

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 27th March 2011 www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie

☩ Sunday, March 27th <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, March 28st	Both churches at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, March 29th	Both churches at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 30th <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 31st	Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, April 1st <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, April 2nd	Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- To mark the first anniversary of the **Pastoral Letter of Pope Benedict XVI to the Catholics of Ireland** the Irish bishops wish to bring three important initiatives to our attention: the publication of their pastoral response *Towards Healing and Renewal*; the new Catholic counselling and support service for survivors of abuse; and, the progress of listening and consultation exercises which have been taking place.
Towards Healing and Renewal outlines different undertakings that the bishops are making on the journey emphasised by the survivors of abuse. These steps include: Prayer for the Survivors of Abuse; a commitment to listening; spiritual support; ongoing commitment to creating a safer future for children in the Church; a review of Dioceses by the National Board for Safeguarding Children; and ongoing financial support for the work of safeguarding and care. *Towards Healing and Renewal* also includes ways in which parish communities can play their part in assisting the process of healing for survivors of abuse. Copies are available in the churches.
A new Catholic counselling and support service has been launched to support survivors of abuse in a professional and caring environment by providing a wide range of services, including a Helpline and face-to-face Counselling. Over the last year listening and consultation exercises have been taking place in dioceses. These are continuing and are an important step on the journey of healing and renewal for the Church in Ireland. For the complete texts and for further information please see our parish website at www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie.
- 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 (Monday or Wednesday)
- The **Julian Walton Lecture Series** will continue at the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre on Thursday, 31st March, at 8.00 p.m. when Kieran Walsh will speak on “150 years of the Munster Express” and with the grand finale being held on April 7th with “A Surprise”. Admission is only €7.00 and includes refreshments. All are welcome.
- Friday is the **First Friday** of February 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.
- During Lent, as part of our Friday Penances, we will celebrate the **Stations of the Cross** each Friday. This Friday, April 1st, we will pray in Fenor Church at 7.30 p.m. Why not make an effort to join us for this prayer time?
- You are invited to attend the **Taizé Prayer Service** which will be held in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel, Mount Sion, on Friday, 1st April, at 8.00 p.m. Music will be provided by the Waterford Peace Choir. Tea and coffee will be served in the monastery after the prayer. All are welcome to this evening of quiet prayer and reflection.
- The Irish Catholic* newspaper has printed a special supplement on **'The Church in Waterford'** this week and will do the same next week. Extra copies, costing €1.30, are available for sale in both churches at the moment.
- A **Vocations awareness afternoon** will take place at St. John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford, on Saturday 9th April 2011 from 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. Anyone considering a vocation to the priesthood would be more than welcome to turn up on the day or to speak with any priest of the diocese beforehand.
- Dunhill National School** is now enrolling for September. Forms can be obtained from the school on 051-396383.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €546.51 & Envelopes €579.14. Thank you for your continued support.