


# Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013

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✘ <b>Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.	 <p>YEAR OF FAITH 2012 2013</p>
<b>Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.	
<b>Tuesday, May 21<sup>th</sup></b>	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.	
<b>Wednesday, May 22<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St Rita of Cascia</i> <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>	
<b>Thursday, May 23<sup>th</sup></b>	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.	
<b>Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from after Mass until noon</i>	
<b>Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>First Holy Communion Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.</i> Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.	

- We are delighted that the **Anne Valley Walk** will be officially opened this (Sunday) afternoon. There will be fun, entertainment and refreshments for all the family from 2.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. so come along yourself and tell your friends not to miss out on a great day of entertainment. We look forward to seeing you all there.
- The **Annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund** is being taken up this weekend. 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. Thank you for your support of our retired, elderly and ill priests.
- We deeply appreciate the very generous financial support given by the people of the parish to the priests of the diocese and to the **Parish Envelope System** which enables us to keep your churches in the condition in which you would expect to find them. Your contributions pay for the insurance, oil, heat and light, to name but very few items. Your donations keep our churches comfortable and welcoming for all who join us there in prayer. Using the Parish Envelope system to make your contribution has many advantages. It ensures you can avail of a personal receipt annually. It enhances the transparency of our Parish Accounts by ensuring a 'paper trail' exists. It qualifies our parish for the 'Tax Refund Scheme'. Qualifying 'Self Assessed' taxpayers have been able to offset their contributions against their personal tax liability. But that said, support in whatever form it is received, is very much appreciated. You may be aware that the Minister of Finance introduced in 2001 a new 'Scheme of Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities', for which our parish qualifies. The tax rebate can only be claimed by the parish if the donation equals €250 or more in a full tax year. Those of you who have contributed this amount during any or all of the last three year should expect a letter during the coming week explaining how we can reclaim money from the Government at no further cost to you. We know you will understand that money dropped directly into the basket cannot be utilised in this scheme as it is not traceable back to the donor. That is why the envelope system (or payment by Direct Debit or cheque) is so beneficial to the parish. If you receive this appeal, please complete the documents and return them to the Parish Office as soon as possible. **This scheme is completely confidential and will not affect your current tax situation in any way.**
- Our **Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Padua** is booking well. If you're interested in coming please book 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 leave Dublin on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 website for more: [www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie/df/2013-rome-assisi-padua](http://www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie/df/2013-rome-assisi-padua)
- **Questions people ask** – *Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn80@gmail.com*  
**Question:** I am terrified that God has this big ledger with my sins in one column and any good deeds I did in the opposite column. My fear is that the sins far outnumber the good. **Answer:** You are burdened with a totally false idea of God. How have you forgotten the extraordinary compassion and mercy of Jesus towards sinners? Even before the time of Jesus the prophets taught the people: 'Though your sins are like scarlet they shall be made white as snow' (Isaiah 1:18); 'as far as the East is from the West, so far does he remove our sins' (Psalms 103:12). Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Your temptation is to doubt God's forgiveness. When this temptation comes, go in the opposite direction by thanking God for his mercy and forgiveness.
- Last week's **Parish Collection:** Masses €435.47 & Envelopes €457.80. Thank you for your continued support.