



Dunhill & Fenor

Parish Notes

23rd December



"The Parish Pastoral Council would like to say a big word of thanks to Monsignor O'Mahony, Fr Shane O'Neill, Fr Paul, and Deacon Brendan Gallagher, for the great service they provide to the Parish of Dunhill and Fenor. We also say thanks to all who work to keep the two Churches and Church grounds in such excellent condition. To those who look after the envelope distribution and collection, and those who keep the flow of information both in print and on Facebook. Without all of your individual efforts we could not keep going, míle buíochas. A Happy and Holy Christmas to you all from the Parish Pastoral Council."



The **Annual Christmas Collection** for the support of the Bishop and the Priests will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Day and next Sunday. Please give as generously as you can.

We extend a very special '**Céad Mile Fáilte**' to all visitors to our parish this weekend, especially those who have come home to be with family members and friends this Christmas. We pray that you will enjoy your stay among us and carry treasured memories with you when you leave.

Rosary Rally for Faith & Life 'Feast of the Mother of God' At Merrion Square, Dublin 1st January 2019 at 12.00 noon. Bus leaving from church car park Tramore at 8.00 am sharp. Cost approx €12 - €17 dependant on numbers. To reserve a seat please give names and contact details to Tramore Parish Office 051-386477.

One of the most beautiful of our Irish customs is the **lighting Christmas candle** in the kitchen window on Christmas Eve. This was done in honour of the Holy Family who sought shelter on the first Christmas Night and were refused. The light was also a beacon for the lonely and the homeless and signified that there was a bed for them beside the fire. The candle was lit by the oldest and the youngest members of the family at nightfall.

Please take the newsletter home with you or to a neighbour / relative or friend.



Last week's Parish Collection:
Masses €283.31 and Envelopes
€565.40. Thank you for your
continued support.

Website:
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Priest on duty 086 6004386

Saturday, December 22nd	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m. <i>Anniversary Mass for Mick & Michael Hutchinson Pray for Gay O'Donnell</i>
Sunday, December 23rd	Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m. <i>Anniversary Mass for Kitty & Joe Carey Pray for Frank Conroy & The Halley Family</i>
Christmas Eve	<i>Mass in Dunhill Church at 7.00 p.m.</i>
Christmas Day	<i>Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m.</i>
Saturday, December 29th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m. <i>Anniversary Mass for John, Mary & Gerard Connolly</i>
Sunday, December 30th	Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m. <i>1st Anniversary Mass for Cora Griffin Pray for Mary, James, John & PJoe Allen</i>

Christmas time is a time we associate with lights of all kinds. Coloured lights appear in our towns and cities, soft candles adorn our windows, fairy lights twinkle on and off Christmas trees. As we move towards the celebration of the birth of Jesus we are drawn into a world of glittering brightness. Often we can find ourselves caught up in a rassmatazz of frenzied activity that has little to do with the true meaning of Christmas. We may become dazzled. False distractions may pull and tug at us. In our hearts we ask: What is it all for? We rarely give ourselves time to stop and wonder what it is that emerges out of the darkness of winter, to make Christmas a true celebration of light and hope.

There will be **no formal Adoration** this week in both Dunhill and Fenor Churches.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday Dunhill Church, **Friday** Fenor Church (both from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon)

Daily Mass : Holy Cross Church, Tramore at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.

Parish Office hours Wed 9.30 am to 14.00 pm. 396892