

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 20th March 2011

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☩ Sunday, March 20th <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, March 21st	Both churches at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, March 22nd	Both churches at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 23rd <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Both churches at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon</i>
Thursday, March 24th	Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, March 25th – The Annunciation <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	Both churches at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon</i> <i>Dunhill Church at 7.30 p.m.</i>
Saturday, March 26th	Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- We will host an **Open Parish Meeting** this Tuesday evening at the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre to discuss the pastoral strategies of the parish and the Income & Expenditure Account for 2010 which is available on a separate sheet. The meeting will commence at 8.00 p.m. and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- The Irish Catholic Bishops, on the first anniversary of the *Pastoral Letter of Pope Benedict XVI to the Catholics of Ireland*, have published their pastoral response in a document entitled **‘Towards Healing and Renewal’**. Copies of this document are available in both churches and is also available on our parish website.
- During Lent, as part of our Friday Penances, we will celebrate the **Stations of the Cross** each Friday. This Friday, March 25th, we will pray in Dunhill Church at 7.30 p.m. Why not make an effort to join us for this prayer time?
- The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has organised a raffle to raise the final funds required for the purchase of the two **defibrillators** for the community. Tickets are €2 each and can be purchased from any member of the Council and are also available from the Parish Office, Harney’s, The Copper Hen and Mother McHugh’s. It is hoped to have the defibrillators in place very soon. Some volunteers have already been certified and another training session will take place in the near future for anyone else who is interested. The PPC would also like to thank all those who have contributed to the fundraising including Dunhill National School, Fenor GAA, Dunhill Squash Club, Harney’s, Dunhill Gymkhana Committee, Mother McHugh’s and all those who have donated funds.
- *The Irish Catholic* newspaper will print a special supplement on **‘The Church in Waterford’** with their March 24th and 31st issues. Extra copies will be available for sale in both churches over the next two weekends.
- The Parish Pastoral Council has organised a series of **Parenting Talks** to assist parents in their challenging role. In today’s world parenting can be difficult but there is no more important role you can play than that of parent. These talks will help you to give your children what you need most – you! The talk will be given by Helena Fitzgerald at the Dunhill Multi Education Centre beginning on Wednesday 30th March from 8.00 to 10.00 p.m. There is no charge for these talks but booking is advisable at the parish office on 396892 (Mon., Wed. & Fri.)
- Don’t forget to make good use of your **Trócaire box** this Lent. Find out about Trócaire at www.trocaire.org/len
- Our **Parish Pilgrimage to Rome** has been organised for Monday afternoon, May 23rd to Friday evening, May 27th and costs €625 per person sharing. Joe Walsh Tours operates this tour. License Number T.O. 052. For booking forms please contact the parish office on 051-396892 (Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9.00 – 3.00 p.m.) €200 deposit payable on booking with remainder payable eight weeks prior to departure.
- St John’s Pastoral Centre will hold a **Resource Evening to help celebrate the Easter Triduum** which would be particularly helpful for all involved in the Holy Week ceremonies. Facilitated by Mary Dee, the Diocesan Liturgy Assistant, the gathering will be held at the Pastoral Centre, Waterford, this Thursday, 24th March, at 7.30 p.m.
- The boys and girls who are preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** participated in a spiritual retreat last Tuesday to learn more about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for them during the coming weeks.
- The next **Do This in Memory Mass** will be celebrated in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. next Sunday morning. The children will celebrate their First Confession in the next few weeks and they will receive their First Holy Communion in Fenor on Saturday, 14th May, or in Dunhill on Saturday, 21st May. Please pray for them too.
- The **Julian Walton Lecture Series** will continue at the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre on Thursday, 24th March, at 8.00 p.m. when Julian will speak on “Some Maritime Disasters of the Waterford Coast”. Admission is €7.00.
- Last week’s **Parish Collection**: Masses €503.33 & Envelopes €515.30. Thank you for your continued support.