

**'Diocese of Ferns  
Camino de Santiago  
Pilgrimage  
"The Way",  
Calzadilla de los Hermanillos  
to  
Ponferrada,  
16th -23rd August 2017  
€517.00  
Booking with O' Leary Travel  
053-9233178  
Director: Fr. Roger O' Neill  
Chaplain: Fr. James Cullen**

**Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to  
Lourdes - 2017.  
Dates: May 17th - 22nd 2017.**

*led by*  
Most Rev. Denis Brennan, D.D.  
Bishop of Ferns.  
*All forms available from the Parish  
Office, Robert St, New Ross.  
Telephone: 051 421348.*

**The Patricians.  
Monthly Meeting of Catholic  
Discussion Group.**

*The next meeting will take place on  
Thursday 2nd March 2017 in the Parish  
Pastoral Centre, Robert St., New Ross,  
beginning at 7.00pm.*

*The Topic for this meeting is;-  
**THE HOLY SPIRIT.**  
(Organised by The Legion of Mary)*

**Scripture Readings for  
Sunday 26th February 2017**  
1st Reading: Lev 49:14-15.  
Psalm: 61:2-3,6-9, R/ v 6.  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5.  
Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34.

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**Priest on Duty - 051 421214.**

**Weekly Collection**  
Sunday 12th February 2017  
Envelopes: 242 Amount: €1,792.20

**Sanctuary Lamp €10 per week**

**Parish Office & Shop  
Opening Hours  
Monday - Friday  
10.30am - 4.00pm.  
Closed Holy Days &  
Bank Holidays.**

**PARISH RADIO 104.7FM  
10.00AM MASS DAILY**  
**New Ross Parish Bethany Bereavement  
Support Group:  
Contact No: 087-3846577**

**Lectio Divina takes place in the Parish  
Pastoral Centre at 10.45am each  
Wednesday morning.**

**Legion Of Mary - Meetings every  
Wednesday evening in the Parish  
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.**

**Baptisms, Recently Deceased,  
Anniversaries, Weddings.**

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Esther Furlong, High Hill,  
James Ryan, Ard na Greine, Patti Fleming,  
Newtown, Alice Quinn, Priory St.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our  
Christian community the following children  
who were baptised recently;- Fionn Cullen,  
Mountross, Jack Donnelly, Talbot Hall, Jessie  
Kehoe, Grange Road, Patrick Murphy,  
Clonleigh Cross.



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

## *Newsletter*



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### ***Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***

#### **Gospel Reflection Matthew 5: 38-48.**

This Gospel is hard if it is to be lived in the real world. We are expected to accept and endure humiliations and defeats with no reaction. This can mean appearing weak, ineffectual and irrelevant. But maybe when this happens the Gospel shines brightest of all.

#### **First Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**

The business of 'loving your neighbour as yourself', means more than doing good. It also means struggling with one's own hurt, anger resentments. This will always mean prayer and reflection. It means having to look in our moral and faith mirror often.

#### **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

St Paul sees that our unity as Christians is rooted in Christ. It is only in him that we see our true dignity as children of God and see that dignity in others as well. Is the disunity that we have in our Churches and in our communities not down to the fact that all too often we allow personalities and human philosophies to come between Christ and ourselves.

#### **NOTICES**

*'All it takes is one good person  
to restore hope!'*

A group will meet on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 in the Pastoral Centre at 11.45am to continue reflecting on Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, Laudato Si.  
*Anyone interested in the Care of our Planet is most welcome to attend.*

#### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

*Prepared by the Women of The  
Philippines.*  
A Prayer Service will be held on  
Friday 3rd March 2017 in  
Good Counsel College Chapel  
at 7.00pm.

