NOTICES

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Tuesday from 10.00AM Holy Mass to Solemn Benediction at 9.00PM.

SUPPORTING THE PARISH
Envelopes: If you would like to register as a friend of New Ross Parish Church St. Mary & St. Michael and support the weekly envelope collection please call to the parish office for details or tel: (051) 421 348

HOME VISITATION TEAM
Tel 083 474 5789 to avail of this service or to volunteer.

Divine Mercy: Holy Hour in the Parish Church every Tuesday @ 3.00pm, followed by the Rosary.

LEGION OF MARY
Meetings every Wednesday Evening in the Parish Pastoral Centre, Robert St., New Ross at 7.30pm. Contact Des & Marie- 051-420523. Rosary & Divine Mercy are recited every Friday @ 3.00pm on the Quay, next to the Dunbrody Centre.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—NEW ROSS
(085) 8313073

CONFESSIONS:
Saturdays after 10AM Holy Mass & before 6PM Holy Mass. Mon—Fri on request after 10AM Holy Mass, Please notify the priest before Mass in the Sacristy.

MEALS ON WHEELS
Sr. Aidan Centre, Cross St. Tel: 051 445711

PRIEST ON DUTY (051) 421214
Visitation of Sick / Housebound: We are anxious to visit those who cannot celebrate Holy Mass with us due to illness, aged or infirm. Arrangements can be made to receive the sacraments at home by calling the Parish Office.

New Ross Parish Bethany
Bereavement Support Group
Contact No: 087-3846577
Drop in Centre
Legion of Mary Hall,
1st Thursday of every month,
Between 11am and 12 noon.

Lectio Divina: **Every Wednesday morning at 10.45am for one hour, in the Legion of Mary Pastoral Centre, Robert St., New Ross.**

Scripture Readings for Third Sunday of Advent
Readings: Zeph 3:14-18.
Psalm: Ps 12:2-6, R/ v 6.
2nd Reading: Phil 4:4-7.

Christmas Programme

St. Mary's & St. Michael's Parish Church New Ross & Mount Carmel

Saturday 15th of December 2018
6.00pm – Ministries Holy Mass Parish Church with refreshments in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre afterwards.

Tuesday 18th of December 2018
7.30 PM - Penitential Service Parish Church

Thursday 20th of December 2018
7.30 PM - Carol Service Parish Church

Monday 24th December 2018 – Christmas Eve
8.00 AM – Mount Carmel
10.00 AM – Parish Church
2.00PM to 6.00PM - Confessions Parish Church
7.30PM - Christmas Vigil in both Mount Carmel & Parish Church

Tuesday 25th of December 2018 - Christmas Day
8.00 AM - Mount Carmel
9.00 AM - Parish Church
10.00 AM - Parish Church
12.00 Noon - Parish Church
No evening Holy Mass

Wednesday 26th of December 2018 - St. Stephens Day
8.00 AM - Mount Carmel
10.00 AM - Parish Church

Adoration:
No Adoration on Christmas Day.

New Ross Parish Office:
Closed from Monday the 24th December @ 2.00 PM 2018 until Wednesday the 2nd January @ 10.30 AM 2019.

Priests & Staff of New Ross Parish wish you all a Peaceful Christmas & a Happy New Year.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:
Mairin Jackson—Contact No: 051-421348
Any queries in relation to working with children or adolescence within our parish please contact the above.

Parish Office Opening Hours Monday—Friday 10.30 am to 2.00 pm. Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays. Wide range in stock of Holy Mass Cards, General Cards & Gift Ideas for all occasions. Tel: 051 421348 or 087 1212 707 (Text Alters ONLY)
Email: newross-parish@hotmail.com
ww.newrossparish.ie
Holy Mass Cards (Signed) are also available in Cooney's & Ryan's Funeral Homes.

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Second Sunday of Advent

The Deep End • Make his paths straight

Preparing for the arrival of someone important takes care and attention. Think of a family preparing to welcome a loved one home from abroad, perhaps a son or daughter who lives in Australia or someone who has been off traveling the world. They get their bedroom ready, buy their favourite foods, perhaps put up banners or even organise a 'welcome home' party. It is all done with great excitement and love, and is a way of easing the path home for the traveller. Or imagine new parents preparing for the arrival of a baby. There are practical considerations such as buying nappies and clothing and getting a cot ready, and of course the nerves and excitement as they prepare to welcome the new arrival.

On a larger scale, when an important dignitary visits a venue or a country there is also a flurry of activity in preparation. We saw it in the painstaking arrangements made for the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland earlier this year. Such high profile visits often involve a literal preparation of the way – organising a welcome reception, planning the best route from the airport, clearing the streets of traffic, as well as much chatter and anticipation.

Today's Gospel brings these two types of welcome to mind. During Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus by our actions, when we are generous with our time, patient with our families, and help those in need. And we do all these things with excitement and love, so that Christ will find the warmest of welcomes and a clear route into our hearts.

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Today's Readings

Restoration following exile is promised for God's people. Consolation is offered to Jerusalem, the Holy City, with the assurance that her desolation will be no more. The exiles will return, guided by God and being shaded and sheltered by him along the way. A chastened people, whose infidelity had caused exile, will live now in a peace born of honour and integrity. Tradition held that Baruch, presented as delivering this message of hope, had been scribe or secretary to Jeremiah.

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.

