

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 19th August 2012

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☒ Sunday, August 19th <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, August 20th – <i>St Bernard of Clairvaux</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 21st – <i>St Pius X</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 22nd – <i>The Queenship of the B.V.M.</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon</i>
Thursday, August 23rd	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, August 24th – <i>St Bartholomew, Apostle</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon</i>
Saturday, August 25th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- Congratulations to those who received their **Leaving Certificate** results this week. We hope that the college offers work out in your favour and assure you of our prayers as you make important decisions about your future.
- We are delighted to be welcoming the **Comboni Missionaries** to our parish next weekend. The primary aim of the Comboni Missionaries is to tell the Good News of Jesus Christ to people who have not yet heard it. Their Missionaries approach such people, study their language and customs, and help them lead lives worthy of their human dignity by promoting health-care, education and socio-economic development. Through these activities they learn how to express the Gospel message in terms that the people can grasp and be comfortable with, while their example of compassion and concern causes the message of Christ to be heard in a context of ‘love God and love your neighbour as yourself’.

People who are baptised are the first to spread the Gospel in the wider area around the Mission. Other groups form, with a Church teacher or Catechist as leader and guide. As the Christian Community grows and develops, the Catechists are given formal training, and groups of Catholics in particular areas elect leaders and form ‘Chapel Councils’. Pastoral visits for instruction in the faith and the celebration of the Sacraments are continuously programmed to the out-lying chapels, while a centre is built in the Mission for the catechumens who are in their final stages of instruction for Baptism. The newly-baptised are then gradually introduced into the Christian way of life through preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage.

Young people who show signs of wanting to be priests, brothers or sisters are encouraged to study for their chosen vocation. Seminaries and other training centres appear, and eventually local priests take over the pastoral care of their people, while local Sisters work in the schools and hospitals. Finally the missionary bishop gives way to a local Bishop. The Comboni Missionaries know that their ultimate aim in life is to ‘work themselves out of a job’! With the help of the Holy Spirit, the local Church gradually reaches self-sufficiency when it is self-supporting, self-ministering and self-propagating, and the successors of the first Comboni Missionaries move on to other peoples who still await the proclamation of the Good News of the Kingdom.

If you would like to read more about the Comboni Missionaries check out their website at www.comboni.org.uk. They will preach at all Masses next weekend and will take up a collection to help their missionary work.

- Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the **Annual Graveyard Collection** recently. Your support, totalling €1743.47, is greatly appreciated and will help us to keep the cemeteries looking well during the months ahead.
- **Would you like to study Theology from home?** The Dominicans are offering distance learning theology programmes, leading to a certificate or (honours) degree. Students study from home, while also attending occasional study days and using on-line support of academic tutors. The programme can also be joined at a more relaxed level by those not wishing to do exams or obtain academic credits. For more information contact The Priory Institute, Tallaght, Dublin 24. Tel: 01 4048124 or visit their website at www.prioryinstitute.com
- **Questions people ask** – *Fr Silvester O’Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com*
Question : Is it true that Pope John Paul II wanted to delete the ‘Hail, Holy Queen’ from the Rosary?
Answer: Not true. He was deeply devoted to Mary and would never have favoured dropping any prayer to her. Although we may be familiar with one form of the Rosary, there is no official version as such and historically there have been many variations, such as the Rosary of the seven sorrows of Mary. And, of course, Pope John II introduced the five Mysteries of Light, recommending that they be prayed on Thursdays.
- Last week’s **Parish Collection:** Masses €309.58 & Envelopes €586.00. Thank you for your continued support.