

## NOTICES

### EUCCHARISTIC 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 / Household: 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 Second Sunday of Advent

**Readings:** Bar 5:1-9.  
**Psalm:** Ps 125, R/ 3.  
**2nd Reading:** Phil 1:3-6, 8-11.  
**Gospel:** Lk 3:1-6.

### THE HOOK OF FAITH: THIS WEEK'S CONTENT

Check out the latest resources at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com) This week features a homily by Fr Lar O'Connor for this First Sunday of Advent. We have the opening address by Bishop Denis at last Saturday's 'Faith on Fire' Conference held at the Riverside Park Hotel in Enniscorthy. We speak to three girls from St Aidan's Cathedral parish who recently received the John Paul II award, about faith and involvement in Church. Our video this week comes from the World Meeting of Families during the summer and a talk given by Cardinal Tagle from the Philippines on the 'Throw away Culture'. Finally we have an article on 'The Problem of Loneliness' as we approach Christmas and at time when many feel isolated and alone.

### St. Michael's Theatre

The Muppet Christmas Carol: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 3pm  
Bohemian Rhapsody: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm

### Dates for your Diary:

-**Ministries Holy Mass** will be celebrated Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of December at 6.00pm. Refreshments afterwards in the Youth Centre.  
-**Penitential Service**, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.00pm  
-**Christmas Carol Service**, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.  
All are Welcome

### MONTHLY CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP THE PATRICIANS TOPIC

"Matt Talbot"  
6th December 2018, 7.00PM—9.00PM.  
PASTORAL CENTRE, ROBERT ST, NEW ROSS,  
ORGANISED BY THE LEGION OF MARY.  
REFRESHMENTS SERVED. All are welcome.

### 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.

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087 1212 707 (Text Alters ONLY)  
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# New Ross Parish. Church of St. Mary & St. Michael *Newsletter*



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## First Sunday of Advent



### The Deep End • Be prepared ...

Have you ever heard the story of the ant and the grasshopper? It tells the tale of a grasshopper who has spent the summer singing and so is not prepared when winter comes, whereas the ant has been working hard all summer and has stored up enough food for winter. Like many of Aesop's Fables, it has a stark moral lesson, in this case about the virtue of hard work and being prepared for the future.

Of course, Advent is about looking forward to Christmas and our celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is a special time of preparation to welcome him anew into our lives. But today's readings remind us that Advent is also about looking ahead to another time, the second and final coming of Jesus at the end of time. 'Advent' comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning 'coming'.

The problem, of course, is that we have no idea when this will happen. Unlike the ant and the grasshopper, we have no way of knowing when the seasons will change. We don't even know when the sun will set on our own individual lives. All we can do is to be prepared and to 'stay awake' — to live now in such a way that when we meet Jesus, we will be ready. This readiness is less a practical skill than a condition, or a way of life. Look at how St Paul describes it: he talks about increasing our love for one another, and continually making progress in living the life that God wants. That is how we store up treasures here on earth to make sure we are ready for the heavenly things to come.

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### Today's Readings

In the midst of prophecies concerning exile and displacement, Jeremiah offers the hope of ultimate restoration and a fresh start for God's chosen people. Just as their downfall had been due to corrupt and misguided governance, so their hopes for renewal will centre upon an altogether new kind of leadership, in which the lineage of King David will be restored. Honestly, integrity and faithfulness to God's covenant will be the hallmarks of this renewal, rather than any conventional form of political revival.

