Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 11th March 2012

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▼ Sunday, March 11 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Lent	Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, March 12 th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, March 13 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 14 th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	In Dunhill Church from after Mass 10.00 a.m. Mass until noon
Thursday, March 15 th	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, March 16 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. (for St Patrick's Day)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	In Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until noon
▼ Saturday, March 17 th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. (for St Patrick's Day)
St Patrick's Day	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. (for the Fourth Sunday of Lent)
▼ Sunday, March 18 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.

- We are currently recruiting new Ministers of the Word (Readers) and Ministers of the Eucharist for both churches and would be delighted to hear from anyone willing to serve in these very important public ministries. Obviously, candidates for these ministries should be upstanding members of the community and should be faithful to the ethos and doctrine of the Church. Quite often, people are hesitant to recommend themselves so we would also welcome recommendations from others. The greater the number of candidates, the less commitment will be necessary for each person. Training will be provided and Child Safeguarding requirements must also be fulfilled.
- The <u>Parish Office will be closed</u> at least for the next few weeks as the services of Margaret Power, our Secretary, have been withdrawn by FÁS due to new government regulations. It is disappointing that we received only a day's notice from FÁS and have no commitment regarding a replacement. We are extremely grateful to Margaret for her courtesy, professionalism and patience during the last sixteen months and wish her every blessing for the future.
- Dr. Michael Mullins, P.P. Ballybricken, will present an in-depth look at some of the stories in <u>St Mark's Gospel</u> this Wednesday, 14th March, at 7.30 p.m. in St John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. Donation is €5.00 which includes tea and coffee. All are welcome.
- Lenten Penance? What about doing something to help the poor, the sick, the old, or someone who is lonely?
- This third Sunday in Lent we remember Betty and Joel, the parents of little Daniel on the Trócaire box. They have been through many traumatic events in their thirty years of married life. By sticking together, even after they were forcibly separated, Joel and Betty are creating a future for Daniel. Their covenant to each other, before God, is bearing rich fruit. For more information on the Lenten campaign visit www.trocaire.org/lent
- Enrolment forms for September 2012 are now available from **<u>Dunhill National School</u>** or by phoning 396383. Applications should be in by March 20th.
- St. John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford, is hosting a **Film Night**, on Wednesday, March 21st at 7.30 p.m. The film 'Of God's & Men', inspired by true events, tells the story of a group of Cistercian monks living in the remote mountains of North Africa. 'In the face of terror their greatest weapon was faith'. This film will be followed by a discussion on the Christian themes that permeate it. All are welcome.
- The <u>County Waterford Community Drugs Initiative</u> is an organisation providing helpful advice on drug education and awareness to those affected by drugs in this area. They provide one to one help and also family support. If you would like to know more contact Rebecca on 086-8527173.
- Questions people ask Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
 Question: When Catholics learn the commandments why is the bit about not making graven images omitted? I have been told that the reason is that Catholics worship statues. Answer: I have often heard that accusation in an attempt to discredit Catholic devotion. The entire passage on the commandments has been shortened in a few places to make it easier to memorise. Nothing essential has been omitted. The bit about not making graven images is adequately included in the short version, 'Thou shalt not have strange gods before me.' Similarly, the instruction about Sabbath observance has also been stripped down to the essential commandment. And please tell your friend that while Catholics may use the crucifix or statues as an aid to faith, we do not worship them.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €421.13 & Envelopes €699.50 Thank you for your continued support.