



Trocaire—2016—Working for a Just World.

'Be merciful as your Father is merciful'

This invitation from Jesus goes to the heart of the life of all Christians. Each Lent we have a time or season in and through which we can review our life in Christ and seek renewal and fresh inspiration to continue to grow in the love of God our Creator.

This renewal of life calls for awareness of the reality of the 'home' we share with our brothers and sisters from the tribes, peoples and creeds across the world. Over the past year the plight of the people of the Middle East has been very prominent in the news. Millions of people throughout the world have become refugees of war. May this Lenten Journey in the Jubilee Year of Mercy be one that is rich in grace and mercy.

(Trocaire, Lenten Campaign 2016)



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



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes—2016.



"In keeping with a time honoured tradition, I write to you early in the New Year to invite and encourage you to consider coming on pilgrimage to Lourdes to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Responding to the request of Pope Francis, the Sanctuary of Lourdes welcomes pilgrims of all denominations to contemplate the gift of God's mercy by walking the path first taken by

Bernadette and her companions. As a bridge connecting God and humanity, mercy engenders an attitude of compassion and empathy as forgiveness erases the mistakes of life. As it implies a full immersion in the condition of being human; to become compassionate requires that "we be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable and powerless with the powerless". Originating in God the Father, the gift of mercy is translated as a love made visible in the entire life of Jesus. His life is only love, a love gratuitously shared.

Central to this Year's Jubilee is the Chapel of Reconciliation, described as one of the most beautiful chapels in Lourdes, not because of its material beauty but because of the beauty of that which takes place within those who visit. By welcoming the pilgrim, the sacrament of reconciliation draws attention to the command of Jesus, "to be compassionate as your father is compassionate". Mercy, especially the mercy of

God says to us it is never too late to become what we are made to be.

I look forward to leading the Lourdes pilgrimage again in 2016 for it provides an invaluable opportunity to look again into our hearts, recognising our longing for forgiveness, for encouragement, for renewed faith. As we continue our preparation for the Jubilee Year, may I take this opportunity to acknowledge the generosity of the people throughout the diocese who contribute in a variety of ways to making possible this spiritual journey that has the power to give the gift of mercy and compassion, healing and hope."

(Most Rev Denis Brennan, Bishop of Ferns)

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.

Scripture Readings for Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ist Reading: Is 6:1-8.
Psalm: 137:1-5, 7-8, R/ v1.
2nd Reading: Cor 15:1-11.
Gospel: Lk 5:1-11.

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**Weekly Collection -
Sunday 24th January 2016**
Envelopes:
Amount: €

Sanctuary Lamp €10 per week

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

PARISH RADIO 104.7FM
10.00AM MASS DAILY

**Eucharistic Adoration takes place in our
Parish each Tuesday beginning after
10.00am Mass and concluding with
Solemn Benediction at 9.00pm.**

**New Ross Bethany Bereavement
Support Group:**
Contact No: 087-3846577

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

Legion Of Mary - Weekly Meetings
For details: Contact Des & Marie
Tel: 051-420523



Open The Door

*A day of prayer and praise.
Celebrating the anniversary
of Charismatic Renewal in
the Catholic Church.*

Venue: Edmund Rice
Heritage Centre,

Barrack St, Waterford.

Date: Sunday 14th February.

Time: 10.30am - 5.30pm.

Speaker: Sr Mary O'Duffy,
(Evangelisation 2000).

Contact: Sile: 086 8590394.

