

## NOTICES

### EUCHARISTIC 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** Jos 5:9-12.  
**Psalm:** Ps 33:2-7, R/ v 9.  
**2nd Reading:** 2 Cor 5:17-21.  
**3rd Reading:** Lk 15:1-3, 11-32.

### New Ross Drama Festival

This year's festival starts this Wednesday the 20th of March in St. Michael's Theatre. Promised to be highly entertaining with classics like, "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett and 'The Lonesome West' by Martin McDonagh amongst the line-up. Several comedies are also included this year ensuring good humour and fun guaranteed from the stage. The box office is open in St. Michaels (051) 421255 with Patrons tickets costing €50- for eight nights or €10- nightly (students half price)

### Radio Presenter

After almost 30 years Cecil Riddal will present his last *Sounds for Sunday* programme on the 31st March, Mother's Day. All in the Christian Media Trust and in South East Radio are indebted to Cecil for his work and dedication over so many years. He was an important part of Sunday morning for many listeners to South East Radio and they will miss him very much. The Christian Media Trust now has the difficult task of building on Cecil's good work. It is looking for a new presenter for *Sounds for Sunday*, a fifty six minute programme from 9.04a.m to 10.00a.m each Sunday Morning. To express an interest and to get further information please contact: The Chairperson, Christian Media Trust on 087-9984736 by Thursday 21st March 2019.

**Parish Visitation:** Fr. Tom is available during the coming week to visit any household or family in Belleville, Willow Park & Creywell area for house blessing or just a chat. Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

### Lenten Services

Deepen your experience of Lent with prayer services in the spirit of Taizé. 8.10pm-9.00pm every Friday during Lent commencing on 8th March and concluding with "Prayer around the Cross" on Good Friday night, 19th March 8.00pm. In Good Counsel College Chapel, New Ross.

### 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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# New Ross Parish. Church of St. Mary & St. Michael *Newsletter*



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## Second Sunday of Lent

### The Deep End • St Patrick

Happy St Patrick's Day! – a day when we remember the roots of the Christian faith in Ireland. There is no doubt that to be a Christian in Ireland today is difficult. Often it is easier to hide our faith, to avoid ridicule, arguments and debates which can wear us down. However, today we should take example and energy from St Patrick. His story was not a walk in the park either. We celebrate our Christian identity today and celebrate the Gospel message that a courageous Patrick brought to us, a message that was preserved and passed on; a message that is very relevant to today's world and which continues to nourish and sustain us.

Take heart from the parable of the Mustard Seed in the Gospel today. The mustard seed plant is sometimes wild and out of control. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even

crack stone buildings and footpaths. The shrub was banned in certain areas of Palestine because of how it could completely take over gardens. When we are struggling with being a Christian in modern Ireland, feeling excluded in a world that wants to forget God, we can take courage from the parable of the mustard seed. It grew in places where it was not wanted. You might recall the people in your own life who nourished your faith and who guided you along your spiritual path.

'I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me.' (St Patrick's Breastplate)

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*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 16th   | 6.00pm  | Kevin Manley, MacMurrough, New Ross                         | 1st Anniversary  |
| Sun 17th   | 8.00am  | John & Bridie Kearney                                       | Anniversaries    |
|            | 9.00am  | Thomas & Anastasia Murphy & Babies                          | Anniversaries    |
|            | 10.00am | Marcella Meehan   | 15th Anniversary |
|            | 12.00pm | Special Intentions  | Intentions       |
| Mon 18th   | 8.00am  | Thomas & Anne Dignam & their Grandsons Patrick & Noel, Naas | Anniversaries    |
|            | 10.00am | Pat & Caty Dillon, Barretts Park                            | Anniversaries    |
| Tues 19th  | 8.00am  | Deceased People of Bewley St., New Ross                     | Intentions       |
|            | 10.00am | Nellie Kelly, Bewley St., New Ross                          | Anniversary      |
| Wed 20th   | 8.00am  | Intentions of the People                                    |                  |
|            | 10.00am | Eily O' Donoghue, Waterford                                 | 30th Anniversary |
| Thurs 21st | 8.00am  | Ned & Mona Walsh, William St.                               | Anniversaries    |
|            | 10.00am | John Condon, Haughton Place                                 | Anniversary      |
| Fri 22nd   | 8.00am  | Colin Barrett   | Anniversary      |
|            | 10.00am | Tommy Jefford, Town Wall                                    | Anniversary      |
| Sat 23rd   | 8.00am  | Bridget Power, Ryleen & Maryann Doran, Gogginstown          | Anniversaries    |
|            | 10.00am | Parish Mass Association                                     |                  |
| Sun 24th   | 6.00pm  | Michael Browne, Chapel Lane                                 | 1st Anniversary  |
|            | 8.00am  | Peter & Marian Maher, Knockmullen                           | Anniversaries    |
|            | 9.00am  | Sean Finn   | 2nd Anniversary  |
|            | 10.00am | Tony O' Flynn, Hospital Road,                               | 1st Anniversary  |
|            | 12.00pm | Claire McCormack, Brandon Park                              | Month's Mind     |

