


Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 21st April 2013

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| ✘ Sunday, April 21st <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter – Vocations Sunday</i> | Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. |  |
| Monday, April 22nd | Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. | |
| Tuesday, April 23rd | Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. | |
| Wednesday, April 24th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> | Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from after Mass until noon</i> | |
| Thursday, April 25th | Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. | |
| Friday, April 26th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> | Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from after Mass until noon</i> | |
| Saturday, April 27th | Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m. | |

- On this *Good Shepherd Sunday* we celebrate the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Take time today to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. If you are considering a vocation to priesthood in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Billy Meehan, on 052-6122954 or, if you are interested in serving as a Permanent Deacon, contact Fr Pat Fitzgerald on 051-372257. Take a look at these websites: www.vocationsireland.com and www.catholicbishops.ie/vocations.
- Congratulations to the boys and girls of the parish who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** in Dunhill Church on Thursday. We are very grateful to Canon Brendan Crowley for confirming our young people in the faith. We hope that the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit will be very much in evidence in their lives in the future.
- This weekend, in addition to this Newsletter, we are handing out **'Pro-Woman, Pro-Baby Campaign'** packs. Please use the enclosed postcards to show your support for the value and dignity of life.
- Please return your **Trócaire Box** to the parish as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Thank you.
- Age Action's **Getting Started Classes** for over 55s have so far helped many people to grow in confidence about using a computer. Many older people have gained confidence through their one-on-one volunteer tutor based teaching of the basics and now find themselves able to do things they'd never have thought possible, to be much more in touch with their families, to save money, and to pursue old and new hobbies. Age Action is calling all over 55s to pluck up the courage to follow their peers into the 21st Century. In fun classes, you can learn, each with your own volunteer tutor sitting beside you, at your own pace, to put the computer to use. For more information on upcoming courses in Dunhill, contact Killian or Ben on 021-4536556 or Julie on 087-1956026.
- The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place on Sunday, May 05th, 2013, under the leadership of the Most Revd Dr William Lee, Bishop of Waterford & Lismore. The train departs Waterford at 6.45 a.m. The Knock pilgrimage season takes place from April 28th – October 13th, 2013. For details visit www.knock-shrine.ie
- The **Power Clan Gathering** takes place from Friday, May 31st to Tuesday, June 4th this year. Much of the gathering centres around Dunhill, the ancestral home of the Powers. Some of the events are free of charge and open to everyone so take a look at what is planned for the week on their website www.powerclangathering.com
- **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 06th to June 11th this year.
- 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.
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn80@gmail.com
Question: Every now and then I feel a call from God to priesthood. What should I do about it? The thought of a lifetime commitment to celibacy puts me off. **Answer:** Pray for discernment and talk with a priest, preferably one who knows you. Celibacy is a daunting prospect if you focus on what you would be giving up. But celibacy may be seen in a different light as a grace offered by God to commit oneself bodily, mentally and spiritually to the service of Christ and his Church. For me personally, celibacy is not about the possible intimate relationship and family I never would have, but about a daily relationship with Jesus, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €549.19 & Envelopes €699.00. Thank you for your continued support.