


# Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2013

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<p>✘ <b>Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Third 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. (DTIM)</p>	 <p>YEAR OF FAITH 2012</p>	<b>Catholic Schools</b>
<p><b>Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.</p>		
<p><b>Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.</p>		
<p><b>Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup></b> <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><b>Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup></b> – <i>St John Bosco</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p>		
<p><b>Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup></b> – <i>St Brigid of Ireland</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><b>Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup></b> – <i>Candlemas</i> <i>Presentation of the Lord</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. <i>During which the boys and girls preparing for Confirmation this year will make their Commitments.</i></p>		

- **Catholic Schools Week 2013** begins today and we are delighted to welcome the children who are preparing for First Penance and Holy Communion to the 11.00 a.m. Mass in Dunhill. During the week, school communities are encouraged to celebrate and give thanks for the work that they already do to fulfil the challenge of the Year of Faith; to pray, deepen our understanding of our own faith, bear witness to our faith in the way we live our lives and serve those who are in need in our communities and in the world. They are also invited to consider how they can extend and deepen their work in these areas. The week will conclude next Saturday when the boys and girls who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will make their Commitment at the Saturday evening Mass. We take this opportunity to thank the staff in both of our schools for their dedication and commitment to our ethos.
- Thank you for your contribution to last week's **Development Fund Collection** which raised € 751.37. This money will help us to do some of the larger infrastructural work which needs to be undertaken in the parish.
- Friday is the **First Friday** of February 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.
- **Ministers of the Eucharist** are invited to St John's Pastoral Centre on Thursday, 07<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30 p.m. for an evening of practical training on their ministry and a similar evening will be held for **Ministers of the Word**, again in St John's Pastoral Centre, on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30 p.m. New ministers would also be welcome so if you would like to serve the community in either of these ministries please contact the parish office.
- Over the past few years we have journeyed on various pilgrimages and following our tradition of staying in Ireland every second year and choosing a foreign destination every other year our Parish Pastoral Council has organised a **Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Padua** beginning on Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> for seven nights. Brochures about the pilgrimage are included with this Newsletter but feel free to contact the parish office or JWT for further details.
- Parishioners who regularly attend Fenor Church will be used to seeing a large **Monterey Cypress** (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) standing 25-30 meters tall, between the church and the entrance to Fenor Bog. In July 2012 we were advised that this tree has reached the end of its growth potential and has started into decline. Limbs of the tree may drop without warning and this creates a health and safety issue for us. A secondary danger is that the tree is top heavy and the tree could fall and damage the church and gravestones. Having consulted with Waterford County Council experts we will soon have the top of the tree removed to alleviate our concerns. We do hope, however, to retain a substantial stump with the possibility of turning it into a religious carving during the coming months.
- The **Julian Walton Winter Lecture Series** continues this Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, in the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre at 8.00 p.m. This week's lecture will be given by Julian Walton on the topic 'Brigadier Edward Molyneux I: soldier and painter in Tramore and India' (1866-1913). Admission is €5.00, including refreshments.
- The **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Anne Valley 5-mile Challenge** also takes place on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> February. Registration for the event can be completed online at [www.annevalleyrunning.webs.com](http://www.annevalleyrunning.webs.com) or on the day at Harney's Pub.
- Our Parish Pastoral Council will host its **Annual Pancake Party** for the young people of the parish on Shrove Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, at the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre. The gathering will begin at 8.00 p.m. and finish at 9.30 p.m. and will consist of fun, prayer and plenty of pancakes. The get-together is aimed at those in first, second and third year of secondary school so please spread the word.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €347.87 & Envelopes €551.04. Thank you for your continued support.