

**Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

✘ <b>Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Mission Sunday</i>	<b>Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St Irene of Portugal</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup></b> – <i>St Hilarion, abbot</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. <b>Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</b>
<b>Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup></b> – <i>St John Paul II</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup></b> – <i>St John of Capistrano</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. <b>Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</b>
<b>Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.</b>

- We welcome at Mass in Fenor this Saturday, the boys and girls from Dunhill and Fenor schools who are preparing for their Confirmation next year. They are enrolling in the parish program '**Confirming Our Children**' and will be very involved in the liturgy at Mass. Please remember these children and their families at this time.
- The theme for **Mission Sunday 2015** is "Abundant Life". On Mission Sunday, in a special way, we celebrate the work of circa 1,300 Irish born missionaries and all missionaries throughout the world. We thank God for them, for all who support them in our own country, and during mission month we unite ourselves in prayer with them and with the communities with whom they work. World Mission Sunday takes place on the second last Sunday of October each year. Since 1926, the Church has traditionally remembered its universal mission during the month of October. This special Sunday provides Catholics with the opportunity to unite with their missionary sisters and brothers overseas, and to recommit themselves to bringing the Joy of the Gospel to everyone they meet in their daily lives at home and at work.
- This is the time of year when the **Parish Pastoral Council** (PPC) seeks new members for the council. The Council is the primary advisory organisation to the priests. They meet with the priests on a monthly basis to help plan for the current and future needs of the parish, to address issues and provide input from the various parish ministries. Every parishioner is invited to nominate one or more persons, including themselves, for council membership, but please get their agreement before nominating them. Nomination forms, available in both churches, should be returned to the office no later than Sunday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Reflection & Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist & Ministers of the Word.** These meetings will take place each evening at 7.30 p.m. in St. John's Pastoral Centre, on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October.
- Worried about getting young people back to Church? Then why not come to **Café Theology** in Waterford city. It starts up again after the summer break. Tony Foy and his net ministries team will present a talk on: Can we get our Young People Back to the Church?
- **Fenor Bingo** Next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 8.00 p.m. in Fenor School Hall. A great night in store. All are welcome.
- **The first neighbourhood Mass** organised by The Parish Pastoral Council that was held last Tuesday night in the Dunhill Education Centre was a great success. The event ended with refreshments in the Castle Cafe where a lovely community atmosphere took place. Many thanks to all who made this event so successful. Thanks to Monsignor O' Mahoney and Fr Shane O' Neill and also Castle Cafe. Masses for Area 2 and Area 3 to be announced at a later date.
- The Anne Valley Walk committee are holding a fundraiser for ongoing development and maintenance. A quiz night will take place in Harney's Pub next Thursday night October 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 9.00 p.m. Teams of four are €5.00 per person. Please come along and support this for our beautiful walkway and bring a team.
- **October is the month of the Rosary** of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It helps us to pray together. Children learn to pray by watching adults. Praying together gives us courage to face difficulties together.
- **Saint Vincent de Paul Society Requires Volunteers.** The Society of St Vincent de Paul provides an extensive array of services to people in need. Services range from home visitations, hostels and social housing, to holiday Homes, Breakfast Clubs, Shops and Creches. Volunteers can identify the area of work that might best suit their time and talents. Have you a few hours to spare? Would you like more information about becoming a volunteer? If so, simply contact the regional office: 051 857112 or visit our website: [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)
- **One Round** As you walk down the fairway of life, you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round.
- Last week's **Parish Collection** : Masses €442.27 & Envelopes €959.70. Thank you for your continued support.

- **Next week**

- **Christmas Shoebox Appeal** Will you fill a shoebox with gifts and make a poor, needy child feel special and valued this Christmas? Your shoebox will bring great joy, a little hope, and a practical expression of God's love to children affected by war, natural disasters and extreme poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa. To-date Ireland has supplied over 3 million children across 24 countries with shoeboxes. For more information contact Kathleen Comerford, on 086-8454187. Boxes are to be ready for despatch by 10th November.

