

<p>✘ Sunday, May 06th <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Monday, May 07th</p>	<p>Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 08th</p>	<p>Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 09th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon</i></p>
<p>Thursday, May 10th</p>	<p>Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p>Friday, May 11th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon</i></p>
<p>Saturday, May 12th</p>	<p>First Holy Communion Mass in Fenor Church at 11.00 a.m. Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.</p>

- The **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** takes place today under the leadership of the Most Revd Dr William Lee, Bishop of Waterford & Lismore. We wish all the pilgrims well and ask them to pray for us there.
- The children of second class in Fenor National School will gather for Mass next Saturday morning when they will receive the Blessed Eucharist in their **First Holy Communion**. It is a really significant year for them as they will receive Eucharist just a few weeks in advance of the International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin. Please remember them in your prayers during this week. The children of Dunhill National School will receive their First Holy Communion the following Saturday, May 19th, in Dunhill Church.
- The **Dunhill Cemetery Committee** has been active recently in tidying Dunhill Cemetery and making it a safer place. Many parishioners have offered their services on a voluntary basis and we are most grateful. The work is moving a step further at this stage as we hope to level the graves by raising those which have sunk, and topping those which haven't. Grass seed will then be planted in the hope of beautifying the area and making it easier to cut grass and maintain the graves. Old headstones that are in danger of falling over will be supported and withered wreaths will be removed after a certain amount of time. We would hope that parishioners would still care for and maintain their family plots but the work of the Cemetery Committee will support those efforts. If you have any questions or comments about the cemetery or if you would like to assist the committee in its work please write to: The Cemetery Committee, Dunhill Parish Office, Dunhill Church, or email office@dunhillandfenorparish.ie.
- Publicity material about the upcoming **International Eucharistic Congress** is available in both churches this weekend. It contains the Programme of Events for the week, a bookmark with the IEC Prayer, a letter from Fr Kevin Doran, the Secretary General, and an envelope for contributions. The fourth annual collection for the Congress will take place nationally today but we will hold our collection on the Feast of Corpus Christi in June.
- In order to facilitate pilgrims travelling to the **Final Mass of Eucharistic Congress in Croke Park** on June 17th a special train will depart Waterford Train Station at 9.35 a.m. and return from Dublin at 6.10 p.m. The train fare is €25.00 return and as it is a "special" there are no concessions for free travel available. Tickets are available from www.irishrail.ie or by calling the Irish Rail Booking Centre at 1850 366 222. Please book early.
- Dunhill Multi-Education Centre will host its monthly **Coffee Mornings for Seniors and Friends** on Wednesday, 16th May, at 11.00 a.m. Big Mike will entertain everybody with renditions of humorous, thoughtful and cleverly written monologues and recitations from his CD which was launched last week. Cost is €5 to cover refreshments.
- Our parish website hosts a link to **Religious Webcasts** which offers daily televised Masses, on your computer, from various churches around the country, including St Mary's in Clonmel (which is in our own diocese). Of course, Masses from our own parish are broadcast on your radio at **107 FM**.
- **Questions people ask** - Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Question: What did Jesus mean when he said to the disciples 'you are pruned already'?
Answer: The vine, like many other fruit-bearing plants, receives two prunings. At the early pruning a certain number of shoots are selected for development while the remainder are lopped off. Close to harvest time, the second pruning cuts off the underdeveloped fruits to the benefit of the stronger ones. The disciples had survived the first pruning at the end of John Chapter 6 when they chose to remain with Jesus unlike those who walked away because they rejected his promise to give his flesh to eat and his blood to drink, the promise of the Eucharist.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €445.80 & Envelopes €549.90. Thank you for your continued support.

- The **County Waterford Community Drugs Initiative** is an organisation providing helpful advice on drug education and awareness to those affected by drugs in this area. They provide one to one help and also family support. If you would like to know more contact Rebecca on 086-8527173.
- Life can be difficult if someone you care about has a drink problem and you can see what it is doing to them. But can you see what their drinking is doing to you? **Al-Anon** offers understanding and support for families and friends of problem drinkers in an anonymous environment. Meetings take place nightly in Waterford, Tramore and Dungarvan. For details contact 01-8732699 or alanonuk@aol.com
- **GROW** Mental Health support groups continue weekly with meetings taking place every Wednesday in The Nano Nagle Centre, Carrick-on-Suir, at 1.30 p.m. and in St Brigid's Centre, Lower Yellow Road, Waterford, at 7.30 p.m. For further details please call Maureen on 086 7706064 or visit their website at www.grow.ie.
- Friday Penance: This Friday why not abstain from alcoholic drink or smoking.
- The **Youth 2000 Prayer Group** (for 16 to 35 year olds) now meets every Friday at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford (side entrance). Further information from www.youth2000.ie or Siobhan at 087-9292121. Please join us for prayer, reflection and a chat. All are welcome.
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- **Notices for this Newsletter** are welcome from community groups and organisations (on a non-profit making basis) but must be submitted by Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. Remember also that you can post your notice on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DunhillAndFenorParish.
- 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 Communications Team at comms.team@dunhillandfenorparish.ie
- Have you had a look at our new, enlarged and refreshed website yet? www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie

Forms of Friday Penance

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking
 - Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer
 - Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays
 - Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
 - Making the Stations of the Cross
 - Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy
 - Helping the poor, sick, old, or lonely.
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- Friday is the **First Friday** of June and Fr Paul will be visiting the sick and housebound with the Sacraments. If you, or anyone you know, would like to celebrate Confession, Anointing of the Sick or to receive the Eucharist please let us know at the parish office (396892) as soon as possible.