*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 1st	6.00pm	Philip O' Kennedy 1st Anniversary
Sun 2nd	8.00am	James O' Gorman Special Intention
	9.00am	The Venn/Monaghans/Murphy's/Howlett & Franklin Families Remembrance
	10.00am	William St. Ledger, Mount Carmel 5th Anniversary
	12.00pm	Andy Roe, 38 Southknock Months Mind
Mon 3rd	8.00am	John V & Ellen Kelly and their son John, Late of The Quay, New Ross Anniversaries
	10.00am	Alice Cullen, Cross St., New Ross Anniversary
Tues 4th	8.00am	The Browne & Devereux Families, Neville St. Anniversaries
	10.00am	John Bowe, Abbey Hall Anniversary
Wed 5th	8.00am	Pro Populo
	10.00am	Evelyn & Denis Hennessy & their daughter Mary Lou Fahy, Late of Mount Alto, Cross St. Anniversaries
Thurs 6th	8.00am	Joseph, Pattie, JJ & Pat Kavanagh, Bewley St Anniversaries
	10.00am	Eamon Burns, Cavan 2nd Anniversary
Fri 7th	8.00am	The Sheehan & Reynolds Families, Wexford St. Anniversaries
	10.00am	Mary Caulfield, Charleton Hill Anniversary
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Mary O' Neill, Irishtown Anniversary
Sat 8th	8.00am	Mary Kelly, Pondfields 4th Anniversary
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association
	6.00pm	Bill Lenehan 1st Anniversary
Sun 9th	8.00am	Vocations Carmelites
	9.00am	Pat & John McCarthy, Ryleen Anniversary
	10.00am	Grace Lee, Mount Carmel 1st Anniversary
	12.00pm	George Leacy, Nunnery Lane Month's Mind

Mass Bookings: From Monday 3rd December we will now be taking bookings for May 2019 Masses.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in our prayers in our prayers Mary Kealy, Rochestown, New Ross who passed away recently

May She Rest In Peace

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian community Baby Megan Ellie Murray, Charleton Hill 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 21:25-28, 34-36

This eschatological discourse, or sermon on the things to come, effectively draws the public ministry of Jesus to a close in each of the Synoptics. Remarks, by onlookers, on the grandeur of the Temple provoke a reaction from Jesus, prophesying its destruction. Jesus foretells the terrors which will be visited upon Jerusalem and the world around it, in advance of the final coming of the 'Son of Man'. The disciples are warned to be vigilant and prayerful in the face of all that is going to happen.



**Giveblood.ie**  
Brandon House Hotel  
New Ross, Mon 3rd, Tues 4th, Wed 5th & Thurs 6th  
December 2018, From 4.30pm-8.00pm

## All-Night Vigil at Knock Shrine

December 7th – 8th 2018 The annual All-Night Vigil will take place at Knock Shrine on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The Vigil Ceremonies will commence with Confessions from 10pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation and Vigil at 12 Midnight in the Basilica with Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour with Fr Brendan Walsh SCA. Concelebrated Mass will take place at 4am with His Excellency Archbishop Okolo, Papal Nuncio. Concelebrants are Fr Brendan Walsh, Pallotine, Thurles and Fr Lawrence CFR, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Information on organised coaches travelling to the vigil can be found at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

## ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers Tess Kelly, Wexford St., Maureen Mullins, Glenmore, Jack Shannon, Naomh Ioseph, Henry St., New Ross, Detta Wilson, Robert St., Teresa O' Leary, Ard na Greine, Maura & Gerard Flynn, Rosbercon & Tramore, Angus Walsh, Dungarvan, Tom Joyce, Coventry, William St. Ledger, Mount Carmel, James Walsh, 46 Mount Carmel & Godfrey Hill, Butlersland 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.



New Ross Parish Office  
Just in a wide selection of Christmas Gift ideas,  
Parish Mass Association Mass  
Bouquet Cards, Christmas Novena & Christmas Cards.



Reflection for the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2018

*The Tenderness of God and Children*

The tender and mysterious relationship of God with the soul of children should never be violated. It is a real relationship, which God wants and God safeguards. Children are ready from birth to feel loved by God; they are ready for this. As soon as children are able to feel they are loved for themselves, they also feel that there is a God who loves children. *Pope Francis, General Audience, Oct. 2015.* Many people have a soft spot for children. Sometimes, people even think of them as angels. Little children aren't angels, but they have a purity of heart that brings them naturally to God and a tenderness that communicates love very directly. Helping children feel loved by God, showing them how precious they are in his eyes is a great gift that will last them---and us---a lifetime. **This is brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council**



Fr. Roger is taking part in the Apex

Sport – Health – Leisure

24 Hour Spin & Swim, 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 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.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage May 28th - June 4th ex Cork. Staying in Hotel Leone. €625.00 half board if fully paid before December 10th. €725.00 after this date. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Corkery. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380. Pilgrimage organised through Joe Walsh Tours.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday 25th November 2018

Envelopes: 213

Amount: €1,441.10

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