

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes 15th March 2020



Happy St. Patrick's Day. St Patrick is the patron Saint of Ireland and is one of the most famous saints in the world. There are lots of stories about him but many of them, including the one about him banishing snakes from Ireland, are probably not true. We know that St. Patrick was born in Britain in the year 387. His family were wealthy and were Christian. When Patrick was sixteen years old, he was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They took him to Ireland where he was sold as a slave. He spent six years working as a shepherd. These years were lonely times for Patrick and it is during this time that he began to pray. It is said that one night he had a dream in which he heard a voice telling him that it was time to escape from Ireland and go home. Patrick believed that it was God telling him to go and so he left the hillside where he was minding sheep and walked a very long way to the coast. There he hid away on a boat and escaped back to Britain. Later we are told that Patrick had another dream or vision. In this dream an angel told him to return to Ireland to tell the people about God. Patrick decided to train to become a priest before returning to Ireland. Finally Patrick came back to Ireland in the year 432. It is said that he lit the first Easter fire on the Hill of Slane in Co. Meath. He used the shamrock to teach the Irish people about the Trinity, that there were three Gods in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is why we wear the shamrock on St Patrick's day. He died in 461.

The Annual Door-to-Door Collection by the **<u>Dunhill Lourdes Committee</u>** will be held during the coming weeks. Your support to help send pilgrims and helpers to Lourdes in June would be greatly appreciated.

Age Action are running FREE beginner basic computers classes on laptops, iPads, smartphones or tablets for over 55s in Waterford City. Classes are taught on a one-to-one basis in a relaxed, non-formal setting. We are currently seeking course learners and volunteer tutors. Full tutor training provided. For more information contact Age Action on 01 4756989 or email to gettingstarted@ageaction.ie

<u>Waterford Samaritans</u> have changed their free phone line number to 116 123. They can still be emailed at jo@samaritans.ie

Last week's Parish Collection: Website: Masses €298.83 www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie Envelopes €314.20. Thank you www.facebook.com/dunhillandfenorparish for your continued support. Priest on duty 086 6004386 Saturday, March 14th Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m. Anniversary Mass for Jimmy Delaney Sunday, March 15th Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m. Anniversary Mass for Jimmy Cullinane Pray for Molly, Tommy, & Nellie Kiely & parents Monday, March 16th Vigil Mass in Fenor Church At 6.00 p.m. Tuesday, March 17th Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m. 80 Anniversary Mass for Thomas Raher St Patrick's Day Saturday, March 21st Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m Anniversary Mass for Deceased Members of Fenor Purgatorial. Sunday, March 22nd Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.



The 75th Anniversary of the Death of Anne Frank

Anne Frank was a teenage Jewish girl who kept a diary while her family was in hiding from the Nazis during World War II. For two years, she and seven others lived in a "Secret Annex" in Amsterdam before being discovered and sent to concentration camps. Anne died

in the Bergen-Belsen camp in 1945. Anne Frank's last words, on August 1, 1944, she wrote the last entry in her diary. "I still believe, in spite of everything, that people are still truly good at heart." The Franks were arrested by the Gestapo three days later after Otto Frank's business partner informed on them. The diary ends suddenly on 1 August 1944. There are many important messages in this book, but the most important message is that all people have the right to live in freedom. Anne's story shows us that just because people may be a different religion or race, doesn't mean that they should be treated differently.

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

Adoration : Fenor Church every Friday 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Parish Office hours Wed 9.30 am to 14.00 pm. 396892