



*Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy
by Pope Francis*

On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. John Lateran—will be opened. In the following weeks, the doors of the other Papal Basilicas will be opened.

“ In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin and the Prodigal Son (see Luke 25: 1-32).

In these parables, God is presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing

**Scripture Readings for
Third Sunday of Advent**

1st Reading: Mic 5:1-4.
Psalm: 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, R/ v4.
2nd Reading: Heb 10:5-10.
Gospel: Luke 1:39-44

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**Weekly Collection -
Sunday 6th Dec 2015**

The Parish Office & Shop
Opening Hours;-
Monday - Friday
10.30am - 4.00pm.

Envelopes: 230 Amount: €2033.79

Sanctuary Lamp €10 per week

**New Ross Bethany Bereavement
Support Group:**
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Legion Of Mary - Weekly Meetings
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**Eucharistic Adoration takes place in our
Parish each Tuesday beginning after
10.00am Mass and concluding with
Solemn Benediction at 9.00pm**

**Lectio Divina - each Wednesday
morning at 10.45am in the Parish
Pastoral Centre, Robert St, New Ross.**

Parish Christmas Cards
Our Christmas Novena Cards and
Christmas Cards are now available in the
Parish Shop.
Novena Cards - €4.00.
Christmas Cards - €1.00 each, 6 cards for
€5.00, 15 cards for €10.00, 25 cards for
€15.00
Also, Parish Mass Association
Christmas Cards.

On Sale in The Parish Office.
“WALK WITH ME”, a companion for our



New Ross Parish.
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Newsletter



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



On this third Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist continues telling the people to prepare their lives for the coming of Christ Jesus. He is encouraging them to share what they have, take only what they need, be patient and kind and not to intimidate or bully anyone.

We too can ask, ‘What about us?’ ‘What must we do?’
Most importantly we must believe in the consequences of the Incarnation and live into its mystery.

Believing in the consequences of the Incarnation enables us to recognise that everything is graced and everything is sacred. It will help us to realise that each one of us is a sacrament wherein the divine seeks to become visible and active and each person incarnates a different dimension of God.

This Incarnational Good News transforms us, it effects our minds, body, heart and spirit. It enables us to see into the heart of things, to look below the surface and discover grace in the ordinary. All of life is full of grace and God’s grace touches our lives where we are at. Every cup of tea, every word of encouragement, every smile, every touch is full of grace.

When I say I forgive you it is God’s forgiveness.
When I say I love you it is God’s love through me loving you.
These words of blessing have the power to change us forever.
Fill my heart Lord with the power of your love,

**HOLY HOUR FOR ADVENT IN OUR
PARISH CHURCH.**

Each Sunday during Advent a HOLY HOUR will be held

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sanctuary Lamp		Special Intention
Sat 12	6.00	Pat & John McCarthy, Ryleen Anniversary.
Sun 13	9.00	Nancy & Paddy Richardson, Fairgate & deceased family members
	11.00	Ger St Ledger, Tower Grove 1st Anniversary.
	12.15	Michael Murphy, Charleton Hill Month's Mind.
	6.00	John Joe Meehan, 90 Charleton Hill Anniversary.
Mon 14	8.00	Nicholas & Catherine White, Watty & Eileen Walsh, deceased
	10.00	John Joseph Sheehan & all members of The Sheehan Family <i>Anniv.</i>
Tues 15	8.00	Special Intention
	10.00	Patrick Purcell, Annie & John Murphy Anniversary.
Wed 16	8.00	Intentions of The Parish Community
	10.00	Pearl Kehoe, William Street Anniversary.
Thurs 17	8.00	Patrick & Bridget Coady, Dungarvan Anniversary.
	10.00	John, Winifred & Patrick Tobin, William Street Anniversary.
Fri 18	8.00	Laurence Kehoe Anniversary.
	10.00	Martin, Kathleen & Damien Dwyer, Ard Na Greine Anniversary.
Sat 19	10.00	New Ross Parish Mass Association
	6.00	Michael & Eva Dunphy, Charleton Hill Anniversary.
Sun 20	9.00	John & Elizabeth Cooney, Robert Street Anniversary.
	11.00	Bob Riordan, Southknock Anniversary.
	12.15	
	6.00	Deceased Members of Fianna Fail

Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian Community the following children who were baptised recently;- Aimee Meaney-Shannon, Longmeadow, Irishtown; Mikaayla Caulfield, Cluain Huighead; Jakub Motyl, Maple Drive, Rosbercon.

Recently Deceased: We comment to the fullness of eternal life the soul of Dawn O'Doherty, Ballinlammy, Glenmore, (formerly New Ross), who died recently.

Anniversaries: We remember in our prayers this weekend, Nan Bennett, Ard Mhicil; Thomas St Ledger, Charleton Hill; John & Nellie Nolan, High Hill; John & Pat Quinn, South St.

Today's Reading



John the Baptist inaugurates the Gospel; already from his mother's womb he welcomes the coming of Christ and rejoices in being 'the friend of the bridegroom', whom he points out as 'the Lamb of God', who takes away the

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

sin of the world'. This reading from Zephaniah is marked by hope, rejoicing, and reprieve, but it comes from the end of a three-chapter book in which the first two chapters consist of horrific warnings. Zephaniah prophesied early in the 7th century BCE, about 50 years after Isaiah and before Jeremiah. The rulers previous to Zephaniah's time had generated unjust social and political policies, leaving

Second Reading:

Judah in great need of a prophet who would call the people to make changes. Paul, writing from prison calls for happiness and rejoicing. Why? The key to understanding Paul's exhortation to rejoice is that it is 'in the Lord'. This signifies that the Lord is either the object of our rejoicing or its grounding, the one in whom our joy thrives. This continuous rejoicing in the Lord is a very important concept for Paul. It is a distinguishing

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

THE FULL SCHEDULE OF OUR
CHRISTMAS SERVICES WILL BE
PUBLISHED IN NEXT WEEK'S
NEWSLETTER.

NOTICES



mark for Christians and a characteristic of life in the kingdom of God.
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Parish Carol Service.

The Parish Carol Service will take place in our Parish Church on Tuesday 22nd December 2015.
Time to be confirmed.

New Ross Singers.

The New Ross Singers are celebrating Christmas with familiar traditional carols and some lesser known seasonal pieces in the Augustinian Church, New Ross on Thursday 17th December 2015 at 8.00pm. All are welcome to what will probably be the last carol service held in the Church. There will be a retiring collection for local charities.

Christmas Fair.

Venue: Campile Hall on Sunday 13th December 2015, starting at 2.00pm and continuing to 5.00pm with the switching on of the Campile Village Lights. There will be many stalls on display. Your support would be very much appreciated.

Christmas Youth Retreat.

Venue: Newbridge College, Co Kildare.

Dates: 18th - 20th December 2015.
The weekend is being organised by young people for young people.

Contact: www.youth2000.ie.
Telephone: 01 6753690.

New Year's Day Concert.

The Carrigbyrne Pike Choir is coming to St Mary's Church of Ireland, New Ross on New Year's Day. The concert starts at