

Brendan's report on Altar Servers. Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word and other Ministries.

To begin this is a list of the altar servers we have at present:

Eimear Power, John Groves, Roisin Murphy, Saoirse O'Shea, Taylor Higgins, William Boyle, Daniel Behan, Lucy Behan and Alice Boyle. On behalf of the parish of Dunhill I would like to thank Beibhinn Flynn and Samantha Doyle for their service over the past few years, and wish them well in the future.

The above listed servers have completed a six hour course on altar serving. I have printed a booklet which each child has received. It depicts all of the sacred vessels which the children will be coming in contact with. All paperwork has been signed and completed by their guardians / parents.

Each child received an Easter egg at Easter and a selection box at Christmas. Seven of these children took part in serving the stations of the cross which took place in the Anne Valley. Six of them served at the May precession last year.

I think it is worth mentioning that the compliance and dedication of these children's parents has been fantastic. The children's time keeping, manners and presentation is second to none.

Rotas are prepared three times a year -these are distributed in the school.

Ministers of the Word:

The following is a list of the current Ministers of the Word-

Carol Jones. Willie Bloomer, Brendan Gallagher, Elizabeth Murphy, Tony Power, Sr. Joyce Cullinane, Mary Harney. Declan Power, Fidelma Murphy, Pat O'Shea and Joan Lehane.

I would like to thank all the readers for their co-operation, dedication and punctuality. We are constantly looking for new readers to keep the numbers up. We have been promoting this in the newsletter over the last number of weeks.

Eucharistic Minsters:

The following is a list of the current Eucharistic Ministers -

Nell Ryan, Ann O'Halloran, Elizabeth Murphy, Cait O'Donovan, Brendan Gallagher, Kitty Murphy, Mary Harney, Sr. Joyce Cullinane and Ann Power.

Once again I would like to thank all the ministers for their service and dedication to the Eucharist.

As an extra - ordinary minister of the Eucharistic I myself cover the first Friday Communion round in the parish. Also, I take the blessed sacrament to eight parishioners every Sunday morning and one outside the parish with the permission of Msg. O'Mahony.

I am currently trying to fix a date with Msg. O' Mahony for the re-dedication of all the Ministers of the Eucharistic in both Dunhill and Fenor.

The Following is a list of those who take-up-collections in the church:

Senan Cooke, Cait O'Donovan, Teresa Murphy, Mary O' Loughlin, John Drohan, Carol Jones.

Again, thank you to all the above for their dedication in helping with the collection of the offertory collections.

Music Ministry:

Thank you to Paddy Butler our choir master for his dedication in providing music for the church. Thanks to all the choir members - Mary Power, Mary O'Hara, Martin Kennedy, Charlie Moore, Patricia Murray, May Ryan, Joan Lehane, Ann Grant and Ann Power. The choir is currently going through a transitional period. Hopefully this stabilise itself over the next couple of months.

It is important to note that the register for signing in / out is in the sacristy and the gallery and we are fully compliant with child safety and protection.

A special note of thanks to Margaret Power for all her hard work in the office, to Mary Murphy who looks after our finances, to Kitty Murphy, Cait O'Donovan

and Sinead Day who take care of the floral arrangements in the church and on the altar and to the two Ann Powers who clean the church from time to time.

Also, thanks to Stephen Reiny and his team for their hard work in keeping the graveyard looking so well.

Finally a big thanks to our Sacristan Mary Power who has literally made Dunhill Church her second home, her dedication and service to the church is outstanding.

On behalf of all the ministers and altar servers we would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Msg. O' Mahony and Fr. Shane O'Neill for their dedication and services to our church.

Brendan Gallagher.