

<p>✠ Sunday, December 11th Third Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m. <i>Anniversary Mass for Maudie Lyons</i> <i>Pray for Agnes Veale</i></p>
<p>Monday, December 12th – St Finnian</p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 13th – St Lucy</p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 14th – St. John <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</i></p>
<p>Thursday, December 15th – St. Mary di Rosa</p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Friday, December 16th – St. Adelaide <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p>	<p>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></p>
<p>Saturday, December 17th</p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m. <i>Anniversary Mass for Pauline & Michael Hutchinson & Family</i></p>

- **St Vincent de Paul** annual Christmas collection is been taken up this weekend. Thank you, your support is vital.
- The **Annual Community Care Christmas Party** takes place today, Sunday, December 11th, 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 today and new volunteers are always welcome.
- Next **Fenor Bingo** Friday 16th December at 8.00 p.m. in Fenor School Hall. Great night to be had with fun and great prizes. A night not to be missed. All are welcome.
- **Looking for A New Year Resolution? Would you have 2 hours to spare once a month, for 10 months of the year, to assist in the running of the Parish? The Parish Pastoral Council is actively seeking new members, new faces brings new ideas.**
- **A Penitential Service** with an opportunity to go to Confession will take place on Monday, December 19th, in Holy Cross Church Tramore at 7.30 pm.
- An evening of **Christmas Reflection** will take place on Wednesday, December 21st, 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.
- The Parish Pastoral Council has agreed the following **Christmas Mass times**: the Vigil Mass will be celebrated in Dunhill Church on Christmas Eve at 9.00 p.m. On Christmas morning Mass will be celebrated in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
- **Youth 2000** invites all young adults between 16 and 35 years to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from 16th to 18th December at Newbridge College, Co Kildare. This weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all those under 18. All meals are provided and accommodation is on site. Don't let money be an obstacle, just bring a donation and a sleeping bag. Newcomers welcome. There will be free buses picking up from various areas throughout the country. Booking essential, call 01-6753690 or visit www.youth2000.ie
- **The History of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'**
 The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
 The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.
 The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
 The five golden rings represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Saviour.
 The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
 Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit - Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
 The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
 Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit, Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience Goodness Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Chastity
 The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
 The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles.
 The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed. (*Fr. Calvin Goodwin*)
- **Last week's** Parish Collection: Masses €251.92 and Envelopes €682.00. Thank you for your continued support.