Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 24th April 2011

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▼ Sunday, April 24 th	Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m.
Easter Sunday	Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Bank Holiday – Easter Monday, April 25 th	Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Easter Tuesday, April 26 th	Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Easter Wednesday, April 27 th	Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Dunhill Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon
Easter Thursday, April 28 th	Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Easter Friday, April 29 th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Fenor Church from 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon
Easter Saturday, April 30 th	Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- Sincere thanks to all who helped out, in any way, in planning and preparing for the <u>Easter Ceremonies</u> and to all who participated in the ceremonies at this most important time in the Christian year. We are deeply grateful also to so many people who helped to organise Father Purcell's funeral. We have received many messages, from people and priests, complimenting the way everything was organised and carried out. Thanks to all concerned.
- The <u>Annual Easter Collection for the support of the Bishop and Priests</u> (Easter Dues) is being taken up at all Masses this weekend. This collection provides the priests of the diocese with their wages. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Sincere thanks to those who prepare and distribute envelopes to all the homes in the parish.
- On Easter Monday, John Harris, a student for the diocese of Waterford and Lismore, at the Irish College in Rome, will be **Ordained to the Diaconate**. John, a native of Ballyduff / Portlaw parish, will be Ordained to the Priesthood in the next year or so. We congratulate John and his family and assure him of our prayers at this time.
- The <u>Fenor Road Bowling</u> event will take place next Sunday, May 01st, in aid of the Phase 2 development of Fenor Play Park. There will be various team and individual competitions and the new King and Queen of Fenor will be crowned on the day. There promises to be lots of family fun, with many games and refreshments starting in the GAA field from 12.00 noon. There will also be evening entertainment in Mother McHugh's afterwards.
- The <u>Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock</u> will take place on Sunday, May 08th, 2011, under the leadership of the Most Revd Dr William Lee, Bishop of Waterford & Lismore. The train leaves Waterford at 6.50 a.m. and arrives back at 9.50 p.m. Tickets, costing €25 each, are available from Rellis' Newsagent, Ballybricken, or from May Connolly, 106 Ballytruckle, but are limited so early purchase is advisable.
- The Trócaire Lenten Campaign concluded this week and <u>Trócaire boxes</u> should be returned as soon as possible. It would be very helpful if donors could count their coins and give notes instead but all donations are very welcome.
- The annual door to door collection by the **<u>Dunhill Lourdes Committee</u>** will be held during the next few weeks. Your support to help send pilgrims and helpers to Lourdes in June would be greatly appreciated.
- The Knock Summer Festival 2011 ("Fuel For The Journey") is for all people between the ages of 18-35 and will take place in Knock Shrine from the 24th to 26th of June, 2011. The festival is a three day event and over the three days, there will be inspiring talks helping young people prepare a way in their heart for God to enter. There will be two days of amazing workshops including art, clay/pottery, dance, drum, prayer, reflection and fun. It is a chance to come away and explore, ignite and celebrate your faith. The festival costs €70, and that includes accommodation, food and access to all talks and workshops. For more information contact (094) 9388100 or (087) 6927850 or log on to their website at www.knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival
- Questions people ask Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
 - Q. Why isn't Easter celebrated the same weekend every year?
 - A. We celebrate the rising of Jesus not only as the happening of a single morning but as an event rooted in creation and history. The date of Easter is dictated by the cycle of the sun and moon, falling after the first full moon following the spring equinox. The Jewish Passover is celebrated around this time too. The Easter Vigil employs the four elements of life: fire (the source of light), air (in the act of reading), earth (providing the fruits of bread and wine) and water (baptism). So Easter is a celebration of all creation.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €479.28 & Envelopes €485.49. Thank you for your continued support.

May the Risen Lord fill your heart with peace & joy this Easter! Alleluia!