

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 21st February 2016

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<p>✠ Sunday, February 21st <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.</p>
<p>Monday, February 22nd – <i>The Chair of St. Peter</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 23rd – <i>St. Polycarp</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 24th <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 25th</p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Friday, February 26th – <i>St Alexander</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. Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</p>
<p>Saturday, February 27th</p>	<p>Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.</p>

- **Jubilee of Mercy:** “Mercy is not only an action of the Father. It becomes a criterion for ascertaining who his true children are. In short, we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers. Nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy. We want to live this Jubilee Year in light of the Lord’s words: Merciful like the Father.
- During Lent, as part of our Wednesday Communion Service in Dunhill Church, we will celebrate the **Stations of the Cross** each Wednesday starting at 11.00 a.m. Why not make an effort to join us for this prayer time?
- **Do Something Special this Lent:** Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the duration of lent. Take this opportunity to help someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well being. Take the short – term pledge and make a difference to someone’s life!
- The **Julian Walton Winter Lecture Series** continues this Thursday, 25th February in the Dunhill Multi Education Centre at 8.00 p.m. This week’s lecture will be given by Eugene Broderick on the topic “Waterford and the Blueshirts”. Admission is €5.00, including refreshments. All are welcome.
- Two evenings to mark the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** Dr. Michael Mullins D.D. will present, “The Parables of Mercy” this Thursday 25th February and next Thursday 3rd March at St. John’s Pastoral Centre, John’s Hill, Waterford at 7.30 p.m. Cost: €5.00, including light refreshments.
- **Trocaire:** We can be ‘merciful like the Father’ as we practice some form of self denial, saying no in some respect so that we may be able to say ‘yes’ to those in need. Please take a Trocaire packet and please be generous to those in need. The focus this year is on Kenya, where people suffer because of lack of water. Your contribution will help install systems to water the land and so afford people the opportunity to live by the land.
- **Bingo Night** this coming Friday 26th February at Fenor School Hall, fun and prizes to be had. All are welcome.
- Be There – **Rally for Life** Saturday - February 27th, join the Growing for Life Movement – Munster’s first ever Rally for Life! Assembling at the Grand Parade Cork at 2.00 p.m. Bring your family and friends. Every Life matters.
- **Spirit Radio - Waterford 90.1** Ireland’s Christian radio station are celebrating their 5th birthday. They have doubled their listenership in the last two years and now have over half a million people tuning in weekly. “Spirits News & Talk” feature Christian voices speaking to the issues of the day. They are seeking to encourage people, especially the young, to begin or renew their relationship with God.
- **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”.....
- **Last week’s** Parish Collection: Masses €377.00 and Envelopes €677.30. Thank you for your continued support.