

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 06th October 2013

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<p>✘ Sunday, October 06th <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Day for Life)</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Monday, October 07th – <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 08th</p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 09th – <i>Blessed John Henry Newman</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, October 10th</p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Friday, October 11th – <i>St Canice of Kilkenny</i> <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, October 12th</p>	<p>Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.</p>

- Fr Paul and the Parish Pastoral Council will host a **Gathering of All Parish Volunteers** today (Sunday) at the Seaview Celtic Clubhouse, Annewstown. This is an opportunity to say thanks to all the adults who help out in any way and who make a positive contribution to the life of the parish. Sister Antoinette Dilworth will lead us in prayer and speak on how to live a faith-filled life in the modern world and supper will be served afterwards.
- **Day for Life** is celebrated today by the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is an annual day dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* will focus on the theme 'Care for Life – It's Worth It!' and emphasises care for unborn children and their mothers, care for people who are elderly, and care for those who are suicidal and their families. One of its key aims is to build an environment of compassion and care that nurtures and sustains life, even in the most challenging of human events and personal circumstances. To find out more about the Day for Life visit www.dayforlife.org
- We welcome home our pilgrims who enjoyed a very fruitful **Parish Pilgrimage to Italy**. Over fifty pilgrims made visits to some of the most precious religious sites in Rome, Assisi, Loreto, Padua and Venice, where Holy Masses were celebrated and prayers were offered. A fuller account of the pilgrimage will be available soon on our parish website, with accompanying photographs. Thanks to all who made it a wonderful pilgrimage.
- Best wishes to our parishioner Brendan Gallagher who has now begun his formal **study for the diaconate**. Deacons assist the priest at the altar, baptise, marry and bury the faithful, proclaim and teach the Word of God. Though ordained as clergymen, deacons may be married and must have the full support of their wives in carrying out this ministry. We wish Brendan, and his wife Bridget, every blessing for this time of study and preparation.
- The **Year of Faith Presentations** continue with Fr. Gerry O'Hanlon of the Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice who will give a talk on '*God and the Recession*' on Wednesday, 09th October at 7.30 p.m. in St. John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford. Fr. O'Hanlon is an Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the Milltown Institute. Among his recent publications are '*God and the Recession*' and '*A New Vision for the Catholic Church: A View from Ireland.*'
- During the summer our parish office issued over ninety letters to parishioners who have contributed greater than €250 per annum encouraging them complete forms to claim **Repayment of Income Tax by Eligible Charities** from the government. Only one-third replied and their forms have been processed. This has resulted in the parish receiving €14,281.88 from Revenue, at no extra expense to parishioners. Hopefully this might encourage the other two-thirds to return their forms as soon as possible. It is also an encouragement to all parishioners to use or continue using the parish envelope system to make donations so that we can get the best value for your money.
- Congratulations to **Dunhill G.A.A.** on winning the East Intermediate Hurling Championship and the Eastern Hurling League by overcoming Portlaoighaire last week on a scoreline of 1-12 to 0-7. Well done to all involved.
- **The Pro-Life Campaign** extends an open invitation to its National Conference which will take place on Saturday, 12th October from 1.30 – 4.30 p.m. in the Alexander Hotel, Dublin 2. Guest speakers include: Steven Ertelt, founder and editor of LifeNews.com, Hilary Ní Lorcáin, whose story of the loss her baby daughter appeared in the Irish Independent recently, Adele Best of Women Hurt, an organisation providing hope and healing after abortion, and also contributions from the Pro Life Campaign's main spokespeople outlining the next phase of the campaign.
- The Dunhill Multi Education Centre has offered to facilitate a **Mothers and Toddlers group**. If you are interested in starting a group you can contact the centre on 051-396934. The Centre would also like to thank those who supported the **Waterford Hospice** coffee morning last week. The event raised €278.68 in aid of the charity.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €344.33 & Envelopes €483.20. Thank you for your continued support.