

✘ Sunday, January 30th <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, January 31st	Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, February 1st – St Brigid	Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 2nd – Candlemas <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon</i>
Thursday, February 3rd – St Blaise	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, February 4th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon</i>
Saturday, February 5th	Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in Dunhill Church on Wednesday from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon and in Fenor Church on Friday from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon.
- Wednesday is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)** and the candles which will be used in the church during the coming year will be blessed at the 10.00 a.m. Mass in Dunhill. You are welcome to bring your own candles to be blessed for use at home.
- The **Julian Walton Winter Lecture Series** continues this Thursday, February 5th, at the Dunhill Multi Education Centre at 8.00 p.m. Admission is only €7 and includes refreshments. This week's lecture will be given by Julian Walton on the topic, As others saw us: travellers' tales of Co. Waterford. See you there!
- Friday is the **First Friday** of February 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.
- **Friday Penance:** This Friday why not abstain from alcoholic drink or smoking.
- You are invited to attend the **Taizé Prayer Service** which in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel, Mount Sion this Friday, 4th February, 2011 at 8.00 p.m. Music will be provided by the Waterford Peace Choir. Tea and coffee will be provided in the monastery after the prayer. All are welcome to this evening of quiet prayer and reflection.
- The rescheduled **Annual Community Care Christmas Party** will take place next Sunday, February 06th, in the G.A.A. Centre, Dunhill. It is always a great occasion when the seniors in our community come together and enjoy great food, music, and craic. We hope that all the usual volunteers will help and new volunteers are welcome too.
- The **5th Annual Anne Valley 5-mile Challenge** will take place in the parish on Saturday, 12th February 2011. The proceeds this year will be donated to the Boatstrand Sea Safety Centre, the Jack & Jill Foundation and the Order of Malta new ambulance appeal. This year's event is set to be even bigger than ever as Irish running legend John Treacy is participating in the race along with Fr Paul who is running to raise funds for the Order of Malta ambulance. Anyone interested in raising money for the new ambulance can collect a sponsorship card at either church or sponsor Fr Paul for the run. Registration for the event itself can be completed online at www.annevalleyrunning.webs.com or on the day in Harney's.
- The 53rd Annual **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place this year from Monday June 06th to Saturday June 11th. This year's pilgrim fare is €695. For pilgrim information and bookings please contact the Pilgrimage Office, St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. Tel: 051-878900. If you are unwell and are interested in going to Lourdes, please contact Sean Dunphy, Cuisle Ceoil, Dunmore Road, Waterford. Tel: 051-873629
- This week saw the launch of Ireland's first national Christian radio station, **Spirit Radio** on 90.1 FM. The aim of the new station is to bring a refreshing sound by playing the best contemporary Christian music.
- **Questions people ask** - Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Q. The beatitudes are hard to take. How can the poor be happy, or those who mourn or suffer persecution?
A. It is a much better translation to say 'Blessed are' rather than 'Happy are'. Happy is largely a feeling whereas blessed indicates one's standing with God. Jesus rejected the prosperity gospel which regards prosperity, power and prestige as blessings from God, thereby regarding poverty, illness, misfortune etc as signs of punishment for sinfulness. Jesus proclaimed that those who suffered such misfortunes are certainly not outside the scope of God's blessing. Notice how the rewards of God are promised in the future, not in the present.
- Last week's **Parish Collection:** Masses €705.81 & Envelopes €422.06 Thank you for your continued support.