Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 22nd April 2012

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♥ Sunday, April 22 nd	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Easter	Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, April 23 rd	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 24 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 25 th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Dunhill Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon
Thursday, April 26 th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, April 27 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Fenor Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon
Saturday, April 28 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- Congratulations to the boys and girls of the parish who received the <u>Sacrament of Confirmation</u> in Fenor Church on Thursday. We are very grateful to Canon William Ryan for Confirming our young people in the faith. We hope that the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit will be very much in evidence in their lives in the years ahead.
- Information packages about the <u>International Eucharistic Congress</u> are available in both churches at present. Please make sure to have a copy so that you can follow the many events that will be happening. There is a National Collection for the Congress on the first weekend of May but we will have our parish collection in June.
- The Copper Coast Scout Group (formerly Dunhill Scouts) is hosting the Annual <u>Waterford County Scout</u> <u>Challenge</u> this weekend in Fenor. Over 200 scouts will take part in campcraft, pioneering, cooking and singing! The weekend will culminate in a Closing Ceremony this (Sunday) afternoon which will be attended by the County Mayor, the Chief Scout of Ireland and the De La Salle Pipe Band.
- An <u>Information Evening for Parents</u> 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.
- A <u>Community Care Party</u> to celebrate 35 years of caring and sharing within the Parish of Dunhill & Fenor will take place on Sunday 29th April at 4.30 p.m. in the Dunhill G.A.A. centre. Anyone who has been involved in any way with parties or outings throughout the years whether as a helper or a guest is most welcome to attend.
- The Annual Door-to-Door Collection by the <u>Dunhill Lourdes Committee</u> will be held during the next few weeks. Your support to help send pilgrims and helpers to Lourdes in June would be greatly appreciated.
- Don't forget to return your **Trócaire box** to the church as soon as possible.
- The yearly Tidy Towns <u>village clean-up</u> will take place in Dunhill Village on Tuesday week, 24th April, between 7.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. All those willing to help should come along to help tidy our village.
- We offer heartiest congratulations to <u>Sr Bridget Veale</u> who is celebrating the 70th Anniversary of her profession in the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood. Sister Brigid, a regular visitor to her homeplace in Ballinageeragh (Dunhill), served in nursing and administration roles in England, Zimbabwe, Singapore and here in Ireland. We pray every blessing for her in the future. Ad multos annos!
- The new <u>Presidential Chair and Lectern</u> in Dunhill Church was made by our parishioner Brendan Gallagher and have been given by him as a gift to the parish. We are very grateful to Brendan for these gifts which will beautify our church for many years to come and which will enhance our liturgies and prayer times.
- Questions people ask Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
 - Question: In these difficult economic times, doesn't it send out the wrong message to be spending so much money on the Eucharistic Congress? Answer: The Congress is a great opportunity to proclaim the inner holiness of the Church and the extraordinary gift of the Eucharist. If it costs a bit of money, so what! Some Third World countries, much poorer than Ireland, were proud to host the Congress. Many of the finest churches in Ireland were built by the pennies of people who had little but wanted to make a public statement of their reverence for God. I don't know the estimated cost but I suspect that if everybody who has ever availed of the services of the Church were to contribute one euro, it should cover all expenses.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €570.56 & Envelopes €555.30. Thank you for your continued support.