- **Tramore Parish Trip To St. Anthony of Padua** 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The total price is €669 per person based on a minimum of 30 people travelling. All bookings can be done through the Tramore parish office 386477 or by contacting Joe Walsh Tours directly on 01-241 0800. Louise is the contact there. As places are limited, early booking is advised with a deposit of €200. For more information contact Tramore parish office 386477.

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- **A Harvest Prayer** Almighty God, you crown the year with your goodness. We ask you to bless farmers and all who work in the land, that as they sow in hope, they may also in due time, gather in the harvest with joy. For the crops of the earth and the fruit of the trees, Lord we give you thanks. Amen.

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- The Diocese of Waterford and Lismore are currently planning to be part of the **World Youth Day 2016**. This wonderful event will take place in Krakow, Poland from July 25<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>. It is open to all young people, this event is an opportunity to experience in first person the universality of the Church. World Youth Day is a unique way to deepen your faith and grow closer to Christ, by means of prayer and the sacraments, together with thousands of other young people who share your interests and ambitions. If you are interested in being part of the group to travel from the Diocese, please contact Bishop's House at 051-874463 or email [waterfordlismore@eircom.net](mailto:waterfordlismore@eircom.net). More information will be available on this site as we get closer to the event in 2016.

- **Serving God** It is for God we serve the poor and not for thanks!

- **Secret of Success** "If there is any one secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person's point of view and see things from his angle as well as your own." (*Henry Ford*)

- **Hope:** We can have hope but stay in a helpless state, or we can have hope and be in a proactive state. Being proactive means taking actions which move us toward our hopes. Hope is the destination, our actions are the journey.

- **Live the word:** May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears. We can make choices which limit and refine us or we can make choices which are supportive and nurturing. Make positive choices which best support who you are and the Life you wish to lead.

- **God is in Everyone's Life** God is in everyone's life. Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by vices, drugs or anything else—God is in this person's life. You can, you must try to seek God in every human life. Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God. (Pope Francis)

- **Light and Shade** It is only through shadows that one comes to know the light! (Catherine of Siena)

- **The Most Frequent Questions** Some time ago, Ann Landers was asked by a reporter: "What is the question that you are asked most frequently by your readers?" Miss Landers answered that it was a very simple question:

“What’s the matter with me?” “Why am I so lonely?” The Interviewer then asked what her advice was for that problem. Her answer was equally as simple: “Get involved! Do something good for other people.” People who need your help are all around you. Everywhere you look, you will see them. One finds what one looks for in life. What is it you see?

- **Nothing to do with our Parish** A Sunday school teacher asked her children on the way to service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."
- **We are Unique** We are each gifted in a unique and important way. It is our privilege and our adventure to discover our own special light. (Evelyn Dunbar)
- **Spirit Radio - Waterford 90.1** A new religious radio station is now available. “Spirits News & Talk” feature Christian voices speaking to the issues of the day. We are seeking to encourage people, especially the young, to begin or renew their relationship with God. More than that we want to help people rediscover Parish life. [www.spiritradio.ie](http://www.spiritradio.ie)
- **Third Age – Senior Help Line** ‘Do you need someone to talk to?’ A confidential listening service for older people, open each day and evening 365 day a year. Locall 1850 440 444
- In difficult moments, Seek God. In quiet moments, Worship God, In painful moments, Trust God.
- ...thought for the week Go the extra mile. It’s never crowded.
- **Notices for the Newsletter** should be in by 12 noon on Wednesdays for inclusion in next weekend’s Newsletter.
- Friday is the **First Friday** of May and Brendan Gallagher will be visiting the sick and housebound with the Blessed Sacrament. If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion please let us know at the parish office (396892) as soon as possible.
- Friendship is precious, not only in the shade but in the sunshine of life, and thanks to a loving God of all things, the greater part of life is sunshine.
- God grant me the serenity to forget the people I never like anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.
- **Quote for the Week** The average human being in any line of work could double his productive capacity overnight if he began right now to do all the things he knows he should do, and to stop doing all the things he knows he should not do.
- **Quip for the Week** What counts is not the number of hours you put in, but how much you put in the hours.
- **...thought for the week** If things were really as we wanted them to be, people would still complain that they were no longer what they used to be.
- **...thought for the week** Ability is what you’re capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it
- **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.
- **On The Mend** Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are either recovering at home or in hospital at this time.

