

✱ Sunday, May 22 nd Fifth Sunday of Easter	Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, May 23 rd	Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 24 th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 25 th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. <i>No formal adoration in Dunhill today</i>
Thursday, May 26 th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, May 27 th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon</i>
Saturday, May 28 th	Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- Congratulations to the boys and girls who received their **First Holy Communion** in Dunhill Church this weekend. We pray that all the children of the parish will grow in love of God each day through the Eucharist.
- Our **Parish Pilgrimage to Rome** takes place this week and the thirty pilgrims are looking forward to visiting many religious and cultural attractions in the Eternal City. One highlight will be praying the *Regina Coeli* with Pope Benedict XVI in St Peter's Square on Wednesday at noon. Please pray that the pilgrimage will bear much spiritual fruit in the lives of the pilgrims and of all the people of Dunhill & Fenor who will be remembered in prayer.
- Some copies of '*Listening with the Heart: the Report on the 2010 Listening Process in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore*' are available in both churches this weekend. Feel free to take a copy home with you.
- The **Annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund** is being taken up in both churches this weekend. There is a yellow envelope in your box at home for this purpose. Please give as generously as you can to this collection.
- Sincere thanks to all who participated in the **Months Mind Mass for Father Purcell** on Friday evening and to all who prepared and served the refreshments after Mass. Copies of the DVD of Father's funeral are available through the parish office. We are grateful to those who produced this historical record for the parish.
- The annual **Diocesan Rosary Procession** will take place next Sunday, May 29th, at 3.00 p.m. It will leave Ballybricken Green en route to the Dominican Church, Bridge Street, where the crowning of Our Lady will take place. All are welcome to attend especially the children who have recently received their First Holy Communion.
- Meetings with regard to the development of the **Parish Hall in Dunhill** are taking place every two to three weeks and this week we received a draft copy of the lease agreement which will hopefully lead to the drawdown of crucial funding in the coming months. Unfortunately, due to unlawful entry and criminal damage being perpetrated last weekend, it is necessary to board up the windows for the time being. The Gardaí have asked that parishioners might be alert to any suspicious activity in the vicinity and report it immediately.
- A **Community Alert Meeting** for the whole parish of Dunhill, Fenor, Boatstrand and Annestown will take place on Thursday, 9th June, at 8.00 p.m. in the Dunhill Multi Education Centre with the aim of relaunching Community Alert in these areas. The organisers hope that as many people of the parish as possible will attend this meeting.
- Pope Benedict XVI has invited the young people of the world to join him in Madrid this August for **World Youth Day**. It is a great celebration of faith and of life and the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore will be participating. **Our parish will part-sponsor two young people** to attend so if you're interested let us know at the parish office as soon as possible. For further information on the event see www.madrid11.com, www.waterfordlismore.com or search for the Waterford and Lismore World Youth Day Facebook page.
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Q. What is the point of reading all those bits in the Old Testament about smiting enemies?
A. Yes, these passages do not make pleasant reading. But at least they show us the ugly side of human history and the world's need of a Saviour. Throughout the Old Testament there is a gradual development in the understanding of God's revelation, reaching completion only in the coming of Jesus Christ. Remember those parts of the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus moves from 'You have heard it said' to 'but I say to you'. The history into which Jesus was born was far from perfect. Are we any better today? Instead of pointing fingers at people of bygone ages, we'd be better advised to look at our own lives in the light of Jesus' teaching.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €485.26 & Envelopes €440.70. Thank you for your continued support.