

**Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

✘ <b>Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – St Martha</b> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. <b><i>Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</i></b>
<b>Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – St Peter Chrysologus</b>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
<b>Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> – St Ignatius</b> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. <b><i>Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</i></b>
<b>Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.</b>

- It was very heartening to see the great numbers who joined us for the Masses in our graveyards during the past two weeks. The many people who look after their graves deserve our thanks. Again we ask you to keep up the good work and to observe the 'No Dumping' signs. This is best observed 'if you bring flowers, wreaths, plants, into the graveyard, you should take them away after they have served their purpose. We are also grateful to those who contributed to the **Annual Graveyard Collection**. Your support is greatly appreciated and will help us to keep the cemeteries looking well during the months ahead.
- Again thanks also to all who contributed to last weekend's **Sacristans' Collection** to show your appreciation for the voluntary work of Mrs Mary Power and Mrs Ita O'Reilly. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- **Launch of Laudato Si** Next Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 7.30 p.m. in the Tower Hotel, Fr. Sean McDonagh, a leading environmental theologian who was involved in the drafting of Laudato Si—Care for our Common Home, will introduce the Encyclical to Waterford and will discuss its implications for us locally. They hope as many as possible will come to hear Séan, whose life and work has been dedicated to raising awareness of climate change and environmental destruction.
- On Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, **Brendan Gallagher** from our parish was accepted as a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate programme in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore by Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan. This was a special day for Brendan and his wife Bridget and we wish him all the best in his studies.
- **The Anne Valley Walk Goes Digital – Natural Heritage Trail for Smart Phones** The beautiful Anne Valley Walk is set to be further developed into a unique and enjoyable experience for walkers through the use of modern technology. An exciting collaboration between Waterford Institute of Technology, Dunhill Multi-Education Centre and the Anne Valley Farmers' Group has led to the installation of Quick Response checkpoints along the walkway using App and Web technology. Eleven Quick Response (QR) codes have recently been placed at points of interest along the walk which link walkers to detailed information and facts about the flora and fauna found along the walk via their smart phones. An event to launch this new addition to the Anne Valley is planned on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon at the Dunhill end of the trail and an invitation is extended to everyone to come along and hear all about this new technology.
- **CHY 3 Certs** In the recent weeks you may have received a Cert in the post, if you currently pay tax under the PAYE system or are self assessed and are in a position to help the parish **at no further cost to yourself**, signing and returning the form promptly would be greatly appreciated.
- Interesting training opportunity in Dunhill for jobseekers. A **Recreational Tourism Trails Development Programme commencing 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015** This is a FETAC Level 5 Major Award in Tourism with Business. An information evening will be held in the Dunhill Multi Education centre on Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m. The programme is fully funded by WWETB and no fees apply to participants. Eligible participants will receive a training allowance in accordance with DSP payments. For further information, please contact us on 051-396934.
- **A Time to be Silent** Much of the time we live trapped inside a hectic, mechanical lifestyle, getting up to the sound of an alarm clock, battered by news from the radio, tested by traffic, forced to calculate time and distance to the minute, going through the day using phones, lifts and gadgets, then going home again at the end of the day, through more traffic, with more news being shouted at us. It is only when we make time for silence and for prayer that we give ourselves a chance to remember who we really are and what life is really about. (*Sr. Stan Kennedy*)
- Last week's **Parish Collection** : Masses €293.90 & Envelopes €487.20. Thank you for your continued support.