

NOTICES

Reflection for the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd Dec. 2018

Who Are We?

Who are we, as we stand before the child Jesus? Who are we, as we stand before today's children? Are we like Mary and Joseph, who welcomed Jesus and cared for him with the love of a father and a mother? Or are like Herod, who wanted to eliminate him? Are we like the shepherds, who went in haste to kneel before him in worship and offer him their humble gifts? Or are we indifferent? Are we ready to be there for children, to "waste time" with them? Are we ready to listen to them, to care for them, to pray for them and with them? Or do we ignore them because we are too caught up in our own affairs? Pope Francis: Bethlehem, May 25, 2014. Most of us feel like we know ourselves better than anyone else. But then, sometimes, something happens, or we meet someone and it changes our ideas about who we are. This happened when Jesus was born. His birth changed the history of the world: he unsettled the whole world. That challenged many people in power and demands our attention today just as it did for the Magi and the shepherds. These men --- learned and foreign, humble and simple---didn't come to help out with the baby; they didn't come to fulfill any social obligations. They came in wonder. Who am I, as I contemplate the Christ Child? If I find myself impatient or violent in front of his presence, can I rediscover the wonder he came to ignite in me? Can I let go of my own concerns and learn to adore him? **This is brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council**

Reflection for the weekend of the 29th and 30th Dec. 2018

Changing Hearts

The Christian journey is simply about changing hearts. One's own heart first of all, and then helping to transform the hearts of others....It is about passing from a mentality which domineers, stifles, and manipulates to a mentality which welcomes, accepts and cares. Pope Francis, Paraguay, July, 2015. In the story *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, on the day when the Grinch saw the true joy and lack of selfishness of the Whos down in Whoville, his heart grew three sizes. Seeing people whose happiness really did not depend on material things changed him permanently. This is just the tip of the iceberg! Seeing people who love and give in the face of suffering and pain transforms everything. Christ wants to make a new heart within me.

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HOME VISITATION TEAM

Tel 083 474 5789 to avail of this service or to volunteer.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays after 10AM Holy Mass & Before 6PM Holy Mass. Mon-Fri on request after 10AM Mass, Please notify the priest before Mass in the Sacristy.

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.

BALLYKELLY CHURCH

Vigil in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held on the first Friday of every month commencing at 9pm.



MONTHLY CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP THE PATRICIANS TOPIC "Matt Talbot"

10th January 2019, 7.00PM—9.00PM., PASTORAL CENTRE, ROBERT ST, NEW ROSS, ORGANISED BY THE LEGION OF MARY. REFRESHMENTS SERVED. All are welcome.

SUPPORTING THE PARISH

Envelopes: If you would like to register as a friend of New Ross Parish Church St. Mary's & St. Michaels, and support the weekly envelope collection please call to the parish office for details or telephone (051) 421 348

Divine Mercy: Holy Hour in the Parish Church every Tuesday @ 3.00pm, followed by the Rosary (except Christmas day)

RADIO HOLY MASS 104.7FM 10.00AM DAILY

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Christmas Edition



Glory to God in the Highest.



Welcome to our Christmas Double Edition Newsletter.

We wish all our parishioners and friends a blessed and peaceful Christmas and every blessing for 2019.

Parish Office & Shop Opening Hours Monday—Friday 10.30 am to 2.00pm

Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays (re-opening 2nd of January 2019) Wide range in stock of signed Mass Cards, General Cards & Gift Ideas for all occasions. Tel: 051 421348 Email: newross-parish@hotmail.com www.newrossparish.ie Signed Holy Mass Cards are available in Cooney's & Ryan's Funeral Homes.

Fr. Roger, Fr. Tom & I, thank all those who have helped in anyway during this past year. Anyone that would like to get involved please contact us. Thank you, God Bless &



Happy Christmas..... Msgr. Joe

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 22nd Dec	6.00pm	Anna Sheehan, Cross St.,	Anniversary
Sun 23rd	8.00am	Special Intentions	
	9.00am	Michael & Annie Cleere & their son Patrick, The Maudlins	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Bridget & Bernard Rowe	Anniversaries
	12.00pm		
Mon 24th	8.00am	Michael & Nora Savage, Middleton, Co. Cork	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Patrick Murphy, Tullougher	Anniversary
Christmas Vigil	7.30pm	Novena 1	Mount Carmel
	7.30pm	Novena 2 & 3	Parish Church
Tues 25th Christmas Day	8.00am	Novena 4	Mount Carmel
	9.00am	Novena 5	Parish Church
	10.00am	Novena 6	Parish Church
	12.00pm	Novena 7	Parish Church
Wed 26th Stephen's Day	8.00am	Novena 8	Mount Carmel
	10.00am	Richard, Anna, James & Val Reynolds & Families	Anniversaries
Thurs 27th	8.00am	Pro Populo	
	10.00am	Novena 9	Parish Church
Fri 28th	8.00am	Jimmy & Eileen Deegan, Haughton Place	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Michael (Mickey) Malone, 87 Charleton Hill	6th Anniversary
Sat 29th	8.00am	Sheila Hickey, Victoria Place	19th Anniversary
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	6.00pm	Bob & Phillis O' Riordan, Southknock	Anniversaries
Sun 30th	8.00am	Danny Richardson, South Africa, (formerly Pondfields) & Jack Richardson, Pondfields	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Martin O' Neill & Jim O' Neill, Cross Lane, New Ross	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Ita Meaney, Ballyanne	1st Anniversary
	12.00pm		
Mon 31st New Year's Eve	8.00am	Kathleen & Lawrence Kehoe, Newbawn	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Elsie Ronan & her Grand-daughter Dawn Doherty	Anniversaries
Tues 1st Jan New Year's Day	8.00am	Matthew, Mary Anne, John, Michael, Biddy & William Bowe. John McGrath, Mary Cullen, Cepta McGrath, Mark Wilmore	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Nicholas Cashin, 2 William St	Anniversary
Wed 2nd	8.00am	Pro Populo	
	10.00am	James Howlett, William St.	Anniversary
Thurs 3rd	8.00am	Special Intentions	Intentions
	10.00am	Thomas & Catherine McGee, Scullabogue	Anniversaries
Fri 4th	8.00am	John & May Cullen, Newbawn	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Jimmy & Annie Doyle, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
Sat 5th	8.00am	The Lyng Family, Ballyanne	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	6.00pm	Paddy Byrne, Bosheen	Anniversary

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers Lily Feeney, Ard Mhicil, Thomas & Anastasia Gantley & Family, formerly of the Irishtown, Dawn Pyne, Mount Carmel, 7th Anniv., Mary, Michael & Des Briody, England, Joseph, Pattie, JJ & Pat Kavanagh, Bewley St., Thomas Bradley, The Quay, The Higgins Family, Cork, Kathleen Briggs, Michael & Kathleen Byrne, High Hill, Bridgid & Jimmy Goggins, The Maudlins, Mick Connors & Johnny Connors, Late of Naas, Molly Crowdle, Irishtown, James Maddock, 24 The Bullawn, Ned Cash, Hospital Rd. & his daughter Alice & Grand-daughter Mary from Adamstown, William St. Ledger, Mt. Carmel, 5th Anniv., Tom Connors, Clonleigh, John Delaney, Southknock, 2nd Anniv., Elsie Ronan & Dawn Doherty New Ross who's anniversaries occur around this time.

SANCTUARY LAMP

22nd December Week: Special Intentions

29th December Week: Special Intentions.

Sanctuary Lamp available @ € 10.00 per week.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers at this time John King, Mount Garrett, The King & Davis Families.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for Laurence (Larry) Ryan, Dowlseys Barn, Michael (Mikey) Dwyer, Ballyeden, Robert Furlong Springpark, New Ross & Fr. Jackie Power O.S.A., who have passed away recently. May They Rest In Peace.

BAPTISMS

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

MASS BOOKINGS

On the Wednesday the 2nd of January 2019 onwards we will be taking bookings for Holy Masses up to an including June 2019.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday from 10.00AM Holy Mass to Solemn Benediction at 9.00PM. No Adoration on Christmas Day or New Years Day.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday 16th of December
Envelopes 240
Amount: €1811.70 THANK YOU.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 30th of December 2018

1st Reading: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28.

Psalm: 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 R/ 5.

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24.

Gospel: Lk 2:41-52.

Sunday 6th of January 2019

1st Reading: Is 60:1-6.

Psalm: 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R/ cf. v 11.

2nd Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6.

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12.



Thank you to those who sponsored Fr. Roger in the Apex 24hr Spin & Swim. The total amount raised was €1,100.

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 (085) 8313073



PRIEST ON DUTY (051) 421214

Visitation of Sick / Housebound: 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.

MISSION STATEMENT

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.