


# Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013

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✘ <b>Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. ( <i>Service of Light</i> )	 <p>YEAR OF FAITH 2012 2013</p>
<b>Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.	
<b>Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.	
<b>Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from Mass until noon</i>	
<b>Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Mass for the conferral of Confirmation in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.	
<b>Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from Mass until noon</i>	
<b>Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. ( <i>Fr Purcell's Anniversary</i> )	

- Today, in Dunhill Church, the boys and girls preparing for Confirmation will celebrate their 'Service of Light' at the 11.00 a.m. Mass. It is at the Service of Light that their parents and godparents recognise them as young people who are responsible enough to keep the flame of faith burning in their own young lives. The parents and godparents have held the Baptismal Candle for many years but are now passing it on to their son/daughter to keep it burning brightly themselves, through the good, caring works that they carry out at home and in their community. This Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Canon Brendan Crowley, P.P., V.F., will visit our parish to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** with our young parishioners in Dunhill Church. Thanks to the parents and godparents, the teachers in both schools, and all who have brought the young people to this special day.
- A **'Forum on Faith'** will take place in St Paul's Parish Centre, Lisduffgan, this Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, beginning at 8.00 p.m. The fourth in a series of gatherings organised by St Otteran's Pastoral Area as part of our celebration of the Year of Faith, the evening will consist of Evening Prayer (Vespers) of the Church, followed by a response to questions of faith posed by those who attended previous meetings and an opportunity to explore further questions of faith in the modern world. Refreshments will be served at 9.00 p.m. The evening is open to all who are interested in exploring our Catholic faith and is a good activity to engage in during this Year of Faith.
- We will be commemorating the second anniversary of the death of our beloved **Fr Gerard Purcell** during Holy Mass at 6.30 p.m. in Fenor Church next Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April. All are welcome.
- The annual **Clean-up of Ballyscanlon and Fenor** will take place next Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April. All those willing to help should meet at the car park in Ballyscanlon Wood at 10.00 a.m.
- Thanks to all who participated in the **Holy Week ceremonies** recently and particularly those who were involved in the preparations for each event. Our celebration of the Lord's Supper was a wonderful success and we were packed to capacity. Indeed all of the other ceremonies showed an increase in attendance too. Thanks again to all.
- The **Anne Valley Walk Committee** would like to thank everybody for their donations and support at the fundraiser last Sunday. The new path offers the opportunity for a beautiful, scenic walk through the valley.
- Please return your **Trócaire Box** to the parish as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Thank you.
- **Fenor Lourdes Fund** Committee is inviting anybody wishing to have their name included for selection as an invalid, a pilgrim, a helper, or a youth worker to contact Paul Lynch (330636) or Mary Murphy (386685) or leave details at the sacristy. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from June 06<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup> this year.
- The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place on Sunday, May 05<sup>th</sup>, 2013, under the leadership of the Most Revd Dr William Lee, Bishop of Waterford & Lismore. The train departs Waterford at 6.45 a.m.
- Booking forms for our **Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Padua** are available at the parish office. Book early!
- **Questions people ask** – *Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn80@gmail.com*  
**Question:** How can one be sure that prayer is not just talking to oneself, a one-way conversation? **Answer:** The fact that Jesus told us to pray is enough evidence for me. Anyway, prayer is more than just talking. Jesus told people to go beyond words and 'go into your private room and pray to your Father who is in that secret place and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.' The art of prayer is in making a sacred space in our minds and hearts to be attentive to God's relationship with us. 'Prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him' (Catechism #2560). Time spent in prayer moves one to respond to God in adoration, love, thanks, asking and repentance.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €417.33 & Envelopes €575.60. Thank you for your continued support.