***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**

<b>Sat 18th</b>	<b>6.00 p.m</b>	Margaret & Joe Bennett, Josephine Connolly, Pondsfields Anniv.
<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>8.00 a.m</b>	Phylis Dolan Anniversary
	<b>9.00 a.m</b>	Michael Cullen, Victoria Place Anniversary
	<b>10.00 a.m</b>	Deceased Members of The Leacy Family, Charleton Hill Anniv.
	<b>12.00 p.m</b>	Paula Leahy, Ard Mhicil Month's Mind
	<b>6.00 p.m</b>	Chiara Forte, North St Anniversary
<b>Mon 20th</b>	<b>8.00 a. m</b>	Special Intention
	<b>10.00 a.m</b>	Eamon Burns, Cavan Anniversary
<b>Tues 21st</b>	<b>8.00 a.m</b>	John (Jack) Foley, Billy Foley (Son) Anniversary
	<b>10.00 a.m</b>	John & Ellen O' Neill, Rosbercon Anniversary
<b>Wed 22nd</b>	<b>8.00 a.m</b>	Mass for the People of the Parish
	<b>10.00 a.m</b>	Edward & Henrietta O' Neill, 1 Abbey View Anniversary
<b>Thurs 23rd</b>	<b>8.00 a.m</b>	Joe & Anna Moran, Lwr William St Anniversary
	<b>10.00 a.m</b>	John Hennessy Anniversary
<b>Fri 24th</b>	<b>8.00 a.m</b>	Dermot O' Connell, 66 Charleton Hill 2nd Anniversary
	<b>10.00 a.m</b>	Paddy Barron, Convent Hill Anniversary
<b>Sat 25h</b>	<b>8.00 a.m</b>	Dick Hamilton, Mount Carmel Anniversary
	<b>10.00 a.m</b>	Parish Mass Association
	<b>6.00 p.m</b>	Walter, Anna & Anthony Bradley, Knockavilla Anniversary.
<b>Sun 26th</b>	<b>8.00 a.m</b>	Eileen Larkin Anniversary
	<b>9.00 a.m</b>	Rebecca Irwin, Ard Alainn Anniversary
	<b>10.00 a.m</b>	Elizabeth (Lily) Mernagh, Mountross Anniversary
	<b>12.00 p.m</b>	Kathleen Caulfield, Wexford St Month's Mind
	<b>6.00 p.m</b>	Margaret Rawson, Ard na Greine Anniversary



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

**Sanctuary Lamp: Special Intentions**



## *Two Lives, One Love*



The Constitution celebrate the equality of the mother and the unborn child in its Eighth Amendment.

We have an obligation to be at our most compassionate, our most merciful, if and when the expectant mother and father and their unborn child require support during a crisis pregnancy.

Supporting and sustaining a culture of life is in the interests of every generation and it defines us as a society. We believe human life is sacred from conception until natural death and that Article 40.3.3 reflects the appropriate balance of rights.

There is no such thing as a human life without value. The deletion or amendment of Article 40.3.3, would serve no purpose other than to withdraw the right to life from some categories of unborn children. To do so would radically change the principle, for all unborn children and indeed for all of us, that the right to life is a fundamental human right.

For us, as Christians, there is no conflict between faith and reason. Just as reason leads us to recognise the continuity of every human life, from fertilisation to natural death, so faith allows us to see each person as having his or her origins in the intention of God and his or her fulfilment in eternal life.

We are concerned that language is being used with the intention of depersonalising certain categories of unborn children in a way which seek to normalise abortion. Many thousands of Irish People are alive as a direct result of the enactment of the Eighth Amendment, who might otherwise never have been born.

We believe that every unborn child, irrespective of his or her medical condition or the circumstances of his or her birth, has the right to be treated equally before the law.

Where a seriously ill pregnant women needs medical treatment which may, as a secondary effect, put the life of her baby at risk, such treatments are always ethically permissible provided every effort has been made to save the life of both the mother and her baby.



Abortion, by contrast, is the direct and intentional destruction of an unborn baby and is gravely immoral in all circumstances. It is not a medical treatment.  
(Irish Catholic Bishops Conference)