

NOTICES



Panto

Beauty and the Beast

New Ross Pantomime Society
present "Beauty & the Beast –

The Panto " in St. Michael's Theatre New Ross, January 13th-20th 2017. The famous fairytale will be brought to life with some new characters and the usual hilarious panto twist. This years Panto is written by Thomas O' Leary from Wexford, and Directed by Carmel Rowe. Rehearsals are well under way, and our wonderful cast and crew are working hard to ensure a great nights entertainment. Be sure to log onto www.stmichaelsnewross.com and book your tickets. Our show sells out every year, so book early to avoid disappointment. Pantomime tickets are sure to be a great Christmas Present!

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Opening Hours
Monday - Friday
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Vigil in honour of the Sacred Heart
of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of
Mary will be held in Ballykelly Church
on the first Friday of every month com-
mencing at 9pm.
All are welcome.

Scripture Readings for Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16.

Psalm: 88:2-5, 27, 29, R/ cf. v 2.

2nd Reading: Rm 16:25-27.

Gospel: Lk 1:26-38.

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



Lectio Divina

Every Wednesday morning at
10.45am for one hour, in the Parish
Pastoral Centre, Robert St., New
Ross



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

Priest on Duty -051-421214

PARISH RADIO 104.7FM 10.00AM MASS DAILY

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

Weekly Collection
Sunday 10th Dec 2017
Envelopes: 179
Amount: €1,469.60

Clongeen Parish Council

Are holding a concert in Clongeen
Church on 27th December at 8pm
with music by " The Dublin City Ram-
blers". Tickets available at the door or
from Fr. Colm Murphy,
051-565610/ 087-2648780

Apex 24 Hour Swim & Spin Donations

Fr. Roger would like to thank everyone
who kindly sponsored him. The total
amount sponsored was €1002.50.
Many Thanks

Community Employment Scheme

Office Assistant required for New Ross
Parish Office. This is a Community Em-
ployment opportunity and Department of
Social Protection eligibility terms and
conditions apply. Please contact
rflynn@roberconce.ie or 086-3642592
for further info.

Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy

Land 20th -28th December 2017
(Last Remaining Seats) For 8 nights. Ex
Dublin. Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem
(Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsema-
ne, Last Supper Room and Calvary),
Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho,
River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Gal-
ilee. Contact James Treacy, 061-
921470 or 086-0572216

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Third Sunday of Advent



The Deep End • Light and Darkness

Last week we were introduced to John
the Baptist as part of our Advent journey.
We hear his story again today, and in this
account, from the fourth gospel, we hear
John's voice and his testimony about
Jesus. Light and darkness is a key theme
of the fourth gospel and its opening
verses proclaims that this light has
always shone in the dark; the darkness
cannot overpower it. The evangelist
goes on to tell us that John the Baptist's
mission is that he has been sent by God
to 'speak for the light'. John is a light-
bearer, he is not the light, but he points
to the light. He is a witness to the light of
God in our world, a light that cannot be
put out.

We celebrate this light today on
Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means
'rejoice'; we light the pink candle and we
celebrate with joy. It might be a good
opportunity to ask today: 'who have

been the light-bearers on your own faith
journey? Who testified to the Light of
God and passed the torch on to you? We
thank God for them.

*Lord there is much darkness in society
and in our church ... We become cynical
and settle for mediocrity. We thank you
that someone always comes on the
scene, sent by you as a witness to speak
for the light ... teachers, community
leaders, grandparents, children, a friend
... they bear witness to the rest of us
that somewhere in the dark a light
shines that darkness cannot overcome.*

