


Dunhill & Fenor Parish Notes, Easter Sunday 2013

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| <p>✘ Sunday, March 31st <i>Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection</i></p> | <p>Mass in Fenor Church at 9.30 a.m. Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.</p> |  |
| <p>Easter Monday – Bank Holiday</p> | <p>Mass in Dunhill Church at 11.00 a.m.</p> | |
| <p>Easter Tuesday, April 2nd</p> | <p>Mass in Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m.</p> | |
| <p>Easter Wednesday, April 3rd <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>Easter Thursday, April 4th</p> | <p>Holy Cross Church, Tramore, at 10.00 a.m.</p> | |
| <p>Easter Friday, April 5th <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p> | <p>Fenor Church at 10.00 a.m. <i>Fenor Church from 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon</i></p> | |
| <p>Easter Saturday, April 6th</p> | <p>Fenor Church at 6.30 p.m.</p> | |

- At the Council of Nicea in 325 the **Date for Easter** was fixed as the Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox. So Sunday, 31st March 2013, is the feast of Easter. Eastern Christians calculate the date of Easter according to the Julian Calendar, the calendar in general use before the Gregorian reform of 1582. Sunday, 5th May 2013 is the feast of Easter for Eastern Christians. The Jewish people began celebrating the feast of Passover this year on 25th March (15th of Nisan 5773) and it will continue for seven days.
- The **Annual Easter Collection for the support of the Bishop and Priests** (Easter Dues) is being taken up at all Masses this weekend. This collection provides the priests of the diocese with their wages. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Sincere thanks to those who prepare and distribute envelopes to all the homes in the parish.
- Sincere thanks to all who helped out, in any way, in planning and preparing for the **Easter Ceremonies** and to all who participated in the ceremonies at this most important time in the Christian year. Thanks to all concerned.
- Friday is the **First Friday** of April 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.
- 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.
- The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place this year on Sunday, May 05th. More details next week.
- *“This is the revelation of God's love for us, that God sent his only Son into the world that we might have life through him.” John 4:9.* This Easter Sunday we celebrate the new life that thousands of the world's poorest people can look forward to through the generosity of parishioners here at home. **Trócaire** thanks us for this generosity and incredible support. Please return your Trócaire Box to the parish as soon as possible.
- The **Anne Valley Walk Committee** has organised a fundraiser walk which is taking place all day on Sunday, 7th April. Donations will be welcome so why not consider a family walk in the Anne Valley after Mass next Sunday.
- **Questions people ask** – Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. Email silvesteroflynn80@gmail.com
Question: What is the meaning of Alleluia? **Answer:** Alleluia is a great shout of joy to God. During the penitential season of Lent it is dropped from the Church's prayer but returns to dominate Easter's prayers. Let us break up the word to analyse its meaning. The centre of the word is EL, the Hebrew word for God. Before and after EL we have a great release of energy with AL saluting God and a mighty shout of UIA (YA) to proclaim our joy at the resurrection of the Lord. It was when I heard what the commentator called the Clare shout in Croke Park that I discovered the primal joy of alleluia. Let it rip this Easter! The Lord is risen, Alleluia!
- Last week's **Parish Collection:** Masses €404.89 & Envelopes €622.30. Thank you for your continued support.

*May the Risen Lord fill your heart
 with peace & joy this Easter! Alleluia!*

