

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 6th December 2015

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<p>✘ Sunday, December 6th Second Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.</p>
<p>Monday December 7th – <i>Ambrose B&D</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.</p>
<p>Tuesday December 8th <i>Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Tramore Church at 8.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday December 9th – <i>St. Juan Diego</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. <i>Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</i></p>
<p>Thursday December 10th – <i>St. John Roberts</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Friday December 11th – <i>St. Damasus</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. <i>Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</i></p>
<p>Saturday December 12th</p>	<p>Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.</p>

- **The Advent Wreath** is made from evergreens, leaves and branches which remind us that God is unchanging, eternal. The round shape of the wreath reminds us that God is without beginning or end. The three purple candles and the pink one represent the four weeks of Advent. The purple candles represent penance and sorrow for sin. The pink candle (Third Sunday of Advent) represents the joy of living in God's presence. The white candle in the centre is lit on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day when Advent is over and we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, the true light who enlightens all people, a light that darkness cannot overpower.
- Good Luck to the **Fenor Hurling Team** today (Sunday) in the Munster Junior Final in Mallow. The village is absolutely buzzing with activity in anticipation of today's big game. There is a great buzz in the area and everyone is really looking forward to it. So let's hope history will be made. Come on the green and gold!!
- **Nomination Forms** for the Parish Pastoral Council were sent out 4 weeks ago with every parish newsletter. Every parishioner is invited to nominate others, or themselves, for council membership. If you or anyone that you know might be interested please fill out a form and send it back as soon as possible to the Dunhill Parish Office.
- O'Donnacha's of Kilmeaden are hosting a **Table Quiz** on Thursday, December 10th at 8.30 p.m. Teams of four are €20.00 and all proceeds go to Nadine's Cancer battle. Please come along and support this worthy cause.
- An evening of **Reflection on the Advent & Christmas Scripture Readings** will take place on Thursday, December 10th in St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. Fr. Michael Mullins will take the third and final look at the scripture readings of Advent and Christmas. Donation of €5.00 which includes light refreshments.
- The Annual Collection for the **Society of St Vincent de Paul** is being taken up before Mass in both churches, of Dunhill and Fenor next weekend. As demand for assistance continues the society are hopeful donations will be as generous as possible. We thank you for your loyal and generous support over the years and once again ask you to donate as generously as possible to help those in greatest need in our parish.
- Shop local this year and keep Christ at the heart of Christmas by asking for **Christian cards and stamps**.
- A publication celebrating 130 years of **Fenor GAA** will be launched by the legendary Micheal O Muirheartaigh on Saturday, December 12th at 7.30 p.m. in Mother McHugh's in Fenor. There will also be a confined draw on the night for €3,500. 1st €2,000, 2nd €1,000 and 3rd €500. A great night is assured. All are most welcome.
- The annual **Fenor Sale of Work** will take place on Sunday, December 13th, in Fenor National School. Donations of cakes, second hand clothes, books and also items for the spinner will be gratefully received. These items can be left in at Fenor School. Tickets are on sale for the Hamper, book of 3 for €5.00. The change of date for the sale of work is due to Fenor playing in the Munster final on the 6th December. A committee meeting will take place every Monday night at 8.00 p.m. at the school in Fenor.
- **Come Gather Celebrate** On Saturday evening next we welcome the pupils from both schools and their parents who are making their First Holy Communion next year to 6.00 p.m. Mass in Fenor. We ask you to pray for them at this important time in their lives.
- A Christmas **Bingo Night** Friday, 18th December at 8.00 p.m. in Fenor School. A great night in store. All are welcome.
- **Live the Word:** In the build up to the festive season, remember Christmas is a symbolic tradition. It is not centred on the pressures of having everything done and the list ticked. Rather, Christmas is a season where we have the opportunity to meet old friends, spend time with family, connect to those around us, and embrace the happiness. Christmas is a time to slow down, reflect and be present to the joy that surrounds us.
- **The Widow's Generosity** In material terms what the widow had to offer was very little. She "gave everything she had, all she had to live on." In doing so, she placed herself in a very vulnerable position, trusting that things would work out. Perhaps you have had the experience of finding that what you thought was little and insignificant meant a great deal to another person.
- **Last week's** Parish Collection: Masses €330.27 and Envelopes €422.50. Thank you for your continued support.