


Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 17th March 2013

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<p>✠ Sunday, March 17th <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent – St Patrick, bishop</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 18th – <i>St Cyril, bishop</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Tuesday, March 19th – <i>St Joseph</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Wednesday, March 20th <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 21st – <i>St Enda, abbot</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Friday, March 22nd <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 23rd – <i>St Turibius, bishop</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.</p>	

- **Habemus Papam!** Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina was elected in a surprise choice to be the new leader of our Church on Wednesday, taking the name ‘Francis’ and becoming the first non-European pontiff in nearly 1,300 years. “Pray for me”, the new pontiff urged us all. The choice of Bergoglio, aged 76, who is the first Latin American and first Jesuit pope, made him the 266th pontiff in the Church’s 2,000-year history. Although a conservative theologically, Francis is known for his concern for the poor and is expected to bring a radical change of style to the Church leadership, indicated by his choice for the first time of the name of St Francis of Assisi, who died in 1226 after living a life of poverty and simplicity. Keep praying for him during the coming days.
- **St Patrick** was probably born in the early years of the fifth century in Britain. He was taken captive at the age of 16 and brought to Ireland where he worked as a slave. His captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He escaped back home at the age of 22 but it was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. He returned to Ireland around 457-461 and made a tremendous number of converts. He died in 491.
- The **Year of Faith Presentations** continue at St John’s Pastoral Centre with Father Michael Mullins completing his overview of *Acts of the Apostles* this Wednesday, 20th March, at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.
- **‘Walking towards the light of Easter’** is the theme of a morning of reflection on our journey towards Easter. The event, which will be conducted through the medium of ritual, song and imagery, will be facilitated by Sr Antoinette Dilworth rsj at St. John’s Pastoral Centre, Waterford, on Saturday 23rd March at 10.00 a.m. All are welcome.
- The children who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion will celebrate their next **Do This in Memory Mass** in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. next Sunday, March 24th, which is Palm Sunday.
- The **Community Care** get-together for our senior citizens has been rescheduled for next Sunday, 24th March, in the Dunhill Multi-Education Centre at 3.00 p.m. The afternoon will include music and a sing-along with refreshments also being served. All are welcome.
- The Carmelite Sisters at St Joseph’s Monastery in Tallow, Co. Waterford, are hosting a **Monastic Weekend** from 22nd to 24th March for single women (22-38 years). If you would like to ‘Come and See’ please contact the monastery at 058-56205 or email carmeltallow@eircom.net. For more information see www.carmelitetallow.org
- 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.
- “Charity is a very paradise of blessing and almsgiving endures forever.” Ecclesiasticus 40:17. As we celebrate our patron saint today, **Trócaire** thanks us for our continuing generosity, illustrated by the fact that Ireland was recently ranked as the most charitable nation in Europe and the second most charitable nation worldwide. www.trocaire.org
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O’Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn80@gmail.com
Question: Would St Patrick have any special message if he were here in Ireland today? **Answer:** He would be happy to see so many people faithfully striving to live Christian lives yet sad to see the drift towards violent crime, the materialism which dims the eye of conscience, the abuse of drugs and alcohol and the weakening of faith as a source of light and strength in life. During this Year of Faith he would encourage each one to be a missionary just as he was, dedicated to God in mind and action, working to bring the beautiful Christian message and ideals to all.
- Last week’s **Parish Collection:** Masses €377.00 & Envelopes 419.20. Thank you for your continued support.

