Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 29th January 2012

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✤ Sunday, January 29 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. <i>Catholic Schools Week begins</i>
Monday, January 30 th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 31 st	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 01 st	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
St Brigid, Secondary Patron of Ireland	Adoration in Dunhill Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until noon
Thursday, February 02 nd	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, February 03 rd	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. and Blessing of Throats
St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr	Adoration in Fenor Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until noon
Saturday, February 04 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

• <u>"Catholic Schools Week: Christ's living body active in our world"</u>

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is "Catholic Schools: Christ's living body active in our world." The theme is taken from the anthem of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress, *'Though we Are Many'*, (written by Bernard Sexton), and reflects the overall theme of the Eucharistic Congress - "The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another." Verse 3 of the hymn is: "And through this shared Eucharist we are a living Church. We witness to Christ's love, His living body active in our world."

This year's Catholic Schools Week reflects on the school as a community having as its goal the full development of the pupil. Catholic schools consist of pupils, staff members, parents, school management, chaplains and patrons. They form a vital part of the local community. The proverb says "it takes a whole village to rear a child" and in its own way each school mirrors the local community in its nurturing concern for its pupils. The school and its teachers support parents and their parish in the Christian initiation of children. When the Catholic school community celebrates Mass they partake of the body of the Lord by participating in the elements of the liturgy. Truly the school is taken up into communion with Christ, and everyone in the school community with each other.

- Friday is the **First Friday** of February 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 at the parish office (396892) as soon as possible.
- The <u>50th International Eucharistic Congress</u> will take place in June this year and the Waterford & Lismore Diocesan Pilgrimage Day will be Thursday, 14th June. We have booked a bus and tickets for the event so if you would like to travel on this pilgrimage with us please contact the parish office where tickets will be available shortly. The cost of the pilgrimage is €40 per person (€30 for the event admission and €10 for the bus). This does not include meals on the day. For further information on that day's activities please see www.iec2012.ie or call into our parish office at Dunhill Church (Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m. 051 396892).
- Our <u>Child Safeguarding Committee</u> 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 <u>6th Annual Anne Valley 5-mile Challenge</u> will take place in the parish on Saturday, 11th February, starting at 12 noon. Father Paul and some other parishioners have volunteered to take on the challenge to raise much needed funds for Dunhill & Fenor Community Care. Anyone interested in raising money for this organisation can collect a sponsorship card at the church sacristy or any member of the Community Care Committee. Registration for the event itself can be completed online at www.annevalleyrunning.webs.com or on the day in Harney's Pub.

Questions people ask - Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Q. Do you believe in the devil or is it just a notion from the times before modern psychiatry and understanding of the psyche? A. Don't underestimate the wisdom of olden times as shown in sophisticated mythology. I certainly do believe in the reality and power of evil spirits who would lead people astray into a quagmire of badness. The evidence of evil is all around us. Jesus said that the devil is a murderer from the beginning and the father of lies (John 8:44). Lies, especially when masquerading as half-truths confuse the mind. He called the devil the prince of this world but added that he was about to cast him out (John 12:31). The last petition of the Lord's Prayer is for deliverance from the evil one. If Jesus took the evil influence of the devil seriously, we should do likewise.

• Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €466.07 & Envelopes €494.20. Thank you for your continued support.