

## 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 / 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.



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 The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Psalm:** Is 62: 1-5.  
**2nd Reading:** Ps 95:1-3, 7-10, R/ v 3.  
**3rd Reading:** 1 Cor 12:4-11.  
**4th Reading:** Jn 2:1-11.

### Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**11th –16th May 2019**

As the date of the 2019 Pilgrimage has been moved to earlier in May, applications must be submitted **by 1st March 2019**. Forms are available in the Parish Office.

### 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.



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New Ross Pantomime Society Presents

# Peter Pan

**SAT 12<sup>TH</sup> – SAT 19<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2019**  
**ST. MICHAEL'S THEATRE, NEW ROSS**  
SHOWS NIGHTLY AT 8PM & MATINEES AT 3PM  
TICKETS FROM €10 BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL (051) 421 255  
OR ONLINE AT: WWW.STMICHAELSNEWROSS.COM

### 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.

Parish Office Opening Hours Monday—Friday 10.30 am to 2.00 pm. Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays. Wide range in stock of Holy Mass Cards, General Cards & Gift Ideas for all occasions. Tel: 051 421348 or 087 1212 707 (Text Alters ONLY)  
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# New Ross Parish. Church of St. Mary & St. Michael *Newsletter*



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## The Baptism of the Lord



### The Deep End - The Baptism of the Lord

Today's Gospel tells us that the people were 'filled with expectation'. It sounds like a very exciting time as they wonder who this prophet John could be. John must have been a very dynamic and inspiring preacher as the people speculated if he were the one they had been waiting for. He uses all of this attention for one purpose: to point people to Jesus. There are many people in our own lives who have pointed us towards Jesus, perhaps by an invitation to an event or a retreat or by sharing a reflection with us at just the right time. In them, we see something special and interesting that makes us wonder in our hearts and seek a little further. They are the John the Baptists in our lives, pointing us towards the Lord like signposts along the way.

John humbly responds to the people by saying: 'One who is more powerful than I is coming.' He emphasises that it is

He who will really set their hearts on fire. While the words concerning 'winnowing forks' seem harsh, we might interpret them as speaking of God's power to transform our lives through Jesus. When Jesus enters into the narrative, Luke emphasises that He is at prayer, and it is then that this powerful experience of God occurs. A nice meditation for today is to repeat the last sentence of today's Gospel, imagining God speaking these words to you: 'You are my Daughter/Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'



New Media  
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### Today's Readings

**The Baptism of the Lord.** Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ— Priest, Prophet and King— and the Father looks on us with favour.

*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	Intention
Sat 12th	6.00pm	Paula Leahy, Ard Mhicil	2nd Anniversary
Sun 13th	8.00am	Special Intentions	Intentions
	9.00am	John, & Mike O'Brien & Deceased Members of The O' Brien Family, Mary St.	Anniversaries
	10.00am	JJ Maddock, Mount Carmel	Anniversary
	12.00pm	Paddy & Edith O Donovan, Coleman, Arthurstown	Anniversaries
Mon 14th	8.00am	Bridget Rochford	Anniversary
	10.00am	Thomas & Kathleen Caulfield, Wexford St.	Anniversaries
Tues 15th	8.00am	Maureen Nixon, Ard Mhicil	Anniversary
	10.00am	Bridget (Bridie) Rochford, Camross	11th Anniversary
Wed 16th	8.00am	Pro Populo	
	10.00am	Martin & Una May Freeman, Ballynunnery, The Rower	Anniversaries
Thurs 17th	8.00am	Arthur & Eileen Dugdale, Ballykerogue	Anniversaries
	10.00am	The Jefford Family	Anniversary
Fri 18th	8.00am	The Kent & Cullen Families, Campile	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Tommy Hackam-Smith, Chapel Lane	Anniversary
Sat 19th	8.00am	Sharon Butler, Mount Carmel	7th Anniversary
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	6.00pm	Ann Power, Wexford St.	1st Anniversary
Sun 20th	8.00am	Joe Lawlor Snr & Joe Lawlor Jnr., Palace, Clonroche	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Larry Malone, Pondfields	2nd Anniversary
	10.00am	Mick Byrne, Neville St.,	1st Anniversary
	12.00pm	Michael Dwyer, Ballyeden, New Ross	Month's Mind

**Mass Bookings:** We are now currently taking bookings up to and including June 2019.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in our prayers Colette Brand (née Cody), Ballindinas, Barntown, Wexford & New Ross, Joseph (Joe) Crosbie, Pondfields & formerly of Misterin, Adamstown, Kathleen Jarvis, Bandon Cork & Late of New Ross & Michael Bolger, The Rower who passed away recently

May They Rest In Peace

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian community Harper Rose & Paige Louise Hussein who were 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 3:15-16, 21-22

In presenting himself for baptism with the people, Jesus, in the first public act of his ministry stands with all sinners. His baptism 'with the Holy Spirit' in the River Jordan is the prelude to his baptism on the hill of Calvary. In the Jordan Jesus stands with those who are in need of cleansing; on Calvary, his baptism on the Cross washes away all sin. It is the baptism of fire predicted by John and the lived reality of the Apostles at Pentecost.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 January 2019

*Justice and only justice you shall pursue  
(Deuteronomy 16:18-20)*  
FERN'S DIOCESAN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

St. David's Church, OYLEGATE  
SUNDAY 20 January 2019  
7.30p.m. Preacher: Rev. Katherine Kehoe  
(Gorey Methodist Church)  
ALL WELCOME

### ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers, Ann Heffernan, Lwr Southknock, Mary Kate O' Reilly, Molly Gardiner, 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.

### Reflection for weekend 12th & 13th January 2019

#### How do we know that God exists?

We know that God exists because we can see his footprints all over the world. Look at all this: the sun in the sky, the stars at night, the woods, mountains, seas and rivers, the big and the small animals, people on all continents. God made all this. The fish in the sea said to one another, "They say our whole life depends on water. But what is it? We have never seen it." So they asked a wise old fish to show them the water. The old fish said: "Oh, you stupid fish! You are living in it... and you've never realized it?"

Just like the fish in the water, man lives in God. He cannot live without his Creator and Sustainer. And yet he asks: "Where is God?" You need to know 2 things. First: God is everywhere, nothing exists without him.

And secondly: God is not everything, but he is the Origin of everything. He is infinitely greater than everything there is.

Pope Francis asks us to: "Be a living chain, so that from generation to generation, the gospel may always be present in our families, our communities and in the Church." Tune in next week for more of the 12 Questions! This is brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council

### 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 for the feast of the Lord's Baptism by Fr Sean Devereux, PP Cushinstown. There is also an article on how our own baptism is a continual source of meaning for our lives. We have the last of the four talks given at the 'Faith on Fire' conference in November, given by Dr Sean O'Leary on 'Faith Tested'. In this talk, Sean explores the reality of how faith is tested by life today but has within itself the power to endure. Our video this week is from the World Meeting of Families with Bishop Brendan Leahy on 'Handing on Faith in the Home'. Finally, Maria Colfer, co-ordinator of the Ferns Diocesan Pastoral Council, recalls the exciting times of first being invited to contribute to the pastoral mission of the Church and her hopes for that same enthusiasm today.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday 6th January 2019

Envelopes: 239

Amount: €1,984.00

THANK YOU.



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