

## Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 01<sup>st</sup> December 2013

✘ <b>Sunday, December 01<sup>st</sup></b> <i>First Sunday of Advent (Sunday Readings Cycle Year A)</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
<b>Monday, December 02<sup>nd</sup></b>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, December 03<sup>rd</sup></b> – <i>St Francis Xavier, priest</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, December 04<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St John Damascene, priest</i>  <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 7.30 p.m. <i>(Months Mind: Tommy Murray RIP)</i> <i>Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until noon</i>
<b>Thursday, December 05<sup>th</sup></b>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Friday, December 06<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St Nicholas, bishop</i> <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, December 07<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St Ambrose, bishop</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- The first Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, was launched this week and translates as ‘The Joy of the Gospel’. The introduction reads: “The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come.” The full text is available via our Facebook page or on [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).
- Everyone loved the beautiful singing of the **Tramore Gospel Choir** last September so we are delighted to have the choir back for Mass in Dunhill today and are grateful for their presence which uplifts our spirits and our prayer.
- Friday is the **First Friday** of December and Fr Paul will be visiting the sick and housebound with the Sacraments. If you, or anyone you know, would like to celebrate Confession, Anointing of the Sick or to receive the Eucharist please let us know at the parish office (396892) as soon as possible.
- A night of spirituality and prayer on the theme ‘**Lighting the Flame of Spirituality**’ will be hosted in the Edmund Rice Chapel, Barrack Street, Waterford, this Friday, December 06<sup>th</sup>, at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.
- Sunday next, December 08<sup>th</sup>, will be celebrated as the Second Sunday of Advent and the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be transferred to Monday, December 09<sup>th</sup>. When a holyday is transferred from Sunday to either Saturday or Monday the obligation to attend Holy Mass is dropped so this year’s Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will not be a holyday of obligation.
- The Annual Collection for the **Society of St Vincent de Paul** is being taken up outside all churches next weekend. We are all aware of the very difficult circumstances facing many people so please give as generously as you can.
- A **Service of Remembrance** for all bereaved by suicide will take place in Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford, next Sunday, December 08<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.
- Congratulations to all who organised the very successful 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Fenor Sale of Work last Sunday. A **Bingo Night**, in celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sale of Work, will be held on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, in Fenor National School commencing at 8.00 p.m. so mark it in your diary and come to join the celebrations.
- The **Annual Community Care Christmas Party** will take place on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, in the G.A.A. Centre, Dunhill. It is always a great occasion when the seniors in our community come together. We hope that all the usual volunteers will help out on the day and new volunteers are always welcome.
- Our St Otteran’s Pastoral Area has decided to have two joint-**Reconciliation Services for Christmas**: one in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. and the other in Mount Sion Chapel, Barrack Street, on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30 p.m. The Franciscan Friary in Waterford also has a priest available for Confession each day. Wherever you go please do make a special effort to celebrate Christ’s love and forgiveness in Confession this Advent.
- **Bereavement Support** is available in Waterford, Dungarvan, Cappoquin and Clonmel, as part of the services provided by the Family Ministry Office at St. John’s Pastoral Centre, John’s Hill, Waterford. This service reaches out to all families in the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore. The Bereavement Support Workers are trained in the skills involved in helping people through the bereavement process and work to a strict code of ethics which includes confidentiality. Contact the Family Ministry Bereavement Support Office on 051-858772.
- Last week’s **Parish Collection**: Masses €557.06 & Envelopes €647.50. Thank you for your continued support.