Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 12th February 2012

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✤ Sunday, February 12 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m.
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. (Do This in Memory Mass)
Monday, February 13 th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, February 14 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 15 th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Ss Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe	Adoration in Dunhill Church after Mass until noon
Thursday, February 16 th	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, February 17 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
	Adoration in Fenor Church after Mass until noon
Saturday, February 18 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- Thanks to all who participated in the <u>Anne Valley 5 Mile Challenge</u> this weekend to support the Dunhill and Fenor Community Care, Jack & Jill Foundation and Sacred Heart Centre in Lady Lane. Congratulations to all the organisers and to those who provided hospitality for the visiting athletes. Fr Paul would like to offer a particular word of thanks to all who sponsored him to complete the challenge for Dunhill and Fenor Community Care.
- A Lenten reflection entitled '<u>LENT The Pathway to Spiritual Growth</u>' will be presented by Sr Antoinette Dilworth through the medium of ritual, song and imagery on Saturday, 18th February, from 10.00 a.m. until 12.15 p.m. at St John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. All are welcome for this time of reflection.
- Our Parish Pastoral Council will host its <u>Annual Pancake Party</u> for the young people of the parish on Shrove Tuesday, 21st February, at the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre. The gathering will begin at 8.00 p.m. and finish at 9.30 p.m. and will consist of fun, prayer and plenty of pancakes. The get-together is aimed at those in first, second and third year of secondary school so please spread the word.
- The next task of our <u>Child Safeguarding Committee</u> is to contact almost 150 people whose names have been given as referees for those who work in the parish. If you have allowed your name to be used as a referee for someone you can expect a phone call in the next week or two, followed-up by a form which will be sent to you. We would be grateful if you would complete that form and return it without delay. Thanks for your help.
- We are currently taking bookings for our pilgrimage on Thursday, 14th June, to the <u>50th International Eucharistic</u> <u>Congress.</u> The cost of the pilgrimage is €40 per person (€30 for the event and €10 for the bus). For more details about the event please see www.iec2012.ie or call into our parish office at Dunhill Church (051-396892).
- Bishop Lee, on medical advice, has enlisted the help of the diocesan Vicars Forane to assist with the celebration of Confirmations this year. The <u>Minister of Confirmation</u> for the boys and girls of our parish will be the Very Revd Canon William Ryan, P.P., V.F. and it will be celebrated on Thursday, 19th April, in Fenor Church at 11.00 a.m.
- The Dunhill Multi-Education Centre is hosting its <u>Monthly Coffee Morning</u> for Seniors and Friends this Wednesday, 15th February, from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon. Denise Kelly, a Registered Health & Safety Instructor, will talk on Safety in the Home. Entry cost €5 to cover the refreshments.
- The <u>Irish Blood Transfusion Service</u> is at present experiencing difficulty in collecting enough voluntary blood donations in order to meet hospital requirements of 3,000 units of blood a week. The Service will be visiting the CBS Secondary School, Tramore, on Thursday, 16th February, from 4.30 p.m. until 8.00 p.m. www.ibts.ie
- The Julian Walton Winter Lecture Series continues this Thursday, 16th February, at the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre at 8.00 p.m. This week's lecture will be given by Pat McCarthy on the topic 'The Civil War in County Waterford'. The second part of the talk will be given the following week. Admission is €5.00 incl. refreshments.

<u>Questions people ask</u> - Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Q. I see dozens of Mass cards given at a funeral. Is a priest obliged to offer Mass for each card he signs? What happens if he has signed more cards than the number of Masses he can offer?

A. Yes, a priest who accepts a Mass stipend is bound in justice to offer Mass for that intention or to transfer the offering to another priest. Here in Ireland many priests receive more offerings than they can personally cover but there are priests in many other places who do not receive offerings and they are delighted to receive the transfer of stipends. To be honest with you, I'm not too pleased with the system as every Mass is to the benefit of the entire Christian community, especially to those present at the celebration.

• Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €491.62 & Envelopes €603.02. Thank you for your continued support.