

# Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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☒ <b>Sunday, October 07<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>Day for Life 2012</i> <i>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
<b>Monday, October 08<sup>th</sup></b>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, October 09<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>Bl. John Henry Newman</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup></b> <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>
<b>Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup></b> – <b>The Year of Faith begins</b>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup></b> <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>
<b>Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- **Day for Life 2012** marks the beginning of a special month of prayer dedicated to the theme ‘Choose Life!’ People are invited to pray a special ‘Prayer for the Child in the Womb’ throughout the month which ends on the Feast of All the Saints of Ireland on 6 November. The prayer asks us to open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift, and to help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life from the moment of conception to natural death. In addition to the prayer a special pastoral message entitled ‘*Every human life is beautiful, every human life is precious - Choose Life!*’ will be promoted in all 1,360 parishes of Ireland. This message will highlight the equal right to life of a mother and the child in her womb, and the right of each to be treated as individual persons. This positive message will also affirm that the child in the womb is not a potential life, but a human life with potential. The Church’s annual Day for Life coincides this year with a decisive moment for Ireland. In the coming weeks, the Government will decide how to respond to a 2010 judgment of the European Court of Human Rights. The Irish Government is under no obligation to legislate for abortion because of this ruling of the European Court. On the contrary, the Irish Government is free to respond by seeking full protection in Irish law for the right to life of the baby in the womb. This could be done while ensuring that women in pregnancy continue to receive every treatment necessary to safeguard their lives.
- All the children who have asked to receive their **First Penance and First Holy Communion** in 2013 will be officially enrolled as candidates for those Sacraments during the 11.00 a.m. Mass in Dunhill next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. We pray God’s blessing on them during the year ahead and on their parents, families and teachers.
- Fr Paul and the Parish Pastoral Council will host a **Gathering of All Parish Volunteers** next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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.
- This is the time of year when the **Parish Pastoral Council** (PPC) seeks new members for the council. A meeting to discuss the purpose and role of the PPC will be held on Tuesday week, 16<sup>th</sup> 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 to attend the meeting. Nomination forms, available in both churches, should be returned to the office by this Monday.
- Thanks to all who contributed to the **Annual Autumn Collection** for the support of the bishop and priests last weekend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O’Flynn OFM Cap. Email [silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)  
**Question:** In a Catholic paper I read something about a ‘Year of Faith’. Can you please tell me more about it? **Answer:** Pope Benedict has often voiced his concern about a profound crisis of faith, especially here in Western Europe, now the least religious area in the world. He is inviting us to a ‘Year of Faith’ as a time to rediscover the content of faith and to renew our commitment to Jesus Christ. This year begins on 11<sup>th</sup> October, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. May it be a blessed time of renewal in our lives.
- Last week’s **Parish Collection**: Masses €559.13 & Envelopes €551.07. Thank you for your continued support.

