

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 15th April 2012

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| ☒ Sunday, April 15th <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> | Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. |
| Monday, April 16th | Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. |
| Tuesday, April 17th | Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, April 18th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> | Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon</i> |
| Thursday, April 19th | Mass for the Conferral of Confirmation in Fenor Church at 11.00 a.m. |
| Friday, April 20th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> | Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon</i> |
| Saturday, April 21st | Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. |

- **Sincere thanks** to all who contributed to the Easter Collection for the support of the Bishop and Priests which was taken up last weekend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- This weekend we commemorate the first anniversary of the death of **Fr Gerard Purcell** who served this parish faithfully for 28 years. His Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Fenor Church this (Sunday) morning and after the 11.00 a.m. Mass in Dunhill a memorial plaque will be unveiled in Dunhill Church. All are welcome.
- This Tuesday, 17th April, the boys and girls preparing for Confirmation will celebrate their 'Service of Light' in Fenor Church at 7.30 p.m. It is at the Service of Light that their parents and godparents recognise them as young people who are responsible enough to keep the flame of faith burning in their own young lives. The parents and godparents have held the Baptismal Candle for many years but are now passing it on to their son/daughter to keep it burning brightly themselves, through the good, caring works that they carry out at home and in their community. Then, on Thursday, Canon William Ryan, P.P., V.F., will visit our parish to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** with our young parishioners in Fenor Church at 11.00 a.m. Thanks to the parents and godparents, the teachers in both schools, and all who have brought the young people to this special day.
- The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place on Sunday, May 06th, 2012, under the leadership of the Most Revd Dr William Lee, Bishop of Waterford & Lismore. The train leaves Waterford at 6.50 a.m. and arrives back at 9.50 p.m. Tickets, costing €25 each, are available from Rellis' Newsagent, Ballybricken, or from May Connolly, 106 Ballytruckle, but are limited so early purchase is advisable.
- Publicity material about the upcoming **International Eucharistic Congress** is available in both churches this weekend. It contains the Programme of Events for the week, a bookmark with the IEC Prayer, a letter from Fr Kevin Doran, the Secretary General, and an envelope for contributions. The fourth annual collection for the Congress will take place nationally on the first Sunday in May but we will hold our collection on Corpus Christi.
- In order to facilitate pilgrims travelling to the **Final Mass of Eucharistic Congress in Croke Park** on June 17th, a special train will depart Waterford Train Station at 9.35 a.m. and return from Dublin at 6.10 p.m. The train fare is €25.00 return and as it is a "special" there are no concessions for free travel available. Tickets are available from www.irishrail.ie or by calling the Irish Rail Booking Centre at 1850 366 222. Please book early.
- A fun **Table Quiz** organised by the Parents Association will take place in Mother McHugh's, Fenor, on Tuesday, 17th April, at 8.30 p.m. A table for four costs €20 with proceeds being donated to the Fenor Lourdes Fund.
- Dunhill Multi Education Centre will host its monthly **Coffee Mornings for Seniors and Friends** on Wednesday, 18th April, at 11.00 a.m. There will be a short informative talk by Jean Kealy of U3A (University of the Third Age). U3A is a learning circle or cooperative. Members learn from one another by sharing knowledge and experiences and engaging in shared activities. University in this context refers to the university of life - no qualifications are given, nor are any required. The cost is €5 to cover refreshments.
- St John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford, will host an evening with James Heaney to explore the **Christian themes in the novels of Charles Dickens**. It will take place on Wednesday, 18th April, at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.
- An **Information Evening for Parents** on the subject of Drugs will take place on Wednesday, 25th April, in Dunhill Multi-Education Centre at 7.30 p.m. Ruth from the Community Based Drugs Initiative will give a talk and there will be plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion. Parents of children in 5th and 6th classes attending Fenor and Dunhill National Schools and parents of 1st and 2nd year secondary school students living in the parish are particularly encouraged to be there but all are welcome. Please bring €1.50 for tea and coffee on the night.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €632.10 & Envelopes €498.70. Thank you for your continued support.