


Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 20th January 2013

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| <p>✠ Sunday, January 20th <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> | <p>Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.</p> |  |
| <p>Monday, January 21st – <i>St Agnes</i></p> | <p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.</p> | |
| <p>Tuesday, January 22nd – <i>St Vincent</i></p> | <p>Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.</p> | |
| <p>Wednesday, January 23rd <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p> | <p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from after Mass until noon</i></p> | |
| <p>Thursday, January 24th – <i>St Francis de Sales</i></p> | <p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p> | |
| <p>Friday, January 25th – <i>Conversion of St Paul</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p> | <p>Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from after Mass until noon</i></p> | |
| <p>Saturday, January 26th – <i>Ss Timothy & Titus</i></p> | <p>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.</p> | |

- The Annual Week of Prayer for the Unity of Christians began on Friday and concludes on the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. This year's **Ecumenical Service of Prayer** will take place in Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford, tonight (Sunday) at 7.00 p.m. The preacher will be Fr Patrick J. Fitzgerald, P.P. All are welcome.
- Today we are holding the first collection for the '**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. Thank you 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 this Wednesday, 23rd January, at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.
- The children who are preparing for their First Penance and First Holy Communion will gather for the 11.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday morning, 27th January, to celebrate the fifth Mass in their **Do This In Memory** programme.
- This year's **D.F.B.A. (Public) Annual General Meeting** will be held on Tuesday week, 29th January, at 8.00 p.m. in the Multi-Education Centre. Short presentations will be made on a number of initiatives taking place in our community this year such as the development of the Parish Hall, the Anne Valley Recreation Trail and Wildlife Sanctuary, and the Power Clan Rally taking place in June as part of 'The Gathering'. All are welcome.
- The **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place this year from Thursday, June 06th, to Tuesday, June 11th. This year's pilgrim fare is €735. For bookings please contact the Pilgrimage Office at St. John's Pastoral Centre on 051-878900. If you are unwell and are interested in going, please contact Sean Dunphy on 051-873629.
- **Dunhill Lourdes Fund Committee** is inviting anybody wishing to have their name included for selection as a pilgrim, a helper, a youth worker, or leader, to contact any member of the committee or leave details at the sacristy.
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Question: At the wedding in Cana there were six large jars, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. That would come to five hundred bottles or more! Are these numbers to be taken literally or symbolically? **Answer:** . Common sense demands that we look for symbolism. The setting is the marriage of an unnamed couple. The evangelist John is interested in the wedding of God and humanity in the mission of Jesus. As the multiplication of the loaves and fishes prepared the disciples to accept the consecration of the bread at the Last Supper, similarly the miracle of the wine foreshadowed the consecration of the wine into the blood of Christ. It was the blood of Christ which sealed the new covenant as a marriage bond by which people are adopted as the children of God.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €478.32 & Envelopes 500.50. Thank you for your continued support.