N.B. All 8.00 a.m. Holy Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel

Date	Time		Intention
Sat 8th	1.05pm	Ger St. Ledger, Tower Grove Ann Doyle, 17 Ard Mhicil	Anniversaries
	6.00pm	Bill Lenehan	1st Anniversary
Sun 9th	8.00am	Vocations	Carmelites
	9.00am	Pat & John McCarthy, Ryleen	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Grace Lee, Mount Carmel	1st Anniversary
	12.00pm	George Leacy, Nunnery Lane	Months Mind
Mon 10th	8.00am	Billy O' Connor, Bawnmore	Anniversary
	10.00am	Nancy Martin, 21 Ard na Greine	Birthday Remembrance
Tues 11th	8.00am	George Valantine Reynolds	1st Anniversary
	10.00am	Bill, Bridget & Paddy Clegg Late of Maudlistown	Anniversaries
Wed 12th	8.00am	Pro Populo	
	10.00am	Martin, Kathleen Dwyer & Deceased Family Members, Ard na Greine	Anniversaries
Thurs 13th	8.00am	Mary, Michael & Des Briody, UK	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Richard & Margaret O' Brien, Kylemore, The Rower	Anniversaries
	7.30pm	Penitential Service	
Fri 14th	8.00am	Nell & Paddy O' Sullivan & Deceased Member of Moylan & Moloney Families, Co. Darrow	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Patrick Purcell, Mount Carmel Annie & John Murphy	Anniversaries
Sat 15th	8.00am	James & Catherine Murphy, Ballyrue	Anniversary
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	6.00pm	Pat Hamilton, Pondfields	1st Anniversary
Sun 16th	8.00am	Jerry O' Rourke, Ballyrue	Anniversary
	9.00am	Cathy Rice, Late of Irishtown	2nd Anniversary
	10.00am	Brendan O' Leary, Bosheen	1st Anniversary
	12.00pm	Peg Maher, Knockmullen	Month's Mind

Mass Bookings: We are now currently taking bookings up to and including May 2019.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in our prayers in our prayers Maura Wickham, England & Mary Quigley, Glasnevin, Dublin & formerly of New Ross who passed away recently

May They Rest In Peace

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian community Baby Fiadh Mai Furness, Bellevue Heights who was baptised recently. For Baptism Bookings on Saturdays @ 4.30PM & Sundays @ 1.00pm, please contact the Parish Office. Copy of Birth Certificates are required for the individual. Photo ID also required for the person making / requesting the enquiry. Certificate fees at €5 each. Thank you.

Pastoral Centre's:: Legion of Mary & St. Michael's are available for bookings. Please contact the Parish Office.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist emerges in these opening lines of Luke's third chapter. This prominent figure from the infancy narratives now finds his proper place in the unfolding story of salvation. John, in fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, is the one who finally prepares the way for the coming of the Messiah. John can be seen as a link between the world of the prophets and the advent of Christ. His baptism is symbolic of the call to repentance which is central to his ministry of preparation. The background detail gives his ministry a concrete date and moment in history.

APEX SPORT • HEALTH • LEISURE

Fr. Roger is taking part in the Apex

Sport – Health – Leisure

24 Hour Spin & Swim,14th – 15th December in aid of New Ross Special Olympics & New Ross River Search & Rescue. If you would like to sponsor Fr. Roger in this event you can do so at the Parish office or after Mass next weekend.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers Ger St.Ledger, Tower Grove, Ann Doyle, 17 Ard Mhicil, Dolores Sutton, Southknock, Richard & Thomas Hamilton, Late of Ard na Greine, Ellen Larkin, Mary St., Johnny Cash, 3 Irishtown Heights (Month's Mind) Andy Cash, 10th Anniversary & Luke Cash, 13th Anniversary whose anniversaries occurs around this time. Should you wish to have a loved one included in this section, please contact the Parish Office with the details by the previous Wednesday before 2.00pm. Thank you.

RADIO HOLY MASS 104.7FM SATURDAY VIGIL @6.00PM & 10.00AM DAILY INCLUDING FUNERAL MASSES.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

"Special Intentions"

Sanctuary Lamp available @ €10.00 per week.

St. Michael's Theatre centre for the arts

Bohemian Rhapsody: Wednesday 12th Dec. 8pm

Christmas Movie: Saturday 15th Dec. 3pm

Reflection for the weekend of the 8th and 10th Dec. 2018

Mary: Hope for the Hopeless

I ask you now to join in praying to Mary, that we may place all our concerns and hopes before the heart of Christ. We pray to her in a special way for those who have lost hope and find no reasons to keep fighting, and for those who suffer from injustice, abandonment, and loneliness. We pray for the elderly, the infirm, children and young people, for all families experiencing difficulty, that Mary may dry their tears, comfort them with a mother's love, and restore their hope and joy. Pope Francis, September 20, 2015. When I was in high school, one of my teachers used to pray to St. Jude for us before every class, because St Jude is the patron of hopeless cases (and, clearly, we were hopeless). Even more than St. Jude, Mary knows what hopelessness looks like: she watched God die on a cross.Whenever we see someone who has lost hope, or we lose hope ourselves, we can turn to her. She knows everything we're going through: in his dying moment Jesus gave her, as mother, to all of us. She, better than anyone, knows how to comfort us at all times.

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Exhibition Paintings & Crafts By Oldcourt Painting Group & Friends

The Brandon House Hotel, New Ross, Paddy Murphy Suite, Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th December 10am-5pm daily. All Welcome.

Advent Reflections

13th December at 7.30pm in the Legion of Mary Hall.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday 2nd December 2018
Envelopes: 278
Amount: €1,983.23
THANK YOU.

Please Turn off Your Mobile Phones