

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 Baptism of the Lord
Readings: Year C: 40:1-5, 9-11.
Psalm: Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30, r/ v 1.
2nd Reading: Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7.
3rd Reading: Lk 3:15-16, 21-22.

THE HOOK OF FAITH: THIS WEEK'S CONTENT

Check out the latest resources at www.thehookoffaith.com
This week features a homily for the feast of the Epiphany by Fr Sean Devereux, PP Cushinstown. We have the third of the four talks given at the 'Faith on Fire' conference in November, given by Sr. Holy Family of the community of Our Lady of Knock, Bunclody. In this inspiring talk she speaks of faith as an affair of the heart. Our video this week is from the World Meeting of Families on a topical issue - 'the Christian Response to Homelessness'. There is a poem on the crib at Bethlehem by Philip Quirke and a tribute by Mgr. Joe McGrath to Fr Jackie Power OSA who spent many years of his priestly life in New Ross and who died just before Christmas.

New Ross Pantomime Society Presents
Peter Pan
SAT 12TH - SAT 19TH 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

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.

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)
Email: newross-parish@hotmail.com
www.newrossparish.ie
Holy Mass Cards (Signed) are also available in Cooney's & Ryan's Funeral Homes.



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The Epiphany of the Lord



The Deep End • 'We observed his star at his rising'

The Wise Men were probably astronomers and philosophers, but most importantly they were 'seekers', looking to the skies for something that would bring them closer to God. They would have been familiar with the prophecy about a new King who would be a very powerful leader, and they may have been watching the skies for years, waiting for the right astronomical sign which would foretell His birth. Many astronomers have since tracked the skies from that period, to try to identify what 'star' the Wise Men could have seen. Some have identified Jupiter, not a star, which in 6BC was following that correct trajectory across the sky over many months. One must admire the faithful and determined journey that these Wise Men set out on, a journey which involved many risks. The Wise Men represent all peoples of all cultures and faiths who make such journeys in search of God.

We often look for signs in our own lives, especially when we are looking for answers. Let us have the courage to move out of our comfort zones in search of Jesus, just as the Wise Men did. They had no idea of what awaited them, but the Gospel speaks of their delight and joy when they arrived to that place.

'We often make do with looking at the ground ... I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky? Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?'

POPE FRANCIS

Jane Mellott
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Today's Readings

'The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his Baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation' (CC, 528).

EVENING PRAYER of the Epiphany:

Three Wonders mark this day we celebrate:
today the star led the Magi to the manger;
today water was changed into wine at the marriage feast;
today Christ desired to be baptised by John in the river to bring us salvation, alleluia. (Magnificat antiphon of Evening Prayer)

*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 5th	6.00pm	Paddy Byrne, Bosheen
Sun 6th	8.00am	Larry O' Brien & Deceased Member of The O'Brien Family, The Maudlins
	9.00am	Eddie, Eileen & George Delaney, Formerly of 7 Ard na Gréine
	10.00am	Patricia O' Neill, Mount Carmel
	12.00pm	Special Intention
Mon 7th	8.00am	Sheila & John Moriarty, Pinehursh, Mount Elliot
	10.00am	Mary O' Shea Kavanagh & The Dunne Families, Neville St.
Tues 8th	8.00am	Mary-Kate O' Reilly & Molly Gardiner
	10.00am	The Kavanagh & Flynn Families, Neville St.
Wed 9th	8.00am	Pro Populo
	10.00am	Michael & Mary Druhan & Family, 42 Charleton Hill
Thurs 10th	8.00am	Maguire & Gaynor Families, Cavan
	10.00am	Jimmy & Annie Kehoe, Church Lane
Fri 11th	8.00am	Jane Walsh, 'Aisling' Lwr. Southknock
	10.00am	John Kennelly, Ballyporeen
Sat 12th	8.00am	Dolores Sutton, Southknock
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association
	6.00pm	Paula Leahy, Ard Mhicil
Sun 13th	8.00am	Special Intentions
	9.00am	John & Mike O'Brien & Deceased Members of The O' Brien Family, Mary St.
	10.00am	JJ Maddock, Mount Carmel
	12.00pm	

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in our prayers May Canterbury (née Mackey) formerly of Rosbercon, who passed away in Kilburn, England on Christmas Eve, Rena (Catherine) Murphy, Arthurstown, & formerly of Southknock, Michael Martin, Arnestown & Johnny Roche, JKL Place who passed away recently **May They Rest In Peace**

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian community Baby Croia Kehoe, Tower Grove, & Barbara Chojnacka, Priory Lane 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.

Pastoral Centre's: Legion of Mary & St. Michael's are available for bookings. Please contact the Parish Office.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Gentile Magi arrive in Jerusalem having followed the rising of a new star; whilst Israel remains blind to its light. Seeking the new king leads to Herod's murderous plans; but led by the star, the Magi arrive in Bethlehem bearing treasures for the Child and his holy Mother. This event prefigures the election of the Gentiles and indeed, often Christ will find greater faith among non-believers than in Israel. As the Gentile Magi came to pay homage to Christ; in time, Christ's disciples will baptise the Gentile nations into the one Church.



Radio Maria Ireland

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies-all Commercial free- Listen via Free App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via. PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith Family!

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.



ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers Patricia O' Neill, Mount Carmel, 2nd Anniv., Josephine Power, 1 Wexford St., Mairead Cleary, Neville St., 9th Anniv., Andy O' Rourke, Lwr William St. 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 5th & 6th January 2019

The St Aidan's Pastoral Council has decided for 2019, to share a short catechism reflection each week for parishioners to reflect on, whether a child, a parent, a grandparent or a single person. As Pope Francis has said, "Do not get tired of questions or of sharing your faith. Do not remain silent when your children have pressing questions, but always have the strength to hand on the faith, which you too received from your parents." We are happy to share them with you and hope these short pieces will help you and your family on your journey of faith. We are beginning with 12 important questions. Sometimes we are asked: How the World and All that Exists came to Be: Ans: All that is comes from God. A more pressing question may be: *Why Do I Exist?* Ans: You are here because God wanted you. He knows you. He loves you infinitely and wants to make you happy. Did you know that Jesus appeared to St Teresa of Avila in a vision and said to her: "I would create the whole world again, just to hear you say that you love me." We human beings are that important to God. As the English writer and literary critic Clive Staples Lewis (1898-1963), puts it "It is a Christian duty for everyone to be as happy as he can." Tune in next week for more of the 12 Questions! **This is brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council**

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday 23rd Dec 2018
Envelopes: 276
Amount: €2,610.40
Sunday 30th Dec 2018
Envelopes: 220
Amount: €1,574.90
THANK YOU.



Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones