

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 18th March 2012

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| ✘ Sunday, March 18th <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)</i> | Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. | Happy Mothers' Day! |
| Monday, March 19th | Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. | |
| Tuesday, March 20th | Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. | |
| Wednesday, March 21st <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 22nd | Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. | |
| Friday, March 23rd <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, March 24th | Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. | |

- This weekend we launched **our parish's enlarged and refreshed website**. Our Communications Team have been so dedicated to providing better and more easily accessible information that we ran out of space and needed to expand the site greatly. This weekly Newsletter is accessible on the site and one of the most popular elements is the information we provide on the graveyards so why not take a fresh look at the website at www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie. Thanks to all involved with this informative and educational project.
- Hopefully you have received the **Financial Statement for the Parish for 2011** which we published last weekend. Spare copies are available in both churches. If you have any questions on the Financial Statement please come to our General Parish Meeting this Tuesday, March 20th, at 8.00 p.m. in the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre.
- 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. Please give names and contact details to Fr Paul, the sacristy or email priest@dunhillandfenorparish.ie
- **Lenten Penance?** Why not take time to reflect on the Stations of the Cross?
- Enrolment forms for September 2012 are now available from **Dunhill National School** or by phoning 396383. Applications should be in by March 20th.
- The **Monthly Coffee Morning for Seniors** will be hosted by the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre this Wednesday, 21st March, at 11.00 a.m. Derbhile Graham will read from her recently published book *The Pink Cage*.
- An Information Evening for parents of children in 4th, 5th & 6th classes about making the **Transition from Primary School to Secondary School** will be delivered by the National Parents' Council at the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre on Thursday, 22nd March, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. All are welcome.
- A **Community Care Afternoon Tea** get-together, including a film, will take place in the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre, opposite the GAA Centre, on Sunday, March 25th at 4.00 p.m. All are welcome.
- The **Community Smoke Alarm Scheme** for Vulnerable Households provides 2 smoke alarms at no charge to vulnerable households that have no working smoke alarm. Vulnerable households are those occupied by people with a disability, people who do not have the means to purchase alarms, old age pensioners, people living alone, single parents and people living in rural isolation. For more details please call Johnny Brunnock at Waterford County Council on (058) 21169 or e-mail jbrunnock@waterfordcoco.ie.
- **Questions people ask** - Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Question: A person gave me a Bible and showed me these words of Jesus: 'No one who believes in me will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already.' He told me that Catholic dogmas and sacraments are not necessary because only faith in Jesus is required. I couldn't answer him. **Answer:** Dogmas and sacraments are not against faith but are part of the development of faith. What is a dogma but a teaching which clarifies God's revelation in the scriptures. A good example is the development of understanding of the Blessed Trinity. Theology may be described as faith seeking an understanding. As for sacraments, these ceremonies which are based on the scriptures are a celebration of faith.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €557.85 & Envelopes €526.52 Thank you for your continued support.