Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 13th May 2012

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▼ Sunday, May 13 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, May 14 th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 7.30 p.m. (1st Anniversary for Ted Stokes R.I.P.)
Tuesday, May 15 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 16 th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Dunhill Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon
Thursday, May 17 th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, May 18 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Fenor Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon
Saturday, May 19 th	First Holy Communion Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- Congratulations to the boys and girls who received their <u>First Holy Communion</u> in Fenor Church last weekend. The children of Dunhill will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday. Remember them in your prayers.
- The <u>Annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund</u> will be taken up in both churches next weekend. There is a yellow envelope in your box of envelopes at home for this purpose. Each parish in the diocese must pay €2,000 annually, per priest working in the parish, as a contribution to the support of the retired priests of the diocese. Please give as generously as you can to next week's collection.
- Dunhill Multi-Education Centre will host its monthly <u>Coffee Mornings for Seniors and Friends</u> this Wednesday, 16th May, at 11.00 a.m. Big Mike will entertain everybody with renditions of humorous, thoughtful and cleverly written monologues and recitations from his CD which was launched last week. Cost is €5 to cover refreshments.
- The <u>Dunhill Cemetery Committee</u> has been active recently in tidying Dunhill Cemetery and making it a safer place. Many parishioners have offered their services on a voluntary basis and we are most grateful. The work is moving a step further at this stage as we hope to level the graves by raising those which have sunk, and topping those which haven't. Grass seed will then be planted in the hope of beautifying the area and making it easier to cut grass and maintain the graves. Old headstones that are in danger of falling over will be supported and withered wreaths will be removed after a certain amount of time. We would hope that parishioners would still care for and maintain their family plots but the work of the Cemetery Committee will support those efforts. If you have any questions or comments about the cemetery or if you would like to assist the committee in its work please write to: The Cemetery Committee, Dunhill Parish Office, Dunhill Church, or email office@dunhillandfenorparish.ie.
- The theme for the **50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012** (IEC2012) is 'Communion with Christ and with One Another'. *Communion with Christ*: God is a communion of life and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are constantly being drawn into that communion of love by God's action, in the invitation offered to us by the Son and kept before us through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Sacrament of Baptism, by which we become members of Christ's body, is 'oriented towards the Eucharist' which completes our initiation and draws us into Communion with Christ. It is Jesus who invites us to participate in the Eucharist as a mark of His love. It is to His Word that we listen in the Gospel. It is His Body and Blood that we receive. It is in his name that we are sent out. *Communion with One Another*: We are drawn into a communion of life in the Sacrament of Baptism. That communion is strengthened and nourished in the Eucharist. We are not invited to the table of the Lord simply as individuals. We sit together as we listen to His Word. We 'partake of the one bread'. Like the first disciples, we are sent out, not alone but together. For more about the IEC, see www.iec2012.ie.
- Questions people ask Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
 - Question: At Sunday Mass in my parish we have no organist or choir but another woman and I go to the ambo to encourage people to sing and I sing the Responsorial Psalm. However, I received a very bitter letter telling me I had no right to go to the ambo or to receive Holy Communion from the chalice. Am I doing wrong?

 Answer: I wish there were more like you! The Psalm is part of the Liturgy of the Word and the ambo is the correct place. As for receiving from the chalice, not only the cantor but all communicants should receive under both species when it is feasible. I suspect that your letter writer is influenced by a certain movement trying to undo the liturgical forms and take us back to the way things were. And women had no place near the altar in those days.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €374.89 & Envelopes €457.11. Thank you for your continued support.