

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, December 10th 2017

✠ Sunday, December 10th <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m. <i>Anniversary Mass for Cecilia Raher</i> <i>Pray for Michael & Maggie Murphy</i> <i>Also pray for Agnes Veale & Margaret Walsh</i>
Monday, December 11th – <i>St Damasus</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 12th – <i>St Finian</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 13th – <i>St Lucy</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 14th	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
Friday, December 15th <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 16th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m. <i>Anniversary Mass for Mary & Edmond Phelan</i>

- **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)
- **St Vincent de Paul** annual Christmas collection is been taken up this weekend. Thank you, for your loyal and generous support over the years. Your support is vital again this year.
- The **Annual Community Care Christmas Party** takes place today, Sunday 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.
- Dr. Michael Mullins DD will help us **to reflect on the scripture readings for Advent and Christmas.** again this Wednesday 13th December in St. John's Pastoral Centre starting at 7.30 p.m.
- Next **Fenor Bingo** Friday 15th 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.
- **Christmas Mass times:** the Vigil Mass will be celebrated in Dunhill Church on Christmas Eve at 7.00 p.m. On Christmas morning Mass will be celebrated in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
- **ACCORD** – Catholic Marriage Care Service. Planning Your Wedding Day. Accord cares about your relationship and your future together. The marriage preparation course we offer is designed with you in mind. Your Marriage Preparation Course offers both of you the opportunity to reflect on how you communicate, to explore your understanding of commitment, how to manage conflict, how to be responsible parents and live the sacrament of marriage. St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. Telephone 051-878 333. Email accordwaterford@eircom.net
- **Thought for the Week** Hardening of the heart may age people more than hardening of the arteries. ...
- **Live the Word:** In the build up to the festive season, remember Christmas is a symbolic tradition. it is not centred on the pressures of having everything done and the list ticked. Rather, Christmas is a season where we have the opportunity to meet old friends, spend time with family, connect to those around us, and embrace the happiness. Christmas is a time to slow down, reflect and be present to the joy that surrounds us.
- **Last week's** Parish Collection: Masses €411.74 Envelopes €411.17. Thank you for your support.