

☒ <b>Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup></b> <i>First Sunday of Christmas</i>	<b>Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>Holy Innocents</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St. Thomas Becket</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St. Egwin</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup></b> – <i>St. Sylvester</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup></b> – <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup></b> -	<b>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.</b>

- Thank you for your contribution to the **The Annual Priests Christmas Collection** Your generous support is greatly appreciated. This is the last of three collections held during the year. The Easter, Autumn and Christmas collections are sent to a common fund for the support of the priests of the Diocese. Once again thank you for your support.
- **Why it is called Christmas** The Feast of the Nativity has been celebrated for almost 2,000 years but the common word we use to name it stretches back just half that time. The word “Christmas” comes from the Old English Christes Maesse, which means “Christ’s Mass.” The first recorded use of Christes Maesse dates from 1038AD.
- The **Community Care** committee would like to give a big thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas party last weekend and for all the people in the community who supported this annual festive gathering.
- **Home Alone This Christmas?** Don’t be home alone this Christmas if you would like some company. Senior Help Line is a national confidential telephone listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers. They are open every day over Christmas, including New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day, from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. All calls are treated as strictly confidential. They are there to listen. LoCall 1850 440 444 for the price of a local call.
- **You are not alone** When you have shut the doors and made a darkness within, remember never to say that you are alone; for you are not alone—but God is within.
- **A Blessing for Our Families** May our family be a home to love, kindness and affection. May we learn, grow and be proud of each other. And when we’re older, may we always remember The warmth of our family and keep in touch no matter where we are.
- **A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR LOVED ONES**  
For those who have an abundance of love, a bounty in heart and home, keep them mindful of the world's poor, lift their voices often to you in gratitude, loving God.  
For those who carry hurts and angers and other heartaches, help them to feel the peace which only You can give and the grace to let go of long burdening memories.  
For those who struggle with the lack of this world's riches, those who know what unemployment and empty pockets feel like, gift them with a counting of blessings which are often hidden and far more valuable than earthly treasure.  
For those whose faith has grown dim and whose sense of You seems far away, raise in their hearts a great yearning for You that will not cease and a desire for the truth that cannot be ignored.  
For those who are tired, weary, worn from a constant generous giving of their lives in love, be their energy and enthusiasm, be a great and deep spark of light and happiness within them.  
For those who grieve the goodbye of a loved one and whose hearts are very lonely this time of year, touch them with dear memories and transform the inner missing and heartache into a vision of what lies far beyond this time and space.  
For those whose lives speak of growing old. bless again and again with peace and serenity, let them know what gentle witnesses they are to all of us who still ponder the meaning of life and growth. And finally, O God, for those with young eyes, keep their hearts full of wonder, and thank You for slipping some of their delight and simplicity into our own hearts each time we celebrate the Christmas moment. Amen.
- Last week’s **Parish Collection**: Masses €375.20 & Envelopes €438.46. Thank you for your continued support.