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Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 21st December 2014

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▼ Sunday, December 21 st	Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent	
Monday, December 22 nd	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 23rd – St John of Kanty	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 24 th – Christmas Eve	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m
(No formal adoration)	Vigil Mass in Our Lady's Church, Carbally at 7.00 p.m.
	Christmas Carol Singing in Tramore Church at 8.30 p.m.
	Vigil Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore at 9.00 p.m.
Thursday, December 25 th The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ <i>Christmas Day</i>	Mass in Sacred Heart Church Dunhill at 9.00 a.m.
	Mass in Immaculate Conception Church, Fenor at 10.00 a.m.
	Mass in Our Lady's Church Carbally Church at 11.30 a.m.
	Mass in Tramore Church at 8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. & 12 noon
St Stephen's Day, Bank Holiday	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
(No formal adoration)	
Saturday, December 27 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.

• We extend a very special '<u>Céad Míle Fáilte</u>' to all visitors to our parish this weekend, especially those who have come home to be with family members and friends this Christmas. We pray that you will enjoy your stay among us and carry treasured memories with you when you leave.

- <u>Christmas wishes from the Priests of Tramore</u> We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. Thank you for your kind support throughout this year. May Christmas be a time of peace and joy for you and your family.
- <u>Reconciliation Service for Christmas</u>: will take place in the Holy Cross Church, Tramore, tomorrow night (Monday), December 22nd at 7.30 p.m. and Confessions will also be held on Wednesday next December 24th from 10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Please make a special effort to attend.
- An evening of **Prayer & Reflection for Christmas** will take place tomorrow night (Monday), December 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. in St. John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford. Facilitated by Ann O'Farrell & Sr Antoinette Dilworth it will be an opportunity to slow down our hurried pace of life to prepare ourselves to receive the gift of Emmanuel.
- <u>Carols for our Times</u> will be sung at the Edmund Rice Chapel, Barrack Street, Waterford this Tuesday evening, 23rd December, at 7.00 p.m. All are welcome.
- The <u>Annual Christmas Collection</u> for the support of the Bishop and the Priests will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Day. Please give as generously as you can. We offer our sincere thanks to the volunteers who prepare and distribute envelopes to all the homes in the parish. We deeply appreciate your commitment and service.
- A Christmas quiz, based on 'How well you know your Parish' has been organised to promote use of the <u>Parish</u> <u>Facebook</u> page. Please spread the word to interested friends and colleagues that this competition will be run during the twelve days of Christmas. Participate on <u>www.facebook.com/DunhillAndFenorParish</u>
- <u>The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul</u> has acknowledged all the donations made to their annual collection recently and thanks all who contributed. Thank you once again for your remarkable generosity and loyal support, which will translate hunger into happiness and despair into hope, for many in need in our parish this Christmas.
- <u>Christmas</u> is always a mixed time of year. For some it is a joyous occasion, for some a sad time, for others a very lonely time. As we celebrate Christmas let us be mindful and conscious of our neighbours and friends. Christmas is also a time of Liturgical celebration, a time when many attend Church. Whether you are regular or occasional you are welcome. If regular, thanks for your commitment and faithfulness, if occasional, you are welcome, we miss you from our regular gatherings. Perhaps this Christmas you might make a resolution or commitment to try and come more often. You have nothing to fear. The doors of the Church are always open and welcoming.
- <u>Christmas means meeting Jesus</u>...Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart and He says the same thing the Angel said to the shepherds: to you a Saviour is born. He asks simply that you listen to Him, or rather, that you seek Him. Today He invites you to seek. *Pope Francis*
- It has long been a tradition to place a lighted <u>Candle in the Window</u> of Christian homes on Christmas Eve night. That light is a sign that your home is a place of welcome with open doors and open hearts, especially for Christ. Please be careful with candles. Follow the maker's instructions and never leave burning candles unattended.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €318.64 & Envelopes €464.12 Thank you for your continued support.