

<p>☒ Sunday, September 21st <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.</p>
<p>Monday, September 22nd – <i>St Maurice</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 23rd – <i>St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 24th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Thursday, September 25th – <i>St Finbarr of Cork</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Friday, September 26th – <i>Ss Cosmas & Damian</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Saturday, September 27th</p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.</p>

- The **Annual Autumn Collection** (Autumn Dues) for the support of the Bishop and the Priests will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, September 27th and 28th. Please give as generously as you can.
- The Parish Envelope Collection system which is in operation in our parish has the benefit of being able to record and verify the generous contributions of each parishioner. For those who give an average of €5 per week their donations can be worth even more to the parish through the government's '**Tax Refund Scheme**'. So, for example, a donation of €250 when grossed up at the applicable tax rate of 31% will be worth €362.32, giving a tax rebate to the parish of **€112.32**. This scheme makes your donation even more valuable than you might have thought. The tax rebate can only be claimed by the parish if the donation equals €250 or more in a full tax year. If you have recently received a letter from the parish about the 'Tax Refund Scheme' we would be grateful if you would complete and return the form as soon as possible. This money is waiting to be claimed, all that is required is your signature on the CHY3 form and return to the Parish office. **The scheme is completely confidential and will not affect your current tax situation in any way.**
- **Boxes of weekly envelopes** for the coming year are being distributed throughout the parish at present. We encourage the use of these numbered envelopes because, we can verify what parishioners have donated. These donations are essential to pay for the running of the parish which includes maintenance of the properties, heating and lighting, printing and other secretarial tasks. Thanks to the many volunteers who are distributing the envelopes.
- **For Parents/Guardians Of Children Intending To Make Their First Penance & First Holy Communion and Sacrament Of Confirmation 2015** We are sincerely grateful for all the work the schools and the teachers do in preparing the young children of our parish in these important sacraments. They do tremendous work in helping children understand and appreciate these important days in their lives. We as a parish also have a number of Masses throughout the year in which the parents and children participate. Our Communion Program is called "**Come, Gather, Celebrate:**" and the Confirmation program is called "**Confirming Our Children**". This is part of the preparation for our children in making these sacraments more meaningful in their lives. With the numbers of children in second and sixth class across the two schools of the parish, (and three schools in Tramore), a certain amount of preparatory work is necessary to ensure you and your child is fully prepared for this sacrament in their lives. Also, we are aware that there are some children who will not be making these sacraments for various reasons. Therefore, we cannot assume that your child will be making their First Penance and first Holy Communion or Confirmation without your request. There is a meeting of all parents/guardians of children who wish to make these sacraments being held in **Immaculate Conception Church, Fenor this Tuesday 23rd September. 2nd Class - for First Penance & First Holy Communion at 7.00 p.m. and 6th Class - For Confirmation at 7.45 p.m.** (If any parent has a child in both classes, they need only attend the first meeting at 7 p.m.) During the week, application forms were distributed to the students for completion by the parents/guardians. We would ask you please to **return the Application form** to this meeting and **NOT to the school**. If, for whatever reason, you are unable to attend this important meeting, then **please return the form to the parish office or Sacristy in the church by Friday 3rd October** at the very latest, and again, **NOT the school**. If we do not receive the forms by 3rd October we will assume that you do not wish your child to be included in this sacramental programme in the school and parish at this time. The time of preparation for sacraments is an opportunity for us all to be renewed and nourished in our own faith journey. We look forward to being part of that journey for you and your family at this time.
- **Get the best out of Life** I asked God, "How do I get the best out of Life." God said: "Face your past without regrets; handle your present with confidence and prepare for the future without fear."
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €221.66 & Envelopes €831.60. Thank you for your continued support.