

**Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

☒ <b>Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup></b> <i>St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup></b> - <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup></b> - <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. <b>Dunhill Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</b>
<b>Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St Declan of Ardmore</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup></b> – <i>St James, Apostle</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. <b>Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12 noon</b>
<b>Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup></b> - <i>SS Joachim and Anne</i>	<b>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.</b>

- The annual **Sacristans' Collection** will be taken up in both churches this weekend. The job of the Sacristan is an unpaid, seven-days-a-week job and we are really grateful to Mrs Mary Power and Mrs Ita O'Reilly for their dedication and commitment. This weekend is our opportunity to show our appreciation for them and for what they do for our parish community. Please give as generously as you can.
  - The **Irish Blood Transfusion Service** is experiencing difficulty in collecting enough voluntary blood donations in order to meet hospital requirements of 3,000 units of blood a week. The Service will be visiting the Holy Cross National School, Tramore, (note change of venue) this Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, from 5.00 p.m. until 8.30 p.m.
  - This Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, is the **Feast of St Declan** of Ardmore, one of the patron saints of our diocese. Mass in honour of this pre-Patrician saint will be in St Declan's Church, Ardmore, at 7.30 p.m. after the traditional walk from Grange to Ardmore. Eminent author, journalist and radio producer Colm Keane will talk about his life and his work when he addresses the congregation during Mass. so check the details at [www.ardmorepatternfestival.ie](http://www.ardmorepatternfestival.ie)
  - With the advent of Parish Pastoral Councils and the structured involvement of lay people in the life of the diocese St Patrick's College Maynooth are offering a **Level 7 Certificate in Theological Studies**. This course will be of interest to people who are involved in parish life or to those who are involved with the Diocesan Forum. It may also be of interest to those who wish to deepen and enrich their own understanding of their faith and who are prepared to become involved in parish life. For more information contact Declan Murphy on 056-7753624.
  - It won't be long now until the big event of the **Fenor Barn Dance** scheduled for Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, in the Copper Coast Mini Farm. Running from 8 'til late entertainment from Seattle followed by a disco. This year's event is a fundraiser for the Fenor GAA hurling wall project and the Fenor Lourdes fund. Tickets costs €20 which includes a barbequed food voucher, and are available from 086-3365024/089-4614562.
  - **Angels** What do Angels look like? Like the stranger who just happened to come along when you had lost your way. Like the small child who showed you the wonder in simple things. Like the friend who touched your heart when you didn't think you had one left to touch. They are hard to find when your eyes are closed, but they are everywhere you look when you choose to see.
  - **Volunteer in Africa.** Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to East Africa in Sept 2014. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. Contact Denis – 086 8520271.
  - The Parish Communications Team would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested in helping out with the production of the **Parish Newsletter**. If you think you might be able to help out please contact the parish office 396892 or the Communications Team at [comms.team@dunhillandfenorparish.ie](mailto:comms.team@dunhillandfenorparish.ie)
- Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap Email [silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)
- **Question:** My faith has gone very dead. Scandals in the Church haven't helped but I don't lay all the blame there. Missing Mass no longer bothers me like it would have years ago. Any prayers I say are mechanical. Have you suggestions? **Answer:** The world we live in has gone very secular and it is all too easy to drift with the flow. One has to make very deliberate efforts today to nurture faith. Just as our diet has a huge effect on our physical health, our mental diet dictates the wellbeing of our mind and soul. Drop into a church more often to adore the Lord. Read the scriptures as a source of developing a personal listen-and-talk relationship with God. Break out of self-centredness by offering your services to a charitable or sporting organisation. There are many Retreat Centres where you might avail of a helpful programme. Above all, humbly pray for the gift of a lively faith.
  - Last week's **Parish Collection:** Masses €403.50 & Envelopes €680.10. Thank you for your continued support.