


Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 13th January 2013

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<p>✠ Sunday, January 13th <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.</p>	 <p>YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013</p>
<p>Monday, January 14th</p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Tuesday, January 15th – St Ita, Virgin</p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Wednesday, January 16th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until noon</i></p>	
<p>Thursday, January 17th – St Anthony, Abbot</p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Friday, January 18th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until noon</i></p>	
<p>Saturday, January 19th</p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.</p>	

- We extend a special welcome this weekend to those who have been **baptised in the parish during 2012** and their parents, godparents and families. We celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism with 23 children this year. At today's 11.00 a.m. Mass we will ask God to renew his blessing on the children, present or not, and their families. We also take this opportunity to thank the members of the parish **Baptismal Team** who are available to each family prior to the baptism to help deepen the understanding of the sacrament and the various elements of the Rite of Baptism.
- Next Saturday, 19th January, there will be a '**Unite for Life Vigil**' held at 4.30 p.m. in Merrion Square, Dublin. Our Parish Pastoral Council is organising a bus to the event, costing €10 per person. The bus will leave Dunhill Church at 11.30 a.m., Fenor Church at 11.40 a.m., Tramore Church at 11.50 a.m. and St Paul's Church, Lisduggan, at 12.20 p.m. The bus will leave from Dublin at about 6.00 p.m., stopping briefly on the way back to give people an opportunity for food. Please make an effort to be there and to encourage family, friends and neighbours to do likewise. Seats should be booked as soon as possible at our parish office 051-396892. The Vigil will have a positive, clear message about safeguarding the lives of mothers and babies in pregnancy. Posters will be provided but please do your part to spread the word.
- You will find an extra yellow envelope in your box at home for next week entitled '**Parish Development Fund**'. Recognising that there's an amount of structural work to be done such as the new roof in Fenor Church and work on the windows and roof at Dunhill Church the Parish Finance Council has advised that we prepare with two extra collections in the year, in January and June (to replace the Eucharistic Congress collection). This will help us get a head start on the fundraising that will be necessary to complete the various works. Thanks for your support.
- '**Catholicism**' is a ten week DVD series which has taken much of America by storm. The DVD's explore the beauty and truth of our Catholic Faith and will be shown in the Edmond Rice Centre, Barrack Street, Waterford, every Tuesday night, between January 22nd and March 26th, from 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. It will be followed by a short discussion each night. All are welcome but if you would like more information please contact 086-3301766.
- Our **Diocesan Year of Faith Presentations** continue with Fr. Peter McVerry who worked as a priest in Dublin's inner city from 1975 to 1980 and there he encountered some homeless children. He opened a hostel for homeless children in 1979 and this subsequently became his life-time work. He has written on many issues relating to young homeless people, such as accommodation, drugs, juvenile justice, the Gardaí, the prisons and education. He is a regular contributor on radio and television and he has written two books – "The Meaning is in the Shadows" and "Jesus – Social Revolutionary?" Fr. Peter will talk on the topic: "The Faith that does Justice" at St. John's Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 23rd January at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.
- The 55th Annual **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place this year from Thursday, June 06th, to Tuesday, June 11th. This year's pilgrim fare is €735. For pilgrim information and bookings please contact the Pilgrimage Office, St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. Tel: 051-878900. If you are unwell and are interested in going to Lourdes, please contact Sean Dunphy, Cuisle Ceoil, Dunmore Road, Waterford. Tel: 051-873629.
- Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Question: Is it true that Jesus did not know that he was the Son of God until he heard the voice from heaven saying 'You are my Son, the Beloved' on the occasion of his baptism? **Answer:** This theory is strongly rejected by Pope Benedict in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*. Such theories, he says, belong to the category of a 'Jesus novel', a book which attempts a psychological story while using a very liberal reading of the words of scripture and a lot of conjecture. The mysterious union of divine and human natures in Jesus is beyond our psychological explanation.
- Last week's **Parish Collection:** Masses €405.04 & Envelopes 839.20. Thank you for your continued support.