


Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 09th December 2012

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☒ Sunday, December 9th Second Sunday of Advent	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.	
Monday, December 10th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.	
Tuesday, December 11th	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.	
Wednesday, December 12th – <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church after Mass until noon</i>	
Thursday, December 13th – <i>St Lucy, virgin and martyr</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.	
Friday, December 14th – <i>St John of the Cross, priest</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church after Mass until noon</i>	
Saturday, December 15th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. (Children's Mass)	

- The **Annual Sale of Work** at Fenor National School takes place today (Sunday) starting at 1.30 p.m. All the money raised will be ploughed back into the community so we urge you to come and enjoy this fun day for all.
- The Annual Collection for the **Society of St Vincent de Paul** is being taken up outside all churches this weekend. If you forgot your envelope or your donation, feel free to bring it next weekend and we'll pass it on immediately.
- The Irish Catholic Bishops' initial **Response to the Report of the Expert Group** on the Judgement in A, B and C versus Ireland is available to read or download on their website at www.catholicbishops.ie
- A **Blood Donor Clinic** will be held in CBS Secondary School, Tramore, tomorrow (Monday, 10th December) from 4.30 p.m. until 8.00 p.m. Please ensure essential blood supplies are always available by giving blood regularly.
- The next Mass of the **Do This in Memory Programme** will be celebrated next Saturday evening at 6.30 p.m.
- The **Annual Community Care Christmas Party** will take place next Sunday, December 16th, in the G.A.A. Centre, Dunhill. It is always a great occasion when the seniors in our community come together. We hope that all the usual volunteers will help out on the day and new volunteers are always welcome.
- Shop local this year and keep Christ at the heart of Christmas by asking for **Christian cards and stamps**.
- A **Christmas Cookery Demonstration & Tasting Event** by Dunhill Ecopark Food Producers will take place this Tuesday, 11th December, at 7.00 p.m. in the Ecopark. Tickets are €10 each and are available from Dunhill Multi-Education Centre on 051 396934. A donation of €2.50 from each ticket sold will be made to the Dunhill & Fenor Special Olympics Club. A raffle will also take place on the night in aid of the Ryan and Ethan Appeal.
- A **Christmas Charity Concert** featuring Cara O'Sullivan will take place in the Catholic Cathedral of Most Holy Trinity, Waterford, this 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.
- Our St Otteran's Pastoral Area has decided to have two joint-**Reconciliation Services for Christmas**: one in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, on Monday, December 17th at 7.30 p.m. and the other in St Paul's Church, Lisduggan, on Thursday, December 20th, at 7.30 p.m. We will have opportunities for Confession in Dunhill Church on Wednesday, December 19th after 10.00 a.m. Mass and in Fenor Church on Friday, December 21st after 10.00 a.m. Mass. The Franciscan Friary in Waterford also has a priest available for Confession each day. Wherever you go please do make a special effort to celebrate Christ's love and forgiveness in Confession this Advent.
- The **Irish Cancer Society** has written to thank you for your support in their recent church gate collection at Dunhill Church which raised €85 and will go towards making a difference in the lives of people affected by cancer.
- A **Positive Parenting Course**, based on Christian principles, will be held each Tuesday from 15th January to 19th February at the Edmund Rice Centre, Mount Sion, Waterford, between 7.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. Bookings may be made with Helena Fitzgerald, the course presenter, on 085-7798288 or helena_fitzgerald@yahoo.ie
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Question: When John the Baptist baptised people, was it the sacrament of Baptism?
Answer: The sacraments as we know them did not exist before the ministry of Jesus. Baptism originally meant having a bath or a good wash. John was called the Baptist, the Bath-man, because he used a ceremony of washing by which people might express a moral conversion from the ways of sin. Jesus took this ritual washing to a new level when he told the disciples to baptise 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. Christians recognise this as the institution of the sacrament.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €410.91 & Envelopes €459.00. Thank you for your continued support.