Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 19th February 2012

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▼ Sunday, February 19 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m.
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, February 20 th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Shrove Tuesday, February 21st	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Ash Wednesday, February 22 nd	Blessing and distribution of ashes during Mass in Dunhill at 10.00 a.m.
	(There are Masses in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Dunhill Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon
Thursday, February 23 rd	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, February 24 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	In Fenor Church from after Mass 10.00 a.m. Mass until noon
Saturday, February 25 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- 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 (Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m. 051 396892). *Please get your tickets early* as places are limited to 25,000. Our parish has also been allocated 10 tickets for the 'Statio Orbis', the final Mass which will be celebrated in Croke Park on Sunday, 17th June. There is still speculation that the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, may attend to celebrate that Mass. If you are interested in tickets for that final event please give your name to the parish office and, depending on interest, we may have a draw to allocate the tickets. (office@dunhillandfenorparish.ie)
- Our <u>Annual Pancake Party for the young people of the parish</u> (secondary school age) takes place this Shrove Tuesday evening, from 8.00 p.m. until 9.30 p.m. at the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre. The night will include some fun, prayer, chat and lots of tasty pancakes. Bring your friends and enjoy this last night before Lent begins!
- This Wednesday is <u>Ash Wednesday</u> and it marks the beginning of Lent. Blessed ashes will be distributed during the 10.00 a.m. Mass in Dunhill and will be available during the day. It is a day of <u>Fast and Abstinence</u>, beginning a time when we can look at giving up or cutting down on some of the things we indulge ourselves on.
- <u>Trócaire boxes</u> are available in both churches. Please take one home and give it a prominent place during Lent as we make a special effort to help those less fortunate than ourselves.
- 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 from the parish office, followed-up by a form which will be sent to you. This Reference Form is a standard enquiry form, used throughout the country. We would be grateful if you would complete that form and return it without delay. Thanks for your help.
- The <u>Julian Walton Winter Lecture Series</u> continues this Thursday, 23rd February, at the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre at 8.00 p.m. This week's lecture will be given again by Pat McCarthy on the topic 'The Civil War in County Waterford'. Admission is €5.00 incl. refreshments.
- Waterford County Council, in association with Waterford Mental Health and Awareness Group, are hosting a weekend seminar entitled "Supports and Developments in Mental Health Care" from the 24th -26th February in The Park Hotel, Dungarvan. For more information contact 087-2119203 or email-cllrbrazil@waterfordcoco.ie.
- A fundraiser in aid of the <u>Fenor Lourdes Fund</u> will be held in Mother McHugh's Pub on Saturday, 25th February, at 9.30 p.m. There will be traditional music, finger food and a raffle on the night. Funds will be used to financially support potential pilgrims to Lourdes who may not otherwise have a chance to go.
- Questions people ask Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
 - **Q.** I am separated after a very unhappy marriage. Now I am in a second relationship in which I and my children have found great love. We go to Mass every Sunday and I deeply miss receiving Holy Communion. Somebody told me to make a spiritual communion. What is that? **A.** "O God, I thank you for all the love I have experienced in life. Where love is present, you are there. I thank you for your presence in my life. I believe in your presence in the Blessed Eucharist and I deeply miss being able to receive you there. However I know that you wish to come into my life in other ways. So I now make an act of spiritual communion and invite you into my life as the spiritual food of my life. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ."
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €462.78 & Envelopes €560.60. Thank you for your continued support.