

**Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

☒ <b>Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> - St Helen</b>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> - St John Judas</b>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. <b>Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</b>
<b>Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Queenship of the BVM</b> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. <b>Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</b>
<b>Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.</b>

- It was very heartening to see the great numbers who joined us for the Masses in our graveyards during the past two weeks. The many people who look after their graves deserve our thanks. Again we ask you to keep up the good work and to observe the 'No Dumping' signs. This is best observed 'if you bring flowers, wreaths, plants, into the graveyard, you should take them away after they have served their purpose. We are also grateful to those who contributed to the **Annual Graveyard Collection**. Your support is greatly appreciated and will help us to keep the cemeteries looking well during the months ahead.
- Congratulations to those who received their **Leaving Certificate** results this week. We hope that the college offers work out in your favour and assure you of our prayers as you make important decisions about your future.
- **Reflection on Exams** Exams are a test of knowledge or skill. They have their importance. However, they are not a measure of the worth of an individual. They indicate one aspect of us, but we are much more than any exam can show. Success or failure does not give the full measure of our worth. Each one of us is unique and precious with our own gifts and talents. God made us that way. He wants us to use our talents. Exams can be an anxious time. But remember, we are more than our exam results. We are loved for who we are, not for our achievements. God wants us to discover our wonderful gifts.
- Dunhill Multi Education Centre in conjunction with WWETB will run a **Recreational Tourism Trails Development Programme** commencing 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014. This is a FETAC Level 5 Major Award in Tourism with Business. An information evening will be held in the centre Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00 p.m. The programme is fully funded by WWETB and no fees apply to participants. Eligible participants will receive a training allowance in accordance with DSP payments. For further information, please contact us on 051-396934.
- **Prayer for Peace in The Middle East** Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... but our efforts have been in vain. Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen. (*Pope Francis*)
- **8th National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock** takes place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Blessing of the sick 2.30 p.m. Mass 3.00 p.m. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Charles Browne, Papal Nuncio. Everyone is welcome. Children are invited to compose a prayer for their Grandparents and send it to CGA Office, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. For information [www.catholicparentsassociation.com](http://www.catholicparentsassociation.com)
- **If my problems** have brought me to prayer, then they have served a purpose!
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €395.52 & Envelopes €537.40. Thank you for your continued support.