, Carbally, Dunhill and Fenor. Prayers will be said following which Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 p.m. There will be a period of Eucharistic Adoration after Mass, culminating in Night Prayer and Benediction at 9.30 p.m. On **Saturday** morning, the church will open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer will be celebrated at 9.30 a.m. and Holy Mass at 10.00 a.m. Dunhill Choir will lead the music during this Mass. The Bell will be taken from the church at 10.30 a.m. en route to the Parish of Killea. Adult **volunteers** are needed from Dunhill & Fenor to carry the Bell and senior primary school children are needed to carry symbols on both days. If you would like to represent our parish please let us know in the parish office.
- Next Sunday, January 08th, is the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** and we have invited the parents of all the babies baptised in the parish during 2011 to bring their children to the 11.00 a.m. Mass for a blessing and to refill their Holy Water bottles with the water which will be blessed at that Mass. Don't forget to bring your own Holy Water bottle to any Mass next Sunday so that you can refill it for use during the coming weeks.
- Dunhill Multi Education Centre is delighted to welcome the beginning of **Winter Lectures 2012** with Mr. Julian Walton of WLR's "On This Day". Lectures start on Thursday week, January 12th, at 8.00 p.m. There's a new lower rate of €5 per lecture or €35 paid on the first night for all 8 lectures and the price includes refreshments.
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com

Q. While I do have devotion to Mary, I hesitate at calling her the Mother of God. How could any human being be the mother of God who existed long before her?

A. A little history lesson might help. Nestorians claimed that Jesus was only human, not divine, when born of Mary and that divine powers were somehow bestowed on him later in life. The Council of Ephesus, 431, rejected this teaching and declared that Jesus, born of Mary, was not only human but truly divine at all times. As a consequence, Mary can be called Mother of God, not from all eternity but as his human body was formed in her womb. It is said that when the people of Ephesus heard the Council's declaration they danced around chanting 'Holy Mary, Mother of God' and this was the beginning of the second half of the Hail Mary.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €1,608.31 & Envelopes €929.03. Thank you for your continued support.