

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 23rd September 2012

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☒ Sunday, September 23rd <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, September 24th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 25th	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 26th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from after Mass until 12.00 noon</i>
Thursday, September 27th – St Vincent de Paul	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, September 28th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Opening of School Year Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from after Mass until 12.00 noon</i>
Saturday, September 29th – The Archangels	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- This is the time of year when the **Parish Pastoral Council** (PPC) seeks new members for the council. A PPC is essentially a visionary body that plans for the future needs of the parish. Rather than simply dealing with issues as they arise, the PPC looks ahead and creates the structures needed for a well run parish, encourages parishioners to participate, and provides them with any training or that they might require. The PPC is a consultative body – its purpose is not to run the parish but to assist and advise the priest in his pastoral duties. A meeting to discuss the purpose of the PPC and the role of its members will be held on Tuesday, 16th October, in the Dunhill Education Centre at 8.00 p.m. Every parishioner is invited to nominate one or more persons, including themselves, for council membership, but please get their agreement before nominating them. In any case, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting. Nomination forms are available in both churches.
- Our **Child Safeguarding** Committee is currently beginning work on updating forms for those who are under 18 years of age and who volunteer in parish ministries. All such children, and their parents, as well as those who would like to get involved as Altar Servers or Choir members, are asked to attend a one hour training seminar this Monday, 24th September, at 7.00 p.m. in the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre. The Committee also asks that all adult volunteers who have not yet submitted their forms would do so as soon as possible. Our parish is fully compliant with the Child Safeguarding Policies of the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore, available on our website.
- A meeting of parents whose children would like to receive **First Holy Communion in 2013** will also take place in the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre this Monday, 24th September, from 8.15 p.m. to 9.15 p.m.
- To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Opening of the Second Vatican Council we have an opportunity to explore the responsibility we all have within our Church communities. A talk will be given by Eithne Regan on the topic: **'We are the Church: how Vatican II gave the Church back to the people'** this Monday evening, 24th September, from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny. Further details and map to the venue are available on our Facebook page. All are welcome.
- The **Annual Autumn Collection** (Autumn Dues) for the support of the Bishop and the Priests will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, September 29th and 30th. Please give as generously as you can.
- **Boxes of weekly envelopes** for the coming year are being distributed throughout the parish at present. We encourage the use of these numbered envelopes because, when we can verify what parishioners have donated, we should be able to claim back some tax money from the Government – making your donation all the more beneficial to the parish. These donations are essential to pay for the running of the parish which includes maintenance of the properties, heating and lighting, printing and other secretarial tasks. Your donations also help us to implement the most up-to-date Child Safeguarding Policies and training for various ministries and jobs. A full statement of account is presented to the whole parish early in each new year and parishioners are invited to discuss the finances at an open meeting. Thanks to the many volunteers who have prepared and are distributing the envelopes for us.
- Thanks to all who turned up for Wednesday's meeting to discuss the plans for the renovation of the **Parish Hall in Dunhill**. It was a very positive meeting and the plans will be more widely available in the coming weeks.
- The **Irish Centre for Faith and Culture** at Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, is hosting a Symposium on Saturday, 29th September (11.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.). Speakers include Julia Kristeva (Paris), Tim Kearney (L'Arche), Wayne Morris (Chester) and Michael Conway (Maynooth). Professor Kristeva will give the Michael Devlin lecture entitled *'A Tragedy and a Dream': Disability Revisited*. For details please contact: icfc@spcm.ie.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €464.29 & Envelopes €620.40. Thank you for your continued support.