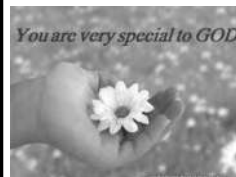
Tea/Coffee available. Bring a packed lunch.
Experience the Father's mercy through prayer
Friendship, Healing and Mass.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sanctuary Lamp		Special Intention
Sat 30	6.00	Peter & Betty Furness, Molly & Pat Hendrick, Bewley St, Anniversary
Sun 31	8.00	Joseph Furlong, Harbour View Anniversary
	9.00	Michael O'Sullivan, Charleton Hill Anniversary
	10.00	
	12.00	Pat Dunne, 1st Anniv., & Annie Dunne, Upr Mary Street, Anniv.
	6.00	Tom McCallum, 25 Southknock Anniversary
Mon 1	8.00	Mount Carmel Sisters Intentions.
	10.00	Billy Knight, Charleton Hill Anniversary
Tues 2	8.00	Mount Carmel Sisters Intentions.
	10.00	Maureen Walsh, 31 Bewley Street 1st Anniversary
Wed 3	8.00	Mass for The People of the Parish
	10.00	Paddy & Mary Heffernan, Southknock Anniversary
Thurs 4	8.00	Dixie Dwyer late of Kylemore, & Deceased Family Members. Anniv.
	10.00	Bernadette Wall Anniversary
Fri 5	8.00	John Kane, Charleton Hill Anniversary
	10.00	Laurence & Joanna Roche, Charleton Hill Nicholas & Eileen O' Flaherty, Horeswood Anniversary
Sat 6	8.00	Richard Hamilton, 35 Mount Carmel Anniversary
	10.00	New Ross Parish Mass Association
	6.00	Joseph Dempsey, Follyhouse Lane, Tina Dempsey, Slievruce Anniv
Sun 7	8.00	Rena McManus, Southknock Anniversary
	9.00	Rita Rose Bailey, Knockmullen Anniversary
	10.00	Nell Doherty, Forristalstown 1st Anniversary
	12.00	Jim O'Neill, Cross St., Month's Mind
	6.00	Nicholas & Brigid Cooney, Ard Mhicil, Anniversary.

Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community Farrah Mia Grangel, Irishtown, Thomas O'Leary, Mount Carmel, Bariosz Jan Lukasik, Brooklawn who were baptised recently.
Recently Deceased: We commend to the fullness of eternal life the souls of Paddy Ronan, South St. Michael Malone, Brandon Park. May they rest in peace.

Today's Readings.



Jesus has come as the prophet to all nations. There is no limit to the mercy and salvation he brings, only the willingness to accept him.

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

Made in the image and likeness of God, who knows everything about each of us and has a plan for us all, as he did for Jeremiah. We are reminded that as we walk our paths, God is with us, regardless of how tough the terrain may be. To know that is incredibly reassuring. What strength we have to support us as we make our journeys through life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

In our modern world, the word love is used loosely to describe how we feel about everything: I love to sing, to dance. These things make me feel happy. But if I love in the true sense of the word, I am only interested in how those I love feel, not in me. This is such a perfect reading for our Holy Year of Mercy, for love is mercy. It is forgiveness and compassion. It is the bond that binds us all together.

Spring Quiet Day.

Venue: Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre
Date: February 9th 2016.
Time: 11.15am - 4.30pm.
 Ecumenical Committee / Ferns.
 053 9132118.

Notices

Anniversaries: We remember in our prayers this weekend Buddy & Bill Flanagan, Mary St. Jimmy Scully, Ballyrue. Mary Lawlor, Chilcomb Villa. Patti & Esther O'Connor, Haughton Place.

February 2016—Dates in Our Parish.

Monday 1st February is the Feast of St Brigid. Crosses will be blessed at all Masses on the day.

Tuesday 2nd February is the Feast of The Presentation of The Lord, also known as Candlemass Day. Candles will be blessed at all Masses on the day.

Wednesday 3rd February is the Feast of St Blaise. Throats will be blessed at all Masses and also at 1.05pm and 6.00pm.

New Ross Meals-On-Wheels.

Book your piping hot meals today and every day at the same time, having a caring person calling!
Contact: The Manager,
 Meals-On-Wheels, Cross St., New Ross
Telephone: 051 445711.

Taize New Ross.

Come and experience Taize Prayer Services this Lent, beginning on Friday 12th February from 8.00pm - 9.00pm, and continuing every Friday until 25th March 2016 with Prayer Around The Cross. **Venue:** Good Counsel College Chapel, New Ross.

New Ross Active Retirement Assoc.
 The Association will hold their AGM on Friday 5th February 2016 at 10.30am prompt in the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane. All members are requested to attend. Membership fees for the coming year will be due from this meeting onwards. Balances on trips can also be paid for at this meeting.