Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 11th January 2015

▼ Sunday, January 11 th Baptism of the Lord	Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.
Monday, January 12 th - St Benet, Bishop	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 13 th – St Kentigen	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 14 th – St Felix of Nola Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon
Thursday, January 15 th - St. Ita, Virgin	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, January 16 th – St. Fursa Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon
Saturday, January 17 th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.

- Today, as we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, Pope Francis reflects on the importance of this sacrament highlighting how it is a great gift which we have received and it incorporates us into the body of Christ and impels us to evangelize. He states that it is not just "a simple rite or a formal act" it is the sacrament on which our faith is founded and we are living members of Christ and of his Church. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the parish **Baptismal Team** who are available to each family prior to the baptism to help deepen the understanding of the sacrament and the various elements of the Rite of Baptism.
- The priests would like to <u>thank you</u> for your continued support and contribution to the recent Christmas Collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. May we also take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved at our Christmas liturgies, those who decorated and cleaned the churches, and to the sacristans, ministers, readers, servers, choirs, singers and musicians who all enhanced our liturgies. We wish you every good wish and blessing for 2015.
- You will find an extra yellow envelope in your box at home for next week entitled 'Parish Development Fund'. Recognising that there's an amount of structural work to be done on both churches in the new future the Parish Finance Council has advised that we prepare with two extra collections again this year, in January and June. This will help us get a head start on the fundraising that will be necessary to complete the various works. Thanks for your support.
- Dunhill Multi Education Centre welcomes the return of <u>Julian Walton Winter Lecture Series</u> 2015 which begins this coming Thursday, 15th January starting at 8.00 p.m. Julian kicks off this year with a commemoration of the Roberts Family. Each lecture will last around one hour with refreshments served afterwards. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing old friends and maybe some new ones too! For a full list of lectures, see www.dunhilleducation.com or call us on 051-396934.
- A <u>New Year Bingo Night</u> takes place in Fenor School Hall, on Friday 16th January starting at 8.00 p.m. All the money raised will be ploughed back into the community so we urge you to come along and enjoy the night.
- Next weekend we welcome the pupils from both schools and their parents to 6.00 p.m. Mass for the <u>Confirming Our Childen Mass</u>. We ask you to pray for them at this important time in their lives. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish at the Sacred Heart Church, Dunhill, on Thursday, 16th April 2015.
- The 57th Annual <u>Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes</u> takes place this year from Friday, June 06th, to Wednesday, June 11th. This year's pilgrim fare is €735. For pilgrim information and bookings please contact the Pilgrimage Office, St. John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford. Tel: 051-878900. If you are unwell and are interested in going to Lourdes, please contact Mary Power on 086-0685213. Bookings are now been taken.
- If you need to contact **Dunhill Church** office for any reason the opening hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. The contact phone number is: 051-396892.
- Enough Light for the Next Step Often we want to be able to see into the future. We say "how will the new year be for me?" There is no answer to this question. Mostly we have enough light to see the next step; what we have to do in the coming hour, or the following day. The art of living is to enjoy what we can see and not complain about what remains in the dark. When we are able to take the next step with trust, we can walk through life with joy and be surprised at how far we can go.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €417.05 & Envelopes €473.69. Thank you for your continued support.