


Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 30th December 2012

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<p>☩ Sunday, December 30th Feast of the Holy Family</p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.</p>	 <p>YEAR OF FAITH 2012</p>
<p>Monday, December 31st</p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Tuesday, January 01st, 2013 <i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church 11.00 a.m. (<i>Bank Holiday</i>) Happy New Year!</p>	
<p>Wednesday January 02nd – <i>Ss Basil & Gregory</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church after Mass until noon</i></p>	
<p>Thursday, January 03rd</p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Friday, January 4th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church after Mass until noon</i></p>	
<p>Saturday, January 05th</p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. (<i>Vigil Mass for the Epiphany</i>)</p>	

- On behalf of all the parishioners of our parish, we would like to extend a very **sincere and heartfelt word of gratitude** to all those who helped out in any way in our parish over the past year. In particular, we thank the members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council and all their sub-committees; Mary Power & Ita O'Reilly who take such great care in looking after the sacristies and the churches; and all those who help them throughout the year; all who help with the up-keep of all the parish properties, the Property Committee and all its advisors; those who decorate the churches throughout the year with beautiful floral arrangements; those who work in the background with things that need doing, such as erecting cribs and Christmas trees, fixing things, changing things, mending things, and so many other things which need doing throughout the year. We thank our secretaries for their dedication; those who distribute envelopes; collectors in church and those who count the collection weekly; the musicians and choirs who lead us in song and especially for all the extra work they do for the major liturgies; Ministers of the Word and Eucharist; and the Altar Servers for their commitment and service. We thank the teachers in both schools for helping to pass on the faith to our children. May the peace of the child Jesus be with you all this Christmas and throughout the coming year.
- Friday is the **First Friday** of January and Fr Paul will be visiting the sick and housebound with the Sacraments. If you, or anyone you know, would like to celebrate Confession, Anointing of the Sick or to receive the Eucharist please let us know at the parish office (396892) as soon as possible.
- Sunday week, January 13th, is the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** and we have invited the parents of all the babies baptised in the parish during 2010 to bring their children to the 11.00 a.m. Mass for a blessing and to refill their Holy Water bottles with the water which will be blessed at that Mass. Don't forget to bring your own Holy Water bottle to any Mass next Sunday so that you can refill it for use during the coming weeks.
- Thank you for your contribution to the **Annual Christmas Collection**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- Congratulations to all involved in the recent **Annual Sale of Work** at Fenor National School. The day was a great community event and it raised much needed funds for the further development of the area.
- A **Positive Parenting Course**, based on Christian principles, will be held each Tuesday from 15th January to 19th February at the Edmund Rice Centre, Mount Sion, Waterford, between 7.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. Bookings may be made with Helena Fitzgerald, the course presenter, on 085-7798288 or helena_fitzgerald@yahoo.ie
- The donations from the Christmas Cribs in both churches will be donated again this year to the **Holy Family Maternity Hospital in Bethlehem**, run by the Order of Malta. Check out the video on our Facebook page.
- Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Question: When Jesus was growing up in Nazareth did Mary and Joseph know that he was the Son of God?
Answer: The revelation of the divinity of Jesus was not yet complete. Because of the virgin birth and the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel, Mary and Joseph certainly knew that Jesus was a very special person sent from God. Yet we read in the Gospel that they did not understand what the twelve year-old Jesus meant in saying that he must be busy about his Father's business. Mary and Joseph went forward in faith, accepting the mystery of what they did not fully understand.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €439.74 & Envelopes €945.15. Thank you for your continued support.

