

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 2nd December 2012

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<p>✘ Sunday, December 2nd First Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Monday, November 3rd – <i>St Francis Xavier, priest</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Tuesday, November 4th – <i>St John Damascene, priest</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Wednesday, November 5th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church after Mass until noon</i></p>	
<p>Thursday, November 6th – <i>St Nicholas, bishop</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Friday, November 7th – <i>St Ambrose, bishop</i></p>	<p><i>Adoration in Fenor from 11.00 a.m. until noon</i> Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.</p>	
<p>✘ Saturday, December 8th – Holyday of Obligation <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.</p>	

- An evening of **listening, praying and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ** will take place in St Paul's Parish Centre, Lisduggan, this Thursday, 06th December, beginning at 8.00 p.m. Organised by St Otteran's Pastoral Area as part of our celebration of the Year of Faith, the evening will consist of a talk by Fr Michael Mullins, followed by time for Advent Prayer and an opportunity to explore questions of faith in the modern world. Refreshments will be served at 9.00 p.m. Books, pamphlets and leaflets on the topic of Faith will be available to purchase at the end of the evening which is open to all who are interested in the Word of God and in exploring our Catholic faith.
- Saturday is the ✘ Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a **holyday of obligation**. Masses will be celebrated in Fenor Church on Friday evening at 6.30 p.m. and in Dunhill Church on Saturday morning at 11.00 a.m. We will not have morning Mass in Fenor on Friday but there will be formal adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that day from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon.
- Friday is the **First Friday** of December and Fr Paul will be visiting the sick and housebound with the Sacraments. If you, or anyone you know, would like to celebrate Confession, Anointing of the Sick or to receive the Eucharist please let us know at the parish office (396892) as soon as possible.
- An evening of **Taizé Prayer**, led by the Peace Choir, is taking place in Mount Sion Chapel, Barrack Street, Waterford, on Friday, 7th December from 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. All are welcome.
- **Fenor Sale of Work** will take place next Sunday, December 09th in Fenor National School. Donations of cakes and other items for the spinner will be gratefully received as well as books and unwanted items for the bric-a-brac stall. Items can be left into Fenor National School anytime during this week or given to any committee member.
- Keep Christ at the heart of Christmas this year by asking for **Christian cards and stamps** when you go shopping.
- 'For he has not despised nor disregarded the poverty of the poor, has not turned away his face, but has listened to the cry for help.' Psalms 22:24. This Advent, Trócaire is asking parishioners to remember those less fortunate in the world during their Christmas preparations. Transform someone's life with a **'Gift of Change'** from as little as €5. Visit www.trocaire.org/globalgift or by call 1850 408 408.
- Dunhill Rural Enterprises is hosting a **Christmas Cookery Demonstration and Food Tasting Event** on Tuesday week, 11th December, at 7.00 p.m. Tickets are €10 each and are available from the Multi-Education Centre on 051 396934. €2.50 from each ticket will be donated to the Dunhill & Fenor Special Olympics.
- A **Christmas Charity Concert** featuring Cara O'Sullivan will take place in the Catholic Cathedral of Most Holy Trinity, Waterford, on Friday, 14th December, starting at 7.30 p.m. Tickets for the concert, in aid of the Edmund Rice Centre, Mount Sion, are on sale from the centre on 051-874390 and from the Theatre Royal on 051-874402.
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Question: I am puzzled that the Gospel at the start of Advent is about the end of the world. What has this to do with preparation for Christmas? **Answer:** Advent is a season preparing for the coming of Christ. The first focus of Advent is on the future coming of Christ, that is, at the end of each person's life. The Church's liturgical year begins by reminding us where the journey of life will finish. Our lives began with God our Creator and will return to God. It's like the line of a circle which ends precisely where it began. As Advent advances the liturgy taps into the spirituality of the Jewish people awaiting the Messiah. The last week before Christmas brings us to the people who would be associated with the birth of Jesus.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €511.02 & Envelopes €481.75. Thank you for your continued support.