MICHEL DE VERTEUIL



*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

Sat 16th	6.00pm	John, Mary & Martin Lyng , Newtown	Anniversary
Sun 17th	8.00am	Gerry Jeremiah O' Rourke, Ballyrue,	Anniversary
	9.00am	Bob & Phylis O' Riordan, Southknock	Anniversary
	10.00am	Catherine Rice, Irishtown John & James Rice, Irishtown	1st Anniversary Anniversary
	12.00pm	Joseph John O' Neill-Murray 33 Bosheen	10th Anniversary
	6.00pm	William St. Ledger, Lower Mt.Carmel	4th Anniversary
Mon 18th	8.00am	John Joseph & All Deceased Members of the Sheehan Family, Mary, Tom & Joseph Reynolds	Anniversary
	10.00am	Martin, Kathleen Dwyer & their Deceased Family Members , 6 Ard na Gréine	Anniversary
Tues 19th	8.00am	Pattie & Joseph Kavanagh J.J. & Pat Kavanagh	Anniversary
	10.00am	Rita Powell, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
Wed 20th	8.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Paddy & Margaret Flynn, Stokestown	Anniversary
Thurs 21st	8.00am	Paddy& Kathleen Gaffney Michael & John-Joseph O' Brien	Anniversary
	10.00am	Elizabeth & John Cooney, Robert St	Anniversary
Fri 22nd	8.00am	Joe Doyle, Castlebridge	Anniversary
	10.00am	Anna Sheehan, Cross Lane	Anniversary
Sat 23rd	8.00am	Special Intention	
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	6.00pm	Clare Dunne, 27 Haughton Place	1st Anniversary
Sun 24th	8.00am	Nancy & Jimmy Martin, Ard na Gréine	Anniversary
	9.00am	Deceased Members of The Monaghan, Venn, Murphy & Howlet Families	Anniversary
	10.00am	Bridget & Bernard Rowe	Anniversary
	12.00pm		
	7.30pm	Novena 1 & Novena 8	Parish Church & Mount Carmel

Sanctuary Lamp: Healing & Get Well, Niall Coughlan

Sanctuary Lamp Available €10 per week

Today's Readings.

As we journey in Advent and look forward to Christmas we celebrate our joy at the coming of the Lord. Joy, prayer and thanksgiving should characterise Christian worship. Because the man of integrity has come with good news for the poor, we can exult for joy. But his coming will mean that we also will practice justice and integrity.

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

This reading from Isaiah comes in two parts. First, the Prophet reflects on the effect of God's presence: it has enabled him to bring 'good news,' and that word has transformed life for the poor, prisoners and those with broken hearts. In a second moment, the prophet offers a psalm-like prayer of praise, as he rejoices in God and in the freshness of life that has begun as a result of his prophetic word.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

The first letter to the Thessalonians is the earliest text in the New Testament. It is born of a very deep human need for reassurance and hope. Paul had evangelised the Thessalonians and moved on quickly. Now they are discouraged and fearful as some of their members have died. Paul in his letter tries to reassure them and now, as he ends it, he encourages them to find joy anew. Joy will be found in prayer as they encounter Christ and fulfil his will on their journey to the fulfilment that he has promised.

**We are currently taking
booking for Masses up to and
including May 2018.**

**Eucharistic Adoration
Every Tuesday from 10.00am Mass
to Solemn Benediction at 9.00pm**



**Parish Carol Service 21st
December @7 pm**

Baptisms, Recently Deceased, Anniversaries, Weddings.

Recently Deceased: Brendan O' Leary, Bosheen, Bill Lenehan, Hospital Road, James Fanning late of Mount Garrett.

Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian Community Elaine Griffin, Irishtown.

Anniversary Prayers: We remember in our prayers Maura Caulfield, Ballykeeroge, Lynn Bennett, Chicago, Patti & Jo Kavanagh, Bewley St., Michael O' Donnell, Mountgarrett (10th Anniversary), Thomas & Richard Hamilton, Late of Ard na Gréine & Nellie Larkin, Mary St.

NEW ROSS PARISH WEEK-END MASS SCHEDULE

Some years ago , seeing the need to update the Parish Week-end Mass Schedule, the Parish Pastoral Council sought the opinions and suggestions of all parishioners. As a result of that consultation, the present arrangement was arrived at :- (6.00pm Saturday Vigil; Sunday 9.00am, 10.am ,12.00pm ; Sunday evening 6.00pm). Since then ,with the closure of the Augustinian Church, the Parish Clergy have taken on the added responsibility of providing daily (8.00am) and Sunday (8.00am) Masses – plus Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies - for the Carmelite Sisters. The Pastoral Council is of the opinion that the time has come to re-visit the schedule. With declining attendances , it is felt that smaller congregations at each Mass lessens the sense of community.

Presently in New Ross there are 8 week-end Masses (2 x Rosbercon, 1 x Mt. Carmel & 6 x Parish). The supply clearly out-strips the demand. Another consideration is the declining number of Clergy in the Diocese. New Ross parish has been fortunate in retaining the services three priests up to the present. It is certain that will not be the case in the near future. The Pastoral Council is anxious to look ahead and plan for that future. Therefore , as a first step in that process, it invites opinions from parishioners as to the future of the 6.00pm SUNDAY EVENING MASS. It would be appreciated if responses were received before Christmas.