

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 9th September 2012

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☒ Sunday, September 09th <i>23^r Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, September 10th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 11th	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 12th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from after Mass until 12.00 noon</i>
Thursday, September 13th – <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, September 14th – <i>Exaltation of the Cross</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from after Mass until 12.00 noon</i>
Saturday, September 15th – <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- To commemorate the **50th Anniversary of the Opening of the Second Vatican Council**, the Dioceses of Ossory and Waterford & Lismore, are offering an opportunity, over four gatherings, to explore the responsibility we all have within our Church communities. There is a growing awareness of the need for a great shift in our understanding of who we are as the people of God and how we fulfil our baptismal calling within the Church. The first gathering takes place this Monday evening, 17th September, from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny. Richard Gaillardetz will speak on the topic: 'We are the Church: how Vatican II gave the Church back to the people'. Further details on our Facebook page and on the posters in the churches.
- The **Waterford Harvest Festival**, which runs from 10th to 16th September 2012, is seven delicious days of fun filled foodie events with cookery demonstrations, Slow Food tours, tastings, the GIY Gathering and Street Feast, taste workshops, restaurant trails, giant quayside markets, hog roasts, street performances and big outdoor music gigs celebrating food heritage and culture in Waterford. A major part of the celebration is the Harvest Thanksgiving Mass which will be celebrated by Fr Willie Purcell, National Director for Vocations, in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Baronstrand Street, Waterford, next Sunday, 16th September at 12 noon. All members of the community, especially those involved in growing, preparing or presenting food are invited to participate in the liturgy. For more details check out: www.waterfordharvestfestival.ie
- World Suicide Prevention Day** takes place on 10th September each year to raise awareness that suicide can be prevented. This year's theme is "Suicide Prevention across the Globe: *Strengthening Protective Factors and Instilling Hope*". In Ireland, there are over 500 deaths by suicide each year; more people die of suicide than in traffic accidents. Waterford is the only city in Ireland to have its own integrated action plan for suicide prevention.
- St Joseph's Carmelite Monastery in Tallow is holding a **Monastic Weekend** for single women discerning a vocation in religious life (aged 22-38) from September 21st to 23rd, 2012. If you would like more information about their way of life or about the monastic weekend contact them at 058-56205 or visit www.carmelitetallow.org.
- The Irish Cancer Society** is dedicated to ensuring people with cancer, and their families, can receive the emotional care and practical support they need to help them through one of the most difficult times they may have to face. Our Cancer Information Service (Freefone 1800 200 700) responds to about 10,000 enquiries per year. We have a team of nurses delivering the highest standards of care to cancer patients, free of charge, and we provide community based programs advising on cancer prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment and follow-on-care. The Annual Church Gate Collection will take place here next weekend, Saturday 15th and Sunday, 16th September.
- Since February, work on preparing project plans for the renovation of **Dunhill Community Hall** has been underway. A Public Meeting will be held at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th September, in Dunhill Multi-Education Centre to outline plans for the renovation of Dunhill Community Hall. All are welcome.
- Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Question: I find it hard to believe in the vengeance of God. Isn't God all-merciful? Or does God keep a catalogue of every sin we ever committed? **Answer:** The vengeance of God is totally different to human vengeance. Human vengeance is about getting your own back on somebody. God's idea of vengeance is to destroy the sin by saving the sinner. Isaiah in today's First Reading has a good description of God's vengeance. 'Vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' What a privilege is ours to celebrate God's infinite mercy in the sacrament of Confession. Mercy keeps no catalogue of past sins.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €442.88 & Envelopes €494.70. Thank you for your continued support.