

☩ <b>Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.</b> <i>Anniversary Mass for Margaret &amp; Mick Murphy</i>
<b>Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St Crispin</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St Nicholas</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St Ambrose</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Fenor Church, at 6.00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>The Immaculate Conception of the BVM</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.
<b>Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St Juab Diego</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</i>
<b>Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.</b> <i>Anniversary Mass for Eileen Nolan</i>

- The Annual Collection for the **Society of St Vincent de Paul** is being taken up before Mass in both churches, of Dunhill and Fenor next weekend. As demand for assistance continues the society are hopeful donations will be as generous as possible. We thank you for your loyal and generous support over the years and once again ask you to donate as generously as possible to help those in greatest need in our parish.
- **Dunhill & Fenor Youth Group:** A meeting for 'Transition Year students' from Dunhill & Fenor and the surrounding areas will take place this Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> in the Education Centre in the Dunhill Ecopark from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend this inaugural session, so that they can have an input into the choice of activities for this season. Any queries - Contact: 087-6780014.
- Dunhill Multi-Education Centre will continue with the **Saturday Supervised Study** for the next two Saturdays, December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> prior to Christmas holidays. Students from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> year are eligible. Supervised study will run from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The cost is €7 per session to include tea/coffee & biscuits during the break. Booking in advance is essential. Call 051-396934 or contact us on facebook @DunhillEducation
- **Sing for Simon** The WIT Children's Choir will be singing Christmas Carols for the Simon Community on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> December outside the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. South East Simon Community will also be holding their annual Christmas Street Collection around Waterford City on that day. They provide services to people experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness. Please support this very worthy collection and help them to spread some Christmas cheer. If you would be interested in volunteering to help with our collection on December 10<sup>th</sup> please contact the fundraising office 051-872693.
- The **Annual Community Care Christmas Party** takes place on this Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 1.30 p.m. in the G.A.A. Centre, Dunhill. It is always a great occasion when the seniors in our community come together. We hope that all the usual volunteers will help out and new volunteers are always welcome.
- A Christmas **Bingo Night** on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00 p.m. in Fenor School. All are welcome to this great night.
- An evening of **Christmas Reflection** will take place on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, in St. John's Pastoral Centre from 7.30 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Facilitators Antoinette Dilworth rsj & Ann O'Farrell offer an opportunity to slow down our hurried pace of life to prepare our minds and hearts to receive the gift of Emmanuel. All are welcome.
- **Your Prayers** You are asked to remember in your prayers, those members of our Christian Community of Dunhill & Fenor who are ill at home or in hospital at this time, that the Lord may make them comfortable in their illness towards a speedy recovery and help their loved ones to care for them.
- **Advent:** You know that feeling of waiting for something or someone? It is a feeling of excitement or maybe anxiety. For most people, waiting is not a very popular pastime, it can be seen as a waste of time. If we allow it to, waiting can be a creative time, a time of high alert, where we may even be more aware of ourselves. Our senses are heightened especially when we are waiting for important news or results or waiting on a loved one to call or to arrive. Waiting is not always seen as a good thing but it can be a time for growth. And so, we enter into the season of waiting: Advent. The Gospel reminds us to be alert and use this time to prepare. What will our preparations be like? God is with us in many different ways, trying to catch our attention in the midst of our busy days. As we fight our way through the queues in the coming weeks, can we use 5 minutes, 7 minutes, 20 minutes... to stop, be still, to ask God to enter into our hearts and lives once more. (Jane Mellett)
- **Last week's** Parish Collection: Masses €270.01 and Envelopes €448.00. Thank you for your continued support.