


Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 12th May 2013

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| <p>☒ Sunday, May 12th <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i></p> | <p>Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m. – <i>Funeral of Mary Power, Tramore</i></p> |  |
| <p>Monday, May 13th – <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i></p> | <p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.</p> | |
| <p>Tuesday, May 14th – <i>St Matthias, Apostle</i></p> | <p>Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.</p> | |
| <p>Wednesday, May 15th – <i>St Carthage of Lismore</i> <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, May 16th – <i>St Brendan, abbot</i></p> | <p>Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p> | |
| <p>Friday, May 17th <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, May 18th – Vigil of Pentecost</p> | <p><i>First Holy Communion Mass in Fenor Church at 11.00 a.m.</i> Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.</p> | |

- The children of second class in Fenor N.S. will gather for Mass next Saturday morning when they will receive the Blessed Eucharist in their **First Holy Communion**. Please remember them in your prayers during this week. The children of Dunhill N.S. will receive their First Holy Communion the following Saturday in Dunhill Church.
- **St Carthage** (or Mochuta) hailed from a rick family in Kerry. As he loved chanting the Psalms the local king arranged for him to become a priest. Having spent a year at Bangor he founded his own monastery at Rahan in 595. It grew rapidly but opposition made him move southwards around 637. He, with hundreds of monks and their patients from the leper colony, finally arrived at Lismore, where he made a foundation. He died in 638.
- The **Annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund** will be taken up in both churches next weekend. There is a yellow envelope in your box of envelopes at home for this purpose. Each parish in the diocese must pay €2,200 annually, per priest working in the parish, as a contribution to the support of the retired priests of the diocese. Please give as generously as you can to next week's collection.
- We are delighted to announce that the **Anne Valley Walk** will be officially opened next Sunday, 19th May. There will be fun, entertainment and refreshments for all the family. The opening kicks off at 2.00 p.m. so tell your friends not to miss out on a great day of entertainment. We look forward to seeing you all there.
- 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
- Waterford Museum of Treasures is organising a major conference in Waterford to mark the 650th anniversary of the **unification of the Dioceses of Waterford and Lismore**. The conference will be held on the weekend of the 14th – 16th June, the date when in 1363 the unification was formally announced. Entitled **Piety, politics and prelates: a conference celebrating the 650th anniversary of the unification of the dioceses of Waterford and Lismore**, brochures and booking forms are available, by email or post, from doceallachain@waterfordcity.ie.
- Our **Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Padua** has 22 pilgrims booked in already, which has surpassed our expectations. If you're interested in coming please consider booking soon so as not to be disappointed (especially if you require a single room). Booking forms are available at the parish office or from Joe Walsh Tours on 01-2410800. 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 €899.00 p.p.s. 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: Ages ago you wrote in our Newsletter that Mass is a rehearsal of heaven. I have often meant to ask you to say more about what you meant. **Answer:** It is only in the full beatific vision of God in heaven that the perfect praise of God can take place. The wonder of the Eucharist is that we are invited to 'do this in memory of Jesus', that is, to lift up our hearts in joining with him in his return to the Father through the door of death, into his resurrection and ascension. We offer all honour and glory to the Father through Jesus (as the Mediator between earth and heaven), with him (as brother in our humanity) and in him (as members of his Body). Therefore, what happens at Mass is an anticipation of the perfect praise which belongs to heaven.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €372.61 & Envelopes €397.40. Thank you for your continued support.