

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 30th September 2012

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☒ Sunday, September 30th <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, October 01st – <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 02nd – <i>The Guardian Angels</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 03rd – <i>Bl. Columba Marmion</i> <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, October 04th – <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, October 05th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from after Mass until 12.00 noon</i>
Saturday, October 06th – <i>St Bruno</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- The **Annual Autumn Collection** for the support of the clergy is being taken up at all Masses this weekend. Please give as generously as you can. Sincere thanks to all who deliver envelopes to the homes in the parish.
- Fr Paul and the Parish Pastoral Council will host a **Gathering of All Parish Volunteers** on Sunday, 14th October, at the Seaview Celtic Clubhouse, Annestown, from 3.00 p.m. until 6.00 p.m. This is an opportunity to say thanks to all the adults who help out in any way and make a positive contribution to the life of the parish. Monsignor Michael Olden will speak on the history of Christianity in the area and supper will be served afterwards. Please ensure that you have completed and returned your volunteering paperwork (Yellow Volunteering Application Form, Green Volunteering Declaration Form and White Garda Vetting Form) to the office prior to that day.
- Thanks to all the children of the parish who serve the community as **Altar Servers and Choir Members** and to those who have volunteered for training for these important ministries. Altar Server training will take place in both churches for the next few Saturdays and new young voices have already been heard in Dunhill Choir. Our parish is compliant with the Child Safeguarding Policies of the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore, available on our website.
- A new **Church Organ has been installed in Fenor Church** to replace an instrument which has given much trouble over the past few years. Thanks to a major donation of €3,700 from the Fenor Barn Dance Committee we have been able to purchase this Viscount Vivace 30 organ. We are very grateful to the Committee and to those who supported the Barn Dance and we look forward to singing many songs of praise in the coming years.
- To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Opening of the Second Ecumenical Council at the Vatican a talk will be given by Sandra Cullen on the topic: **'A Teaching Church: our role in handing on faith'** this Monday evening, 01st October, from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny. All are welcome.
- 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.
- A meeting about this year's **Fenor Sale of Work** will take place in the Parochial House, Fenor, this Tuesday, 02nd October, at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.
- Details of the proposed work to conserve and renovate the **Parish Hall in Dunhill** have been posted on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DunhillAndFenorParish. Take a look and see what you think.
- A **Coffee Morning to support Waterford Hospice** will be held in Harney's this Wednesday, 03rd October, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. All are welcome and your support will be greatly appreciated.
- **Boxes of weekly envelopes** for the coming year are being distributed throughout the parish at present. Our records show that there are many in the parish who have made no financial contribution in the past year, despite having used the facilities and services. Such people obviously place greater pressure on those who do contribute. Please consider your offerings for the coming year and don't leave it to the faithful few to pay for everything.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €485.31 & Envelopes €398.80. Thank you for your continued support.