

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 15th July 2012

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☒ Sunday, July 15th <i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, July 16th - <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, July 17th	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 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, July 19th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, July 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, July 21th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- This year's **Summer Cemetery Mass** at Fenor will be celebrated on Thursday evening, August 02nd, and the Cemetery Mass in Dunhill will be celebrated on the following Wednesday, August 08th, both at 7.30 p.m.
- The annual **Sacristans' Collection** will be taken up in both churches next weekend. The job of the Sacristan is an unpaid, seven-days-a-week job and we are really grateful to Mrs Mary Power and Mrs Ita O'Reilly for their dedication and commitment. Next weekend is our opportunity to show our appreciation for them and for what they do for our parish community. Please give as generously as you can.
- **Training for new Altar Servers** in both churches will begin in the coming weeks. Boys and girls who are interested should pick up an application form at the sacristy of either church. Parental permission is necessary. Our parish is fully compliant with the Safeguarding Children policy in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore.
- The Dunhill & Fenor Community Care annual **Summer Outing** for senior citizens will take place on Sunday, 29th July. This year the outing will include Midleton and Blarney in County Cork, with an evening meal in Clonea Strand Hotel. The cost for the full day's activity, including meal is €30. All seniors in the community would be most welcome so anyone interested in this great day out should give their name and contact details to any member of the committee or to the parish office at 051-396892.
- **Vocation View:** In today's First Reading, Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet. God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to consider what you are doing and do his work instead.
- The **Youth 2000 Summer Festival** will take place near the ancient ruins of the Clonmacnois monastic site in Co. Offaly. The festival is for young people age 16-35, and will take place from Thursday 09th to Sunday 12th August 2012. The weekend will include inspiring talks, dramas, a concert, prayer, Mass, games and times of sharing. It promises to be a great opportunity for young people from all around Ireland to explore their Catholic faith, meet new friends, and have some craic! This is a donation-only retreat, so there's no formal charge. A FREE bus is available from Waterford – just bring a sleeping bag and a pair of wellies! (Over 18's may like to bring their own tent.) For more information, contact 01-6753690, email dublin@youth2000.ie or book online: www.youth2000.ie.
- The **Irish Charity Warehouse**, Tramore Road, Waterford, in aid of WASSA, (Waterford Autism Social & Sport Action) is appealing for used furniture and household goods. If you have something you would like to donate please phone 051-373838 or text 086-4004690.
- **Barnardos Children's Charity** has a national fundraising event taking place on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th October 2012. They are seeking volunteers in Waterford to assist them with bucket collections over the 2 days. They are hoping this will be their biggest fundraising event yet. Be part of their campaign, have fun and change lives in the process. For more information contact Sinéad or Suzanne at volunteers@barnardos.ie or 01-4530355
- Remember to make use of our **Facebook** page to publicise events: www.facebook.com/DunhillAndFenorParish.
- **Questions people ask** – *Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com*
Question: Isn't it wrong to hold concerts in churches? A consecrated church is God's house and is no place for secular music. **Answer:** What do you mean by secular music? Just because a song does not directly refer to God doesn't make it unsuitable. Music, for those who have an ear to hear, is one of the greatest sources of beauty, and every time we experience beauty it is a tiny anticipation of the supreme ecstasy of the beatific vision. Why should the devil have all the good music? I have been at many concerts in church and felt spiritually uplifted by the beauty of music and God-given talents of the performers.
- Last week's **Parish Collection:** Masses €352.17 & Envelopes €556.20. Thank you for your continued support.