

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 16th December 2012

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| <p>☒ Sunday, December 16th Third Sunday of Advent (<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>)</p> | <p>Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.</p> |
| <p>Monday, December 17th</p> | <p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. Reconciliation Service in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 p.m</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, December 18th – <i>St Flannan</i></p> | <p>Fenor School Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, December 19th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p> | <p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. (Confessions after Mass) <i>Dunhill Church after Mass until noon</i></p> |
| <p>Thursday, December 20th – <i>St Fachanan</i></p> | <p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. Reconciliation Service in St Paul's Church, Lisduggan, at 7.30 p.m</p> |
| <p>Friday, December 21st – <i>St Peter Canisius</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p> | <p>Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. (Confessions after Mass) <i>Fenor Church after Mass until noon</i></p> |
| <p>Saturday, December 22nd</p> | <p>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.</p> |

- The **Annual Community Care Christmas Party** will take place today (Sunday) in the G.A.A. Centre, Dunhill. Thanks to all who have come together to organise this wonderful day for our senior citizens.
- Our St Otteran's Pastoral Area has decided to have two joint-**Reconciliation Services for Christmas**: one in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, this Monday, December 17th at 7.30 p.m. and the other in St Paul's Church, Lisduggan, this 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 Parish Pastoral Council has agreed the following **Christmas Mass times**: the Vigil Mass will be celebrated in Fenor Church at 8.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve; Midnight Mass will be celebrated in Dunhill Church at midnight; the Dawn Mass will be celebrated in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. and the Day Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
- **'Never turn your face from the poor and God will never turn his from you.'** Tobit 4:7. December 10th was World Human Rights Day and Trócaire asks us to help uphold the human rights and protect the dignity of the most vulnerable people in the developing world with a Christmas 'Gift of Change'. Gifts are available at www.trocaire.org/globalgift or by calling 1850 408 408.
- A **Table Quiz** will be held in Harney's of Dunhill on Monday, 17th December, at 9.00 p.m. as a benefit for Baby Eoghan Keating (Gooney). Please support the family and support this event.
- An evening of **Prayer & Reflection for Christmas** will take place this Thursday, December 20th, at 7.30 p.m. in St. John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford. Facilitated by Ann O'Farrell & Sr Antoinette Dilworth it will be an opportunity to slow down our hurried pace of life to prepare ourselves to receive the gift of Emmanuel.
- **Carols for our Times** will be sung by the Waterford & Omagh Peace Choir at Mount Sion Chapel next Sunday, 23rd December from 6.00 p.m. until 9.00 p.m. All are welcome.
- Congratulations to the boys and girls in both Dunhill and Fenor schools who presented their **Christmas plays** this week. Huge effort was put in by the children and the teachers. Well done to all involved.
- **Home Alone This Christmas?** Don't be home alone this Christmas if you would like some company. Senior Help Line is a national confidential telephone listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers. They are open every day over Christmas, including Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. (closed Christmas evening from 7.00 - 10.00 p.m.). All calls are treated as strictly confidential. They are there to listen. LoCall 1850 440 444 for the price of a local call.
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Question: How might one understand the difference between the merciful approach of Jesus and the drastic preaching of John the Baptist predicting doom and condemnation?
Answer: There are two ways of correcting people: the threat of punishment or the promise of reward. John the Baptist came from a people who expected a Messiah who would inaugurate a perfect society in which there would be no room for the sinner. Hence, he preached the urgency of total conversion before an impending judgement. The approach of Jesus was to give hope to the sinner. Instead of John's winnowing fan blowing away the empty chaff, he preferred to fan into flame some spark of goodness in a struggling sinner.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €424.94 & Envelopes €550.70 Thank you for your continued support.