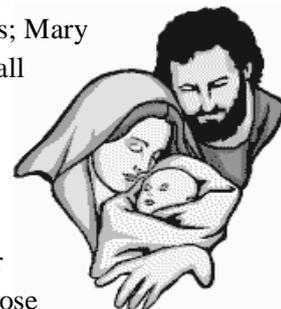


☒ <b>Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>-</b> <i>Holy Name of Jesus</i>	<b>Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>-</b>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>-</b>	Mass in Fenor Church at, 6.00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>-The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	Mass in Dunhill Church, at 9.30 a.m.
<b>Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>-</b>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>-</b>	Mass in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m.
<b>Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>-</b>	<b>Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m.</b>

- On behalf of all the parishioners of our parish, we would like to extend a very **sincere and heartfelt word of gratitude** to all those who helped out in any way in our parish over the past year. In particular, we thank the members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council and all their sub-committees; Mary Power & Ita O'Reilly who take such great care in looking after the sacristies and the churches; and all those who help them throughout the year; all who help with the upkeep of all the parish properties, the Property Committee and all its advisors; those who decorate the churches throughout the year with beautiful floral arrangements; those who work in the background with things that need doing, such as erecting cribs and Christmas trees, fixing things, changing things, mending things, and so many other things which need doing throughout the year. We thank our secretaries Margaret Power and Rebekah Power for their dedication; those who distribute envelopes; collectors in church and those who count the collection weekly; the musicians and choirs who lead us in song and especially for all the extra work they do for the major liturgies; Ministers of the Word and Eucharist; and the Altar Servers for their commitment and service. We thank the teachers in both schools for helping to pass on the faith to our children. May the peace of the child Jesus be with you all this Christmas and throughout the coming year.



- Wednesday is the feast of the **Epiphany of the Lord** and it is a holy day of obligation. There will be a vigil Mass in Fenor Church at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday evening and there will also be Mass in Dunhill Church at 9.30 a.m.
- **New Years Day: Some old Irish Customs It** was called the night of large portions. The belief was that one ought to eat large portions of food on this night to ensure plentiful supply during the year. Another custom was opening the back door at midnight-this symbolised leaving the old year out. The front door was opened to welcome in the New Year. Let's open the back door of memories of pain, suffering, stress, hardship and open the front door of new beginnings and hope.
- **Prayer at a Crib** Pay a visit to our Crib and spend a moment in prayer; May the light of the Christ child shine into the darkness of our war torn world and give peace to all nations. May the light of the Christ child come into the darkness in Ireland and any darkness that we may have in our neighbourhood. May the Christ child bring us harmony, peace and happiness. Amen
- Friday is the **First Friday** of January and Brendan Gallagher will be visiting the sick and housebound with the Blessed Sacrament. If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion please let us know at the parish office (396892) as soon as possible.
- **Recipe for a Happy New Year!**

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancour and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; Pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work, hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, prayer, meditation, rest, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humour.