- **A Father's Prayer for His Children.** God in Heaven, Give to my children independent spirits. But not so much independence that they forget the needs of others. Freedom to go out into the world but also freedom to come home.
- Some quotes to chew on
- **One Step at a Time** A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step!
- Having only modest talent is no excuse for not using it.
- Think what the morning would be like if only talented birds sang!'
- When beauty overwhelms us .... we are close to worship'.
- 'Work is love made visible'.
- Initiative is doing the right thing without being told
- Opportunities don't knock at all. They don't have to, they're already all around us. It's up to us to see where they are and take advantage of them. (Dave Thomas)
- ...thought for the week... Words, once they're printed, have a life of their own.
- Remember that our services are **broadcast from both churches**, for the sick and housebound, on 107f
- **Déise Link** a rural transport scheme leaves Tramore 3 times daily to Dungarvan via the Coast Road every Thursday and Saturday. Free Travel Pass is accepted. €5.00 Return or €3.00 for students. Time tables available on the Church notice board or [www.deiselink.ie](http://www.deiselink.ie). For more information contact Teresa 058-20845 or 085-21197.
- Have you or someone you know been affected by Stroke? **Waterford Areas Stroke Support Group** provides support to family, friends and carers through various programmes in an empowering yet relaxed and friendly environment. Meetings take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month for more information contact, Breda Jones on 087-8548536 or Danette Connolly on 087-6787489.
- **Notices for this Newsletter** are welcome from community groups and organisations (on a non-profit making basis) but must be submitted by Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. Remember also that you can post your notice on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/DunhillAndFenorParish](http://www.facebook.com/DunhillAndFenorParish).
- **On The Mend** Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are either recovering at home or in hospital at this time.
- **Gardening the Soul** Pollution affects the air, the ground, the water, the fish, animals, fruit, vegetable. Acid rain, depletion of the ozone layer, global warming – is nature going mad? But it is we who have changed everything. It is we who are destroying nature and it is destroying us only in return. Until we protect every little thing on earth, nature cannot protect us. *Sr. Stan Kennedy.*
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- 'Having only modest talent is no excuse for not using it.
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- **Hope is an emotion** which fear can over - rule and trust can ignite.

- When we trust we allow ourselves move through challenges without fear or anxiety. To develop trust you must simply trust. Trust that all will work out, for Life will always naturally solve itself.
- **Perfection** Have no fear of perfection – You will never reach it! (Salvador Dali)
- “I know God won't give me anything I can't handle. I just wish he didn't trust me so much.” — Mother Teresa
- Promise yourself to sit and watch a sunset!
- No matter what others say or do, even if the wicked succeed, do not be troubled. Commit everything to God & put your trust in Him. St. Vincent de Paul.
- **People** People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within!
- If my problems have brought me to prayer, then they have served a purpose!
- **The Seed of God in us** We all have the seed of God in us, and it is because it is there, wanting to grow in us, that we cannot settle into complacency but must be always ready to grow. But we do not always allow ourselves to grow. We resist change, and that means we resist growing into our true selves. (Sr. Stan Kennedy)
- **The Serenity Prayer** God grant me the serenity, to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference
- **A Perfect Summer Day** is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken! (James Dent)
- **Faith** We are twice armed, if we fight with Faith.
- **Never Give Up** It seems to me we can never give up longing and wishing while we are still alive. There are certain things that are beautiful and good, and we must hunger after them.
- **Difficulties of Life** Lord, when we feel that our burden is heavy, help us to bravely shoulder our load as we struggle our way towards you.
- The man who boasts only of his ancestors belongs to a family that is better dead than alive.
- **On The Mend** Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are either recovering at home or in hospital at this time.
- Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are either recovering from illness at home or in hospital, at this time.
- **A Father's Prayer for His Children.** God in Heaven, Give to my children independent spirits. But not so much independence that they forget the needs of others. Freedom to go out into the world but also freedom to come home.
- **Keep Blooming** We need to be at our best wherever we are, and not just where we want to be. Remember, each of us blooms in our own sweet time and the soil of our choices nurtures our growth. Get set to bloom in all kinds of situations!
- **Beauty** A butterfly does not know the colour of it's wings, but human eyes know how beautiful it is. Likewise, you don't always know how good your are, but yet others -who can see you - let you know that your are special.