**Mass Bookings:** We are now currently taking mass bookings up to August 2019.

Intentions for the living can ONLY be accommodated as "SPECIAL INTENTIONS" (GDPR Regulations) - Please advise at time of booking

### RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for Sr. Mary Malone, Sisters of Mercy Eddie Cleere, Irishtown, Aidan Kehoe, Ballywilliam & Kathleen Fleming, Grange Road who have passed away recently.

**May They Rest In Peace**

### SANCTUARY LAMP: "Special Intentions"

Sanctuary Lamp available @ €10.00 per week.

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community Baby Cillian Lee Joseph Kelly O'Neill 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.

**RADIO HOLY MASS 104.7FM SATURDAY  
VIGIL @6.00PM & 10.00AM DAILY  
INCLUDING FUNERAL MASSES.**

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

## Gospel Reading

The owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see that everything is not right. Sometimes a preoccupation with the negative (the darnel) can blind us to seeing the positive in our own lives and in the lives of others. When have you found that a willingness to live with the messiness of the present created the conditions for future growth? Have you ever found that it was through accepting the darnel that you learned important lessons for life, e.g., learning by making mistakes, or asking stupid questions, or taking foolish risks? The parable of the mustard seed is a reminder that seemingly insignificant things can have very positive results. Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a kind gesture, a small initiative, a word of encouragement or a smile?

### Ecumenical Quiet Day

Ecumenical Quiet Day in St. John of God Retreat Centre, Ballyvaloo, on Tuesday 2 April, 11.15a.m. – 4.30p.m. €25 including lunch and coffee breaks. The day will be led by Rev. Chris Long, Rector emeritus of Enniscorthy. Please contact Fr. James Murphy, at 087 8152637 by phone or text before Friday 29 March, if you wish to attend.

### New Ross Drama Festival 2019

Wednesday 20th March-Friday 29th March 2019. Performances commence nightly @ 8.00pm. Booking in St. Michael's Theatre 051-421255

### ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers, Edward & Bridget Ryan, Abbeyview, Brini Dolan, Riverview, Molly Tomkins, Maudlins, Shane Hearne Woodbine Close (Birthday Remembrance), Thomas & Anne Dignam & their Grandsons Patrick & Noel, Naas, Martin O' Sullivan & deceased family members, Edward Larkin, Mary St., Anna Bradley, Knockavilla (15th Anniv.), John Moriarty, late of Pinehurst, Mt. Elliot & Betty Flynn, Mount Carmel (6th Anniv.) 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.

## Reflection for weekend 16th & 17th March

Exploring the 12 Facts in the Apostles' Creed  
**Fact 2:** ....and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. More than 2,000 years ago He was born into this world as a baby in Bethlehem. God himself became man. This is the biggest miracle of the world. The word "Christ" means the Anointed. In ancient Israel, when someone became king, he was anointed with holy oil. Calling Jesus the Anointed means: Jesus is "the Christ", the Saviour of the world, whom the people of Israel were waiting for. When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But you," he said, "who do you say I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up. "You are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the Living God." Pope Francis once was asked by an 8 year old girl: "What makes you happy in your work as pope?" He replied: "It makes me happy to be with people. If I cannot be with people, I spend most of my time with Jesus. I can't imagine myself alone." Mother Teresa (1910-1997): To me Jesus is my God, Jesus is my life, Jesus is my only love, Jesus is my all in all, Jesus is my everything. Jesus, I love you with my whole heart, with my whole being.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

**There are no 1.05pm Masses during Lent**

**17th March St. Patrick's Day: Masses at usual times however 10.00am Mass in Irish.**

**Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent @ 7.30pm**

**Lenten Reflections 2019: Will be held in the Legion of Mary Hall @ 7.30pm, March 14th, Fr. Gerry O' Leary PP, March 21st Fr. Martin Pender CC & March 28th Fr. Brian Broaders PP & VF 2019.**

**Sat March 30th: Confirmation @ 12.00 noon**

**Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre, Tues. Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30**  
 "The Gospel of Creation", Discovering Wisdom Through Science, Faith, Hope. This presentation will look at the harmony of Faith and Science through Art with reference to Laudato Si.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
 Sunday 10th March 2019  
 Envelopes 256  
 Amount: €1,803.95  
**THANK YOU.**

