

✠ Sunday, February 26th <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, February 27th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, February 28th	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 29th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>In Dunhill Church from after Mass 10.00 a.m. Mass until noon</i>
Thursday, March 01st	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
First Friday, March 02nd <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>In Fenor Church from after Mass 10.00 a.m. Mass until noon</i>
Saturday, February 03rd	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- **Lenten Penance?** This Lent, why not abstain from alcoholic drink or smoking?
- We are currently taking bookings for our pilgrimage on Thursday, 14th June, to the **50th International Eucharistic Congress**. 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. If you are interested in tickets for that final event please give your details to the parish office and we may need to have a draw to allocate the tickets. (office@dunhillandfenorparish.ie)
- Our **Child Safeguarding Committee** is currently contacting people whose names have been given as referees for those who work or volunteer 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 the form and return it without delay. Thanks for your help in this important matter.
- Father Paul will visit the **sick and housebound** in the parish this coming Friday, 02nd March. If you, or anyone you know, would like a visit from the priest with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion please let the parish office know as soon as possible. The number at the parish office is 051-396892.
- A parish meeting about the development of the **Parish Hall** in Dunhill will take place this Friday evening, 02nd March, in the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre at 8.00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend.
- A Eucharistic celebration entitled **‘Embracing and permeating our lives, our world and all of creation’** will be presented by Sister Antoinette Dilworth on Tuesday, 28th February, at 7.30 p.m. in St John’s Pastoral Centre, John’s Hill, Waterford. As we prepare for the Eucharistic Congress, Sr Antoinette will lead us in this presentation through word, symbol and music. All are welcome.
- The **Julian Walton Winter Lecture Series** continues this Thursday, 01st March, in the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre at 8.00 p.m. This week’s lecture will be given by Maureen Fitzgerald on the topic ‘A new look at the life of William Wallace’. Admission is €5.00, including refreshments.
- Dunhill & Fenor Community Care would like to sincerely thank all those who raised money and who participated in the **Anne Valley 5 Mile Challenge** recently. The amount raised was €2,500.00 and it will be used to help brighten the days of the senior citizens in our community.
- “Yes, I know what plans I have for you,” says the Lord, “plans for peace, not for disaster, to give you a future and hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11) This Lent, **Trócaire** asks people to remember the thousands of families in Uganda who have been torn apart by conflict and who are beginning their lives again thanks to donations from people in Ireland. Please take a Trócaire Box home with you and for more information on the campaign visit www.trocaire.org/lent.
- **Questions people ask** - Fr Silvester O’Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Question: I don’t smoke or drink and hardly ever eat sweets. Fish dinner is no penance for me as I prefer fish to meat. What can I give up for Lent? **Answer:** There is always room for giving up negative, harmful tendencies such as complaining, whinging, self-pity or uncharitable comments. Perhaps your Lent should be directed more towards taking on than giving up. Take on more time for prayer and spiritual reading. Be more available to people who would appreciate a visit or a listening ear. If you are not in a Prayer Group, why not invite two or three people to reflect together on the Sunday Gospels.
- Last week’s **Parish Collection**: Masses €411.79 & Envelopes €430.30. Thank you for your continued support.