

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 31st January 2016

WEBSITE:

www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie
www.facebook.com/DunhillAndFenorParish
 Priest on Duty 086-6004386

<p>✠ Sunday, January 31st <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.</p>
<p>Monday, February 1st – St. Brigid</p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 2nd – Presentation of the Lord</p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 3rd – St. Blaise <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</p>
<p>Thursday, February 4th – St John de Britto</p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Friday, February 5th – St. Agatha <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</p>
<p>Saturday, February 6th</p>	<p>Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.</p>

- **St. Brigid:** Feast day 1st February. Bridget is known as Mary of the Gael and she is one of Ireland's patron saints. She was born in Faughart near Dundalk in 451 AD. St. Bridget's crosses are made from rushes and placed over the door in many homes. The prayer of blessing for the crosses is "May the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be on these crosses, on where they are and on everybody who looks at them. Amen. There are many wells dedicated to St. Bridget throughout the country.
- This Wednesday is the feast of **St. Blaise.** Patron for sore throats and sick cattle. The traditional blessing of throats will take place in Tramore at both the 7.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Masses. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.
- The first coffee morning in 2016 in aid of **Waterford Hospice** will be held in O' Sheas Hotel Tramore this Wednesday, February 3rd at 11.00 a.m. They look forward to all their supporters and perhaps many new faces for 2016.
- The **Julian Walton Winter Lecture Series** continues this Thursday, 4th February in the Dunhill Multi Education Centre at 8.00 p.m. This week's lecture will be given by Norman Graham on the topic "Survivors of the Titanic". Admission is €5.00, including refreshments. All are welcome.
- Friday is the **First Friday** of February 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.
- Lent is coming close. **Ash Wednesday** is 10th February. Please be thinking of what you may resolve to do – or not to do – during the season, something that would make you a better person, a better Christian.
- Just a reminder that the **10th Annual Anne Valley 5-mile Challenge** will take place in the parish next Saturday, 6th February, starting at 12 noon. Registration can be done on the day in Harney's bar from 9.00 a.m. or online at www.annevalleyrunning.webs.com. All proceeds from this year's race go to the Jack and Jill foundation.
- All residents of the Dunhill, Fenor, Boatstrand, Annestown area are invited to the **DFBA Community Enterprises Ltd** AGM on Tuesday February 16th at 7.30 p.m. in the Dunhill Multi Education Centre. Speakers will give an update for plans for the area. The CEO of Waterford Leader Partnership Mr Jimmy Taaffe will speak about new funding possibilities. We need new members on our Board of Directors. Anyone interested should apply to the company secretary, who is based at the Ecopark in Dunhill.
- The first of our planned events for the **Year of Mercy** will be held on 20th February, in St. John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford. A day of retreat for those in Parish Ministry will be facilitated by Martina Lehane Sheehan, director of retreats and programmes at Ennismore Retreat Centre in Cork An accredited psychotherapist, Martina regularly facilitates retreats and workshops on matters of spirituality and personal development and has written two books "Seeing Anew" and "Whispers in the Stillness". The cost of the day will be €10.00 per person, and this will include light lunch. Booking is essential at 051-874199 or by emailing pastoralmail@eircom.net.
- Join in the **Dunhill GAA Social Night** on Saturday, February 20th. There will be a medal presentation to the 2015 Junior B county champions. Music by "The Bottle Brothers" followed by a DJ. Tickets €20.00 get them early.
- **"Waterford Citizens Information Service is now recruiting for new Volunteers"**. They will offer you a rewarding and worthwhile experience and the chance to learn new skills. Induction, training and ongoing support is provided. They ask you to share your time and skills, and attendance at training as required. If you are interested in volunteering please contact: Waterford CIC 37, Lower Yellow Rd. 0761 07 6580. Closing date is (tomorrow) 1st February.
- **Thought for the Day** Happiness The place to be happy is here. The time to be happy is now!
- **Last week's** Parish Collection: Masses €379.50 and Envelopes €336.50. Thank you for your continued support.