

Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 13th December 2015

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✘ Sunday, December 13th <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.
Monday, December 14th - <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 15th - <i>St. Mary di Rosa</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 16th - <i>St. Adelaide</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 17th - <i>St. Lazarus</i>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
Friday, December 18th - <i>St. Flannan</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 19th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.

- **St Vincent de Paul** annual Christmas collection is been taken up this weekend. Thank you, your support is vital.
- The annual **Fenor Sale of Work** takes place today (Sunday) starting at 2.00 p.m. in Fenor National School. Over the years the Sale of Work has been the catalyst for much of the development that has taken place in our community. The beneficiary this year will be Fenor National School and for the purchase of development land in Fenor. There will be various stalls such as Bric-a-brac, toys, puddings, cakes and clothes. The spinner will also have great prizes such as Christmas cakes, turkeys, hams and coal vouchers. This year Rudolf and Santa will arrive while a Christmas Wonderland including the Gladitor will create lots of fun and games for the children also available there will be a smaller bouncy castle for the younger children. The main prize of the day is the magnificent Fenor Hamper to the value of €1,500. Tickets are available on the day and from committee members.
- Pope Francis has announced the **Year of Mercy December 8th to November 20th 2016**. The purpose of the year is to proclaim God's mercy to all people. Mercy is God's unconditional love for all that has been created. The Year of Mercy is a way for the church to "make more evident its mission to be a witness of mercy." Each of us has an opportunity this year to show mercy to one another. The year of Mercy began with the opening of the Holy Door of Mercy in the Basilica of St. Peter on December 8th by Pope Francis.
- **Reconciliation Service for Christmas:** will take place in the Holy Cross Church, Tramore, on Monday, December 21st at 7.30 p.m.
- A Christmas **Bingo Night** this Friday, 18th December at 8.00 p.m. in Fenor School. All are welcome to this great night.
- On Friday, December 18th at 7.30 p.m. The Romero Institute of Peace and Justice are hosting an event taking place in the Edmund Rice Centre in the Chapel. **Remembering the Christmas Truce** will be an evening of carols and reflection led by the High Hopes Choir and the Island of Ireland Peace Choir. Admission is free but there will be a collection after the concert. All are welcome to enjoy.
- A **Carol Service** will be held in Dunhill Church on Saturday, December 21st at 7.30 p.m. A great night in store. All donations on the night will go to Lexie Murphy. Any and all support will be greatly appreciated.
- The Parish Pastoral Council has agreed the following **Christmas Mass times**. There will be two Christmas Day Masses; the first will be celebrated in Dunhill Church at 9.00 a.m. and the second in Fenor Church at 10.15 a.m. There will be no Vigil Mass in Fenor on Christmas Eve. On December 26th mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m. and mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.
- An evening of **Christmas Reflection** will take place on Monday, December 21st, in St. John's Pastoral Centre from 7.30 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Facilitators Antoinette Dilworth rsj & Ann O'Farrell offer an opportunity to slow down our hurried pace of life to prepare our minds and hearts to receive the gift of Emmanuel. All are welcome.
- A **Christmas Carol Service** will be held in Holy Cross Church Tramore on Tuesday, December 22nd, from 7.00 p.m. till 9.00 p.m. It will feature the Holy Cross Church Choir, The Ladies Choir, The Gospel Choir and others.
- The **Annual Community Care Christmas Party** takes place on Sunday, December 20th, 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.
- **Trócaire Christmas gifts** are now on sale and can make a life-changing difference to families in some of the world's poorest countries. Log on to trocaire.org/gifts
- The sale has been agreed for the **Parochial House in Dunhill**. Details of this sale will be published at a later date.
- Tom O' Brien Builders have recently commenced **repair works on the roof of Fenor Church**, it is envisaged that the work will be complete in six weeks. Broken and loose slates are been replaced, ridge tiles need to be pointed and new gutters and down pipes will be fitted on the entire church. We are sorry for any inconvenience it may cause.
- **Preparing for the Lord's Coming** Think! How much time have we spent preparing ourselves spiritually for the Lord's coming? How long have we been out shopping for gifts and decorations? God has given us the "Gift." Our faith is our way of thanking him. True faith begins with a grateful heart.
- Last week's **Parish Collection:** Masses €213.49 & Envelopes €574.90. Thank you for your continued support.