


Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 03rd March 2013

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<p>✘ Sunday, March 03rd <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Monday, March 04th – <i>St Casimir</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Tuesday, March 05th – <i>St Kieran, bishop</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Wednesday, March 06th <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, March 07th – <i>Ss Perpetua & Felicity</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>First Friday, March 08th – <i>St John of God</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, March 09th – <i>St Frances of Rome</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.</p>	

- To mark the Year of Faith we have made some **Catholic publications** available for purchase again after Masses today. Published by the Catholic Truth Society these books and booklets help us to understand various aspects of the faith we profess. Copies of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* and *YouCat* may also be ordered.
- Congratulations to **Brendan Gallagher** who, having discerned a vocation to the Diaconate, has been accepted by Bishop Lee as a candidate for service in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore. Brendan, who recently graduated in Theology at St Patrick's College in Maynooth, will begin three years of training this September and, on successful completion of all the requirements, will be ordained as a Deacon. The Diaconate is one of the three ministries of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, along with priests and bishops, and those ordained as permanent Deacons (as opposed to transitional Deacons who are on the way to priesthood) may be married. We thank Brendan for his offer of service to the Church and will wish him, his wife Bridget, and their family every good wish for the future.
- The **Financial Statement for the Parish for 2012** has been inserted into this edition of the Newsletter. Spare copies are available in both churches. If you have any questions on the Financial Statement please come to our General Parish Meeting this Monday, March 04th, at 8.00 p.m. in the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre.
- A meeting about the **Holy Week Ceremonies** will take place this Tuesday, 05th March, at 7.30 p.m. in Dunhill Church. All who would like to learn more about these liturgies, or help to prepare them, are welcome to attend.
- This year €300 was donated at the cribs in the churches. This money has been forwarded to the Order of Malta's **Holy Family Maternity Hospital** in Bethlehem. Holy Family Hospital is the only maternity hospital in Bethlehem and cares for mothers of all faiths and backgrounds and their children. Check out the hospital's website at www.holyfamilyhospital-bethlehem.org for information about its work.
- In light of recent advertising of **Pre-Marriage Courses** by groups and organisations which cannot meet the Irish Episcopal Conference criteria for Courses of Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage, Bishop Lee has reiterated that such courses are not an acceptable course of marriage preparation in the diocese of Waterford and Lismore. The only approved course is that run by Accord and details can be found on www.accord.ie.
- Details of our **Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Padua** 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. Check out our Facebook page or our website for more: www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie/df/2013-rome-assisi-padua.
- The **Community Care** get-together which was planned for next weekend has been postponed as next Sunday, Laetare Sunday, is Mothers' Day. Details of the re-scheduled event will be available soon.
- The **Year of Faith Presentations** continue at St John's Pastoral Centre with Bishop Donal Murray, Emeritus of Limerick, addressing the theme '*Constantly look for new ways*' on Tuesday, 12th March, at 7.30 p.m. Also, Father Michael Mullins will give an overview of *Acts of the Apostles* on Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 20th March.
- Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn80@gmail.com
- Question:** I am personally opposed to abortion, but is it right to impose Catholic morality in what is now a multicultural and democratic society? **Answer:** It is misleading to speak of abortion as a matter just of Catholic morality. The right to life is not a Catholic issue only but a matter of human justice. Human justice is a fundamental pillar of a democratic society. Basic human justice ought to be the concern of every person regardless of religious belief or affiliation. And what is more basic than one's right to life?
- Last week's **Parish Collection:** Masses €395.66 & Envelopes 663.90. Thank you for your continued support.