

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 22nd June 2014

✠ Sunday, June 22nd <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.
Monday, June 23rd	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, June 24th <i>The Nativity of John the Baptist</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 25th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon
Thursday, June 26th	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
Friday, June 27th <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon
Saturday, June 28th <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.

- The **Annual Collection for the Needs of the Diocese & Peter's Pence** will be taken up in both churches next weekend, June 28th and 29th. This collection is vitally important for the effective running of the diocese and it supports a great deal of vital pastoral work. The number of services which the diocese provides has expanded significantly over the years. Among those services are: St John's Pastoral Centre, Accord, Cura, Family Ministry, the Child Safeguarding Office, Youth Ministry, Adult and Religious Education and many more. There is a yellow envelope in your box of envelopes at home for this collection so please give as generously as you can.
- National Bike Week concludes today (Sunday) with the **Annual Fenor Playpark Family Cycle** starting at 12.00 noon. Last year more than 500 bikes took to the roads around the village with cyclists of all ages and abilities taking part. The only rule is 'no helmet no cycle' and the organisers ask that parents accompany young children both in the kiddies' cycle and on the road cycle routes. Registration begins at 11.00 a.m. in the village. There will be a Kiddies cycle course, 10km & 20km family cycle routes, bouncy castles, BBQ, face painting, open-air local talent show and a few surprises. A great day's family entertainment and exercise for all so come along and enjoy.
- Everybody is urged to come along to support **A Coffee Morning in aid of Dunhill Tidy Towns** this Thursday June 26th in Harney's from 10.00 a.m. 'til 12.30 p.m. Please come along and support the efforts of those wonderful hard working people who take pride in their native place to make it a better place to live and also to look so clean and beautiful for all our visitors. A little voluntary effort is required by everyone.
- The Catholic Marriage and Counselling Service **Accord** offers marriage and relationship counselling to anyone who is going through a difficult time. Their fully trained counsellors are there to listen in complete confidence and help to find your solutions to your problems. For more information contact Accord at St John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford, on 051-878333 or visit www.accord.ie
- This year's **Youth 2000 Summer Festival** will take place in Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co Tipperary from Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th August 2014. This is a four day celebration of faith for young people aged 16-35. There is an action packed programme of inspiring talks, workshops, testimonies, prayer, music, drama and much more. The main speaker this year will be Fr. John Harris OP who is an excellent communicator, a good character and a priest who really knows how to meet young people. For more information contact www.youth2000.ie.
- **Give the following Gifts:** To your enemy - forgiveness, To all men - charity, To your opponent - tolerance, To yourself - respect, To a friend - your heart, To a customer- service, To every child - a good example.
- Pope Francis' **Tweet of the Month:** Let us read the Gospel, a small section each day. This way we will learn what is most essential in our lives: love and mercy. Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Question: Why are bonfires lit in parts of the country on St John the Baptist's Eve? **Answer:** Bonfires on this night developed from the mid-summer festival when the sun reaches its highest glory but then begins to wane. That is how John the Baptist understood his mission in preparing the way for Christ. 'He must grow greater, I must grow less' (John 3:30). John the Baptist was the light destined to give way to the light of Christ. In a neat piece of counterpointing, the birth of Christ is celebrated just after mid-winters' day when the sun begins to return. Christ is the light come into the world as a tiny baby destined to grow. I remember an old lady who used to bless our bonfire on this night with the plant known as St John's Wort.
- Last week's **Parish Collection:** Masses €333.97 & Envelopes €509.70. Thank you for your continued support.