

☒ Sunday, May 20th <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.
Monday, May 21st	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 22nd	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 23rd <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon</i>
Thursday, May 24th	Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.
Friday, May 25th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12.00 noon</i>
Saturday, May 26th	Mass in Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.

- Congratulations to the boys and girls who received their **First Holy Communion** in Dunhill Church this weekend and in Fenor Church last weekend. We hope that they grow in love of the Lord Jesus each day.
- The International Eucharistic Congress is drawing near and we have made some **commemorative pin badges** available in both churches at a cost of €2 each. Wear your with pride as we prepare for this great event in Ireland.
- Our diocese of Waterford & Lismore has two candidates currently preparing for service as **Permanent Deacons**. Their first year of preparation will be complete in June. There are a number of serious enquirers for next year and the diocese is currently inviting further prospective candidates to apply for this September. Permanent Deacons are men who are ordained for service in our parishes by proclaiming God's Word, assisting at the Altar, and serving the cause of Justice and Charity. Although these men are ordained ministers, they may also be married. Further enquiries to Fr Pat Fitzgerald, Parochial House, Lisduggan. Phone 051-372257 or email pat7fitz3@eircom.net
- The Annual Collection for the **Retired Priests' Fund** will be taken up in both churches this weekend. Each parish must pay €2,000 annually, per working priest, towards the support of the retired priests of the diocese.
- In addition to the physical work which will be undertaken soon at **Dunhill Cemetery** the Committee also needs help in recording and publishing burials at the cemetery. The parish website has the capability to offer a huge amount of information to people all over the world, at the press of a button. But that information must first be collected, processed and published so if you would be interested in that type of work the Cemetery Committee would be delighted to hear from you at: The Cemetery Committee, Dunhill Parish Office, Dunhill Church, or email office@dunhillandfenorparish.ie. Have a look at the cemetery section of the website to see what is involved.
- **Dunhill/Fenor Community Games** and Sports Day will take place this Saturday, 26th May, at 1.30 p.m. in the Dunhill G.A.A. field. It will be a great day for all the family with races for all ages including tiny tots and novelty.
- You may be aware of the severe food shortages in West Africa as reported this week. **Trocaire** is working with its Caritas partner organisations to deliver emergency aid to the region. If you wish to support the people of the Sahel region of Africa call 1850 408 408 or donate online at www.trocaire.org/emergencies. Thank you.
- Youth 2000 will be hosting a **Youth Retreat** in Knockadoon Camp, near Youghal, Co. Cork this Friday 25th to Sunday 27th May 2012. Young people from all around Ireland (aged 16-35) are invited to this donation-only event. The weekend will consist of prayer, workshops, drama, inspirational talks, testimonies, music, games and a lot of craic and friendship. Parental consent is necessary for 16 and 17 year olds so please see website for details. Please feel free to drop into the retreat at anytime over the weekend & bring a sleeping bag if you choose to avail of accommodation. For more information contact John McEaney on 086 3301766 or Naomi Collins on 085 1479038 or check out www.youth2000.ie or www.facebook.com/Youth2000Ireland for further details.
- **Questions people ask** - Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn@gmail.com
Question: The Last Supper was a very simple meal. Have we lost its meaning with too many vestments, rituals, special ministers etc.? Let's get back to the simple meal.
Answer: By all means have your simple meal but the Last Supper was much more than a simple meal. It was deeply linked to the Jewish Passover and anticipated the sacrificial death and resurrection of the Lord. Jesus spoke of his body soon to be given up and of the new covenant in his blood. This was the language of sacrifice. The altar, special ministers and proper ritual belong to the celebration of the sacred sacrifice. Anything that helps our reverence before God is to be welcomed.
- Last week's **Parish Collection**: Masses €425.80 & Envelopes €579.50. Thank you for your continued support.