

# Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 08<sup>th</sup> January 2012 [www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie](http://www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie)

✘ <b>Sunday, January 08<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
<b>Monday, January 09<sup>th</sup></b>	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until noon</i>
<b>Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until noon</i>
<b>Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. ( <i>Do This in Memory Mass</i> )

- 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.
- We extend a special welcome this weekend to all those who have been **baptised in the parish during 2011** and their parents, godparents and families. We celebrated the Sacrament with 34 children during 2011; which almost matched the 35 baptised in the parish during 2010. During today's 11.00 a.m. Mass we will ask God to renew his blessing on each of the children, present or not, and their families. We also take this opportunity to thank all the members of the parish **Baptismal Team** who are available to each family prior to the baptism to help deepen the understanding of the sacrament and the various elements of the Rite of Baptism.
- Our **Child Safeguarding Committee** is continuing to process the paperwork submitted by those helping out in the parish. If you haven't already returned your forms please do so as soon as possible so as to save the committee having to come to you for them. Anyone who hasn't yet received forms should collect them in the sacristy today.
- The **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** has asked us to thank everyone who supported their annual Christmas collection. Your response to the appeal was extremely generous and your contributions will allow the society to provide assistance to the needy in the parish during the year ahead. Funding is provided by the community for the benefit of the community and the society will continue in a confidential manner to offer both financial and moral support where it is required. They will respond to all appeals received and can be contacted on the Lo-Call number 1850 200 851 or by correspondence to their office at 2, Convent Hill, Tramore.
- 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 this Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- Sincere thanks to all the golfers who took part in the annual Christmas Golf Outing in aid of the **Dunhill Lourdes Fund**, especially Tombo White for the organising, Harney's for the food and Brendan O'Brien of the Gold Coast Golf Club for their generous donation to the fund. Thanks also to the Dunhill G.A.A. and Squash Clubs for the substantial collection taken up on the night of the medal presentation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- The **Theology Symposium** is a meeting of graduates in theology and academics to reflect on the theme "The Eucharistic Ecclesiology of Communion Fifty Years after Vatican II". It takes place in St Patrick's College, Maynooth, from 6<sup>th</sup> until 9<sup>th</sup> June 2012, the week before the 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress. There will be plenary sessions, seminars and liturgies enriched by expert contributions from international scholars across the disciplines of Theology. Read more about the Symposium and book online: [www.iec2012.ie/theologysymposium](http://www.iec2012.ie/theologysymposium)
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn, OFM Cap. Email [silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)  
**Q.** The Gospel of Mark will be used on Sundays this year. What should I look out for in Mark? **A.** Mark is a great storyteller with the gift of bringing the reader right into the heart of the action. You will read of Jesus establishing eye contact with people or reaching out to touch people. This is a great Gospel for the sort of meditation that asks you to put yourself into the scene and become part of the story. Mark moves the story forward at a great pace and develops a sense of drama. He presents Jesus as a victim of misunderstanding and rejection. It seems as if his mission was a failure as Jesus dies with a cry of desolation, 'My God, why have you forsaken me?' But just then, dramatic things happen and the Roman centurion declares Jesus to be the Son of God. There is a powerful message of hope in this portrait of Jesus in solidarity with those who suffer injustice, misunderstanding and rejection.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €421.13 & Envelopes €699.50. Thank you for your continued support.