#### **NOTICES**

Lough Derg 2017: You may begin the Three Day Pilgrim- age on any day up to and including Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August. Advance booking is not necessary. Further information available regarding public transport by telephoning Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9851518 (from NI 00353 71 9861518). Email: info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org New Ross Active Retirement <u>Association</u> Monthly meeting on Friday Aug 4th @ Youth Centre 10.30—12.00 Noon.	Diocese of Ferns Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage Calzadilla de los Hermanillos to Ponfer- rada 16th - 23rd August 2017 €517.00 inc. Flights, Private Bus Transfers in Spain, Accomodation and Insurance Director: Fr. Roger O'Neill (New Ross) 0879451264 Chaplain: Fr. James Cullen (Wexford) 2 places available! Booking: O'Leary Travel Ltd. 053 9233178
Scripture Readings for Next Sunday, The Transfiguration of the Lord — 1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14. Psalm 96: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth. 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19. Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9.	Weekly Collection Sunday 23rd July Envelopes:226 Amount: €1,866.40New Ross Parish Bethany Be- reavement Support Group:
Parish Contact Details Telephone: (051) 421348. Fax: (051) 420122. E-Mail : newross-parish@hotmail.com.	Contact No: 087-3846577

St Vincent De Paul -New Ross Telephone: (085) 8313073.

> **Priest on Duty** 051 421214

#### PARISH RADIO 104.7FM **10.00AM MASS DAILY**

Parish Office & Shop **Opening Hours** Monday - Friday 10.30am - 2.00pm. **Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays.** 

Pastoral Centre, Robert St, New Ross. Time: 7.30pm. Contact Des & Marie - 051-420523. Rosary & Divine Mercy are recited every Friday at 3.00pm on the Quay, next to the Dunbrody Centre.

LOST AND FOUND - A Wedding Ring, Engagement Ring and Relic Scapular Pouch remain unclaimed in the Parish Office, All items were found in the Parish Church vicinity last year. To claim any of these items please call into the Parish Office.

**BETI**—FREE Part-time Education & Training Programmes 2017 / 18. Learn & Create new opportunities for you! For more information please contact Liz Duffy 951-447785 or 086 8533677 or lizduffy@wwetb.ie



# New Ross Parish. **Church of** St. Mary & St. Michael



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Newsletter

# **Treasures & Pearls**

In the immediate aftermath of the horrific bomb attach in Manchester on 22 may this year, the hashtag #roomformanchester began to trend on social media. In the midst of the chaos and terror, locals were opening up their homes and hearts to anyone who had been affected by the incident and was in need if help. People who lived nearby offered food and a cuppa, a place to charge phones, or a bed for the night. Hotels took in dozens of children and teenagers who had been separated from their parents. Taxi drivers offered free lifts, and others offered to drive those who had been stranded home to surrounding areas. People began to gueue up at donor banks to give blood to help those injured in the attack. In the face of an evil and senseless act that inflicted so much pain. Kindness and goodness shone through. Difficult times often bring out the best in people. We see it in the way friends rally around a bereaved family, or communities raise money to help a sick child. There are treasures in our people and our communities that we could never put a price on. Jesus talks today about hidden treasures and fine pearls, and prompts the question - what is most important to us, and what are we willing to sacrifice for it? Sometimes treasures like compassion and love are there for all to see, and other times they are hidden or buried and we have to go in search of them, and to remember to bring them to others. The kingdom of God is always close at hand and within each of us.

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New Ross Parish Community strives to be a welcoming, life-giving PEOPLE, nourished by FAITH, WORSHIP of God and SERVICE of all in the example of Jesus Christ.

# HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK.

Sat 29th	6.00pm	Joseph Joe Grace, Windmill Lane	Anniversary	
Sun 30th	8.00am	Vocations		
	9.00am	Kitty Flannelly	Anniversary	
	10.00am	Jim Cooney & Sheamie Mark Doyle	Anniversary	
	12.00pm	Tony Magee	Anniversary	
	6.00pm	Catherine / Kitty Wall Late of Dublin	12th Anniversary.	
	8.00am	John Byrne, London	Anniversary	
	10.00am	Ryan & Holden Families	Anniversary.	
Tues 1st 8	8.00am	Mary Teresa Fitzgerald, Tinnakilly	Birthday Remembrance	
	10.00am	n Richard, Anna & James Reynolds & Families, Killanny An		
	8.00am	Nancy Martin, 21 Ard Na Graine	Remembrance	
	10.00am	Nellie O'Reilly, Wexford St. & Eddie O'Reilly, Nunnery Lane		
			Anniversary	
Thurs 3rd	8.00am	Vocations		
	10.00am	Martin & Kathleen Dwyer & Deceased Family Members, 6 Ard Na Graine		
			Anniversary	
Fri 4th	8.00am	Parish Mass Association		
	10.00am	Maisie Hearne, The Maudlins	Anniversary	
Sat 5th	8.00am	Friends & Benefactors, Mount Carmel		
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association		
	6.00pm	Alice Cullen	1st Anniversary	
Sun 6th	8.00am	Ned Power, Coventry	Anniversary	
	9.00am	Eileen, John & Brendan Butler, Newtown	Anniversary	
	10.00am	Nancy Martin, Ard Na Graine	1st Anniversary	
	12.00pm	Thomas Sheehan, Cross Street	Months Mind	
		Phil Leeman, Naas / USA	Anniversary	

### Today's Readings.

Listening to the word of God enables us to acquire true wisdom. By it we learn where our true good lies, that it means more than silver and gold. This wisdom helps us to make the right choices in our search for the real treasure. We ought to pray for the ability to make the positive, radical decision for the Kingdom. Jesus asks us all "Have you understood all this?".

# **First Reading**

#### 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The Wisdom of Solomon is a phrase in popular parlance. We would all wish to be as wise. While we might remember the encounters that proved the wisdom of the son and successor of King David, it is good to remind ourselves why he was given the gift – it was born out of Solomon's humility and his total trust in God. We give thanks for the gifts that we have, but we never forget where those gifts come from, and for what reason they were given.

### Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

Many theologians have grappled with the idea of how human beings are in the image and likeness of God. One suggests that we are in the image of God from the moment of our birth, but it is the likeness of God, which takes us a lifetime to perfect. Sometimes we don't appreciate the notion of what is good for us, which comes from God, but a life in faith moves us towards that trust in God and the plan that is for each one of us.

# Mass Bookings

We are now currently booking Masses up to and including December 2017.

#### Baptisms, Recently Deceased, Anniversaries, Weddings.

**Recently Deceased:** Anne Quigley, Glasnevin (formally New Ross), Eugene Doyle, Mount Carmel & Sheila Katus (nee Flanagan), Priory Count.

**Anniversaries:** We remember in our prayers Sean Finn, Ballyrue Upper, John J. King, Mount Garret, Thomas & Anastatia Gantley & Family, late of Irishtown, Margaret Kinsella, Charlton Hill, Jim & Kenny Boland, Charlton Hill.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Christian Community Daniel, James Caulfied who was baptised recently.

# World Meeting of Families Dublin 21-26 August 2018.

The World Meeting of Families is a five day international event of prayer, catechesis, and celebration that draws participants from around the globe. It seeks to strengthen the bonds between families and to witness to the crucial importance of marriage and the family to all of society. There are many activities to attend during the World Meeting, with fun activities for everyone, whatever their situation, including singles (vowed/consecrated or lay), married couples with or without children, extended families, and clergy. The focal point of the meeting is the International Theological - Pastoral Congress in which dynamic speakers guide the attendees through presentations, discussions, and workshops to fully understand the Preparatory Catechesis created for the meeting. This congress will include events for all ages, with content in the Youth Congress for ages 6-18.

Apply to Volunteer www.worldmeeting 2018.ie or Tel: 01 567 6800.