- **Envy's Clutching Power** A couple, vacationing in Maine, visited the harbour to watch the boats return from fishing and trapping lobsters. One lobster boat docked near where they sat and unloaded buckets of freshly trapped lobsters. The wife became intrigued as she watched the lobsters scurry about in a bucket. She noticed that as soon as one lobster began to climb its way out of the bucket, the other lobsters would pull it back down. It seems to her that it would have been fairly easy for each lobster to crawl out of the bucket, except that they were always being pulled back down by the others. Lobsters certainly can teach us about the powerful effects of envy in human nature as well. Doesn't it seem that as soon as one person decides to stretch and climb out of the "bucket," there are so many others clutching to pull him or her back down? Rather, shouldn't we try to support and push the other person farther along?
- **Answer to Prayer** Years ago, an old lady down south had no money to buy food. But with complete trust in God, she got down on her knees and prayed aloud: "Dear Lord, please send me a side of bacon and a sack of cornmeal." Over and over again the old lady repeated the same plea. Now, one of the town's most detestable characters, overhearing her supplication, decided to play a trick on her. He bought a side of bacon and a sack of cornmeal, returned to the cabin and dropped the food down the chimney. It landed right in front of the hungry woman as she knelt in prayer. Jumping to her feet, she exclaimed: "O Lord, you have answered my prayer!" Then she ran around the neighbourhood telling her good news. This was too much for the scoundrel. He ridiculed her before the whole town by telling how he had dropped the food himself. The wise old woman quickly replied, "Well the devil may have brought it, but it was the Lord who sent it".....
- **Today** The load of tomorrow, added to that of yesterday, carried today, makes the strongest falter. Shut off the future as tightly as the past. The future is today; there is no tomorrow. Waste of energy, mental distress, nervous worries, all dog the steps of a person who is anxious about the future. The best possible way to prepare for tomorrow is to concentrate with all your intelligence, all your enthusiasm on doing today's work superbly today. That is the only possible way you can prepare for the future.
- **Gardening the Soul** Today more than ever, in our busy, stressful world we need to take the time and the space to care for ourselves. It is only from having a right relationship with ourselves that we can form right relationships with others, with society, with the universe. And through forming right relationships with our Creator and with God and with the rest of creation, we come back again to a new sense of ourselves and of our won beauty and preciousness. *Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy*
- **It's Good to Laugh?** ...20 Years On! Twenty years after leaving school, a woman moves back to her home town. Needing dental work done, she grabbed the telephone book and quickly found a dentist. There had been a tall, handsome boy in her class by the same name, she remembered, as she made her appointment. That morning, she spent extra time on her hair and put on a new dress, hoping to impress her classmate. When she saw him, however, she dismissed the thought, He was balding, fat and looked ancient. Nevertheless, she still wondered if he was the same person and on her way out, she asked, "Were you at the local high school?" "Yes," came the reply. "I left in 1984." "You were in my class!" she said. "Really? What did you teach?"