

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 10th February 2013

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✘ Sunday, February 10th <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. (Temperance Sunday) Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, February 11th	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. (Day of the Sick)
Tuesday, February 12th	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Ash Wednesday, February 13th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Blessing and distribution of ashes during Mass in Dunhill at 10.00 a.m. (There are Masses in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.)
Thursday, February 14th – Ss Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, February 15th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from after Mass until noon</i>
Saturday, February 16th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- This last Sunday before Lent is always known as **Temperance Sunday** and it often reminds us of the work of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association. Why not check out their wonderful website at www.pioneerassociation.ie.
- Our **Annual Pancake Party for the young people of the parish** (secondary school age) takes place this Shrove Tuesday evening, from 8.00 p.m. until 9.30 p.m. at the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre. The night will include some fun, prayer, chat and lots of tasty pancakes. Bring your friends and enjoy this last night before Lent begins!
- All **Ministers of the Word** are invited to St John's Pastoral Centre this Tuesday, 12th February, at 7.30 p.m. for an evening of practical training on their ministry. 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 (396892).
- This Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday** and it marks the beginning of Lent. Blessed ashes will be distributed during the 10.00 a.m. Mass in Dunhill and will be available during the day. It is a day of **Fast and Abstinence**, beginning a time when we can look at giving up or cutting down on some of the things we indulge ourselves on.
- **Trócaire boxes** are available in both churches. Please take one home and give it a prominent place during Lent as we make a special effort to help those less fortunate than ourselves.
- Details of our **Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Padua** have been announced and brochures and booking forms are available at the parish office. We will leave Dublin on Sunday afternoon, September 22nd, and spend two nights in Rome, two nights in Assisi and three nights in Padua before flying home from Venice. The cost is €899.
- Dunhill Community Alert Group is inviting eligible applicants to have **Personal Alert Monitors** fitted in their homes. The scheme is open to all those who are 65 years of age or older, who must submit their name, address and phone number to John Drohan of the Community Care Committee or Donal Murphy of the Dunhill Community Alert Group (051-396174). The equipment is grant aided by the Department of Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs but monitoring will be paid for by the beneficiary.
- A **'Unite for Life' Pro-Life Vigil** will be held in the main square in Dungarvan on Saturday, 16th February, from 3.00 to 4.00 p.m. For details contact Claire on 087-7498741 or John on 083-3011400. www.prolifecampaign.ie
- Sincere thanks to all the golfers who took part in the annual Christmas Golf Outing in aid of the **Dunhill Lourdes Fund**, especially Tombo White for the organising, Harneys for the food and Brendan O'Brien of the Goldcoast Golf Club for their generous donation to the fund. Thanks also to the Dunhill GAA and Squash Clubs for the substantial collection taken up on the night of their annual squash match. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- The Friends of Dunhill Hall kick off their 2013 activity on Saturday, 16th February, with a **'Valentines Boogie'** – a great night of music and craic is planned to give the whole community an opportunity to socialise and have fun. Doors open at 9.00 p.m. Tickets (€10) on sale in Harney's, from committee members or on the door on the night.
- **Dunhill N.S.** is now taking enrolments for September. Applications should be in by February 22nd. Phone 396383.
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn80@gmail.com
- **Question:** Why are ashes used at the start of Lent? **Answer:** Ashes are a grim reminder that the things of this world do not last forever ... 'dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return'. Being marked with ashes is a public sign that one is taking on some act of penance during Lent. To repent means literally to think again. It entails taking an honest look at oneself with a decision to improve. Jesus prepared for his public mission in forty days of prayer and fasting. Lent is a season of preparation for the renewal of our baptismal commitment to Christ at Easter.
- Last week's **Parish Collection:** Masses €406.43 & Envelopes €423.20. Thank you for your continued support.