


Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, 24th March 2013

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<p>✠ Sunday, March 24th <i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i></p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>Monday of Holy Week, March 25th <i>(The Annunciation is transferred to 8th April)</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Confessions in Tramore at 7.30 p.m.</i></p>	
<p>Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26th</p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Confessions in Mount Sion at 7.30 p.m.</i></p>	
<p>Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p>	<p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Dunhill Church from after Mass until noon</i></p>	
<p>Holy Thursday, March 28th</p>	<p>❖ Chrism Mass in the Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. ❖ Mass of the Lord's Supper in Dunhill Multi-Education Centre at 7.30 p.m. with refreshments afterwards.</p>	
<p>Good Friday, March 29th</p>	<p>❖ Stations of the Cross in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. ❖ Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Dunhill Church at 7.30 p.m.</p>	
<p>Holy Saturday, March 30th</p>	<p>The Easter Vigil will be celebrated in Fenor Church beginning with the Blessing of the Easter Fire at 9.00 p.m.</p>	
<p>✠ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</p>	<p>Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.</p>	

- This Palm Sunday, Trócaire is asking us to pray for the many brave human rights defenders, community organisations and local leaders who face persecution around the world for trying to improve the lives of their neighbours. Trócaire asks us to continue to speak out on global injustices and to act in solidarity with vulnerable communities overseas. See www.trocaire.org/lent for more details. The Trócaire Lenten Campaign concludes this week and **Trócaire boxes** should be returned to the parish on Holy Thursday evening. Trócaire is very grateful for your generosity to the annual Lenten Appeal.
- We will have **Reconciliation Services** this Monday, March 25th, in Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 7.30 p.m. and in Mount Sion Church, Barrack Street this Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. please make a special effort to attend.
- The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated by Bishop Lee and all the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral on Holy Thursday at 10.30 a.m. and the Bishop has extended an invitation to everybody to be there. It is at that Mass that the Holy Oils (Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick and the Sacred Chrism) are consecrated for use during the year and the priests of the diocese renew their commitment to serve God's people. It is particularly appropriate that those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation would be present to witness the Sacred Chrism being consecrated. This Sacred Oil will be used to confer Confirmation in our parish on April 18th. All are welcome.
- There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in Dunhill Church on Wednesday from after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 12 noon but we **will not** have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Fenor Church on Good Friday.
- The **Annual Collection for the Holy Places** will be taken up in both churches on Good Friday. These donations are used to support the places associated with the Lord in the Holy Land.
- The **Annual Collection for the support of the Bishop and Priests** (Easter Dues) will be taken up at all Masses on Easter Sunday. This collection provides the priests of the diocese with their wages. Envelopes are being delivered to your homes this week. Please give as generously as you can. Sincere thanks to those who deliver the envelopes.
- Details of our **Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Padua** and booking forms are available at the parish office. We will leave Dublin on Sunday afternoon, September 22nd, and spend two nights in Rome, two nights in Assisi and three nights in Padua before flying home from Venice. The cost is €899. Check out our Facebook page or our website for more: www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie/df/2013-rome-assisi-padua.
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn80@gmail.com
Question: What is so special about palm branches? **Answer:** Palm branches were waved as a sign of welcoming a king or victorious general. Think of the reception of All-Ireland winners. Early Christians spoke of martyrs receiving the palm of victory as they shared in the triumph of Christ over death. Taking a piece of palm home today is a reminder that this week we celebrate the death of Jesus and his victorious resurrection. Keep the palm in a special place such as attached to a crucifix, a picture of the Lord or a holy water font. Throughout the year let the palm renew your hope as you remember that the victorious Christ is our champion.
- Last week's **Parish Collection:** Masses €498.13 & Envelopes €1124.30. Thank you for your continued support.