

# Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012 [www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie](http://www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie)

✘ <b>Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. <i>Ecumenical Service at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Baronstrand Street, at 7.00 p.m.</i>
<b>Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Adoration in Dunhill Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until noon</i>
<b>Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Adoration in Fenor Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until noon</i>
<b>Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- The Annual Week of Prayer for the Unity of Christians begins each year on 18<sup>th</sup> January and concludes on the 25<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. This year's **Ecumenical Service of Prayer** will take place in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Barronstrand Street, Waterford, tonight (Sunday) at 7.00 p.m. The preacher this year will be the Very Revd Maria Jansson, the new Church of Ireland Dean of Waterford. All are welcome.
- The **50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress** will take place in June this year and the Waterford & Lismore Diocesan Pilgrimage Day will be Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June. We have booked a bus and tickets for the event so if you would like to travel on this pilgrimage with us please contact the parish office where tickets will be available shortly. The cost of the pilgrimage is €40 per person (€30 for the event admission and €10 for the bus). This does not include meals on the day. For further information on that day's activities please see [www.iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie) or call into our parish office at Dunhill Church (Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m. – 051 396892).
- Our **Child Safeguarding Committee** is continuing to process the paperwork submitted by those helping out in the parish. If you haven't already returned your forms please do so as soon as possible so as to save the committee having to come to you for them. Anyone who hasn't yet received forms should collect them in the sacristy today.
- The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated in our parish at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Fenor, on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012, at 11.00 a.m. Bishop Lee, who is unwell at present, has already informed the diocese that he is not in a position to celebrate all the Confirmations this year and in some parishes will appoint a delegate. Please remember the boys and girls, and Bishop Lee, in your prayers.
- A Public Meeting to discuss **Kill Post Office** will take place this Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 8.00 p.m. in the Kill Community Centre. If you were using the Post Office while it was open, for whatever purpose, please come along and help to save this invaluable service to the community. A petition can be signed on the night.
- The **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Anne Valley 5-mile Challenge** will take place in the parish on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 12 noon. Father Paul and some other parishioners have volunteered to take on the challenge to raise much needed funds for Dunhill & Fenor Community Care. Anyone interested in raising money for this organisation can collect a sponsorship card at the church sacristy or any member of the Community Care Committee. Registration for the event itself can be completed online at [www.annevalleyrunning.webs.com](http://www.annevalleyrunning.webs.com) or on the day in Harney's Pub.
- Two years after the earthquake struck **Haiti** on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, which killed up to 300,000 people and left 1.2 million people homeless, we recall how Irish people responded by donating €7.58m to fund Trócaire's emergency operation. The money was used to provide food to 1.5 million people, healthcare to one million people and shelter to 160,000 people. As we mark the second anniversary of this tragedy, Trócaire has asked that we pass on their heartfelt thanks for your generosity. Your money continues to make an incredible difference to the people in Haiti.
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn, OFM Cap. Email [silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)  
**Q.** When Jesus spoke about the kingdom of God was he referring to heaven or to life here on earth?  
**A.** The kingdom is the central theme of the mission of Jesus in the Gospels of Mark and Matthew. Sometimes it refers to life with God in heaven, sometimes to the church community, but most often to the establishment of God's reign on earth, overcoming the power of evil in the world. Jesus began his mission with the proclamation that the kingdom of God is at hand. To that end he called people to repent and believe, that is, to leave wrongdoing behind and to follow his way. The apostles, we are told, left everything and followed him.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €531.96 & Envelopes €576.20. Thank you for your continued support.