

<p>☩ Sunday, December 18th <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m. <i>Anniversary Mass for Kitty Allen</i> <i>Pray for Patrick Burns, Annie Power, Frank Conroy, Jack Skehan, Michael & Margaret Dunphy</i></p>
<p>Monday, December 19th – <i>St Anastasius I</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 20th – <i>St Fachanan</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 21st – <i>St. Peter</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. <i>Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</i></p>
<p>Thursday, December 22nd – <i>St. Flavianus</i></p>	<p>Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Friday, December 23rd – <i>St John of Kanty</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. <i>Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</i></p>
<p>Saturday, December 24th <i>Christmas Eve</i></p>	<p>Vigil Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.00 p.m.</p>

- **Christmas Mass times:** The Vigil Mass will be celebrated in *Dunhill Church* on *Christmas Eve at 9.00 p.m.*
Christmas Morning Mass will be celebrated in *Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.*
- **The Christmas Collection** for the **Support of the Priests** will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Day.
- The **Community Care** committee would like to give a big thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas party last weekend and for all the people in the community who supported this annual festive gathering
- **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 tomorrow Monday, December 19th, in Holy Cross Church Tramore at 7.30 pm.
- **Holy Cross Church Tramore Christmas Carol Service** will be held in the Holy Cross Church Tramore on Tuesday, December 20th at 7 p.m. sharp, with performances by local choirs & musicians. All are Welcome.
- An evening of **Christmas Reflection** will take place this 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 Annual Michael Power Memorial Swim** Will be taking place at Kilmurrin Beach at 12.00 p.m. Christmas Day, the money raised is going to Nadine's Cancer Battle Trust. Come join us to have a splash and raise money for a good cause.
- **Home Alone This Christmas?** Don't be home alone this Christmas if you would like some company. Senior Help Line is a national confidential telephone listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers. They are open every day over Christmas, including New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. All calls are treated as strictly confidential. They are there to listen. LoCall 1850 440 444 for the price of a local call.
- It has long been a tradition to place a lighted **Candle in the Window** of Christian homes on Christmas Eve night. That light is a sign that your home is a place of welcome with open doors and open hearts, especially for Christ. Please be careful with candles. Follow the maker's instructions and never leave burning candles unattended.
- **The First Crib.** In the winter of 1223 Francis of Assisi was staying at a small Friary in Greccio. A rich man from nearby offered the Friars any gift they wished at Christmas. Francis said: "I want to celebrate with you. Up the rocks you have a cave - there prepare a crib full of hay; bring an ox and a donkey. I want to feel and see with my own eyes how much the Son of God wanted to be poor when he was born for love of us". And so that year all the friars and the local people gathered together at the now famous cave of Greccio. Legend has it that the infant Jesus came to life in St. Francis' arms there at the place of the First Christmas Crib.
- **Christmas** is always a mixed time of year. For some it is a joyous occasion, for some a sad time, for others a very lonely time. As we celebrate Christmas let us be mindful and conscious of our neighbours and friends. Christmas is also a time of Liturgical celebration, a time when many attend Church. Whether you are regular or occasional you are welcome. If regular, thanks for your commitment and faithfulness, if occasional, you are welcome, we miss you from our regular gatherings. Perhaps this Christmas you might make a resolution or commitment to try and come more often. You have nothing to fear. The doors of the Church are always open and welcoming.
- **Last week's** Parish Collection: Masses €265.23 and Envelopes €333.20. Thank you for your continued support.