

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, December 03rd 2017

☩ Sunday, December 03rd <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m. <i>Month's Mind for Séan Gooney</i> <i>Pray for James & Philomena Daniels</i>
Monday, December 04th	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 05th – <i>St Crispin</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 06th – <i>St Nicholas</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	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>
Thursday, December 07th – <i>St Ambrose</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
Friday, December 08th – <i>The Immaculate</i> <i>Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</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>
Saturday, December 9th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m. <i>Anniversary Mass for Eileen Nolan</i> <i>Pray for John Tate</i>

- **The season of Advent** begins today, it is one of the four special seasons in the Church's Year. The others are Christmas, Lent and the Easter. The Church's Year begins with Advent and traditionally, the Advent wreath symbolises this. It is made from evergreens, leaves and branches which remind us that God is unchanging, eternal. The round shape of the wreath reminds us that God is without beginning or end. The three purple candles and the pink one represent the four weeks of Advent. The purple candles represent penance and sorrow for sin. The pink candle (Third Sunday of Advent) represents the joy of living in God's presence. The white candle in the centre is lit on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day when Advent is over and we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, the true light who enlightens all people, a light that darkness cannot overpower.
- 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.
- **Gospel of Mark.** Year B of the Liturgical cycle begins on December 3rd, the First Sunday of Advent. During Year B the Gospel readings are mostly from the Gospel of Mark.
- **Fenor Sale of Work** takes place today, December 3rd in Fenor National School starting at 2.00 p.m. This year the spinner will be bigger and better than ever with fantastic prizes of Christmas cakes, toys and other gifts to be won. Santa will also arrive at 2.00 p.m. to meet all the children. The main prize of the day is the magnificent Fenor Hamper to the value of €1,500. Ticket available on the day and from committee members.
- All residents of the Dunhill, Fenor, Boatstrand and Ancestown communities are invited to attend the **Annual General Meeting of the DFBA Community Enterprise Group** at 8.00 p.m. this Wednesday 6th December in the Education Centre in Dunhill. Plans for development will be discussed. There are vacancies to be filled on the board of management. If you are interested in getting involved please contact the secretary before December 4th at the Ecopark, Dunhill on 051-396299. Representatives of all community based groups in our area are particularly welcome. Come, hear and have your say.
- Over two evenings, Dr. Michael Mullins DD will help us **to reflect on the scripture readings for Advent and Christmas.** Please come alone to St. John's Pastoral Centre this Wednesday 6th and 13th December starting each evening at 7.30 p.m.
- The **Annual Community Care Christmas Party** takes place next Sunday, December 10th 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.
- **Thought for the week** We pass through this world but once. Any good we can do, or any kindness we can show, to any human being, let us do it now. Don't put it off. The opportunity may not arise again in our lifetime and we certainly shall not pass this way again. *St. Martins Magazine*
- **Last week's** Parish Collection: Masses €307.87 Envelopes €556.60. Thank you for your continued support.