**New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael**

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10.30am to 2.00pm. Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays.

Wide range in stock of Holy Mass Cards, General Gifts & Gift ideas for all occasions. Tel: 051 421348 or 087 1212707 (Text Alerts ONLY). Email: info@newrossparish.ie Web: www.newrossparish.ie Holy Mass Cards (signed) are also available in Cooney’s & Ryan’s Funeral Homes. PRIEST ON DUTY (051) 4271214

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & PARISH INFORMATION…**

Monday 16th December: Penitential Service @ 7.00pm in Parish Church.

Thurs 19th December: Carol Service @ 7.30pm in Parish Church.

Saturday 21st December 2019: 1.00 to 4.00pm – Gloria in Excelsis Deo & 6.00pm Vigil in Parish Church.

Sunday 22nd December 2019 – 4th Sunday of Advent – 8.00am in Mount Carmel. 9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00 Noon in Parish Church.

Tuesday 24th December 2019 – Christmas Eve: 8.00am in Mount Carmel. 10.00am in Parish Church. 2.00 to 5.00pm – Confessions in Parish Church. 7.30pm - Christmas Vigil in both Mount Carmel & Parish Church.

Wednesday 25th of December 2019 - Christmas Day: 8.00am in Mount Carmel; 9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00 Noon in Parish Church. 8.00am in Parish Church.

Parish Office Christmas Shutdown: Parish Office Christmas holidays will be closing Monday 23rd of December 2019 at 2.00pm and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2020 at 10.30am.

Confessions: Saturdays after 10AM Holy Mass & before 6.00pm Holy Mass. Mon.—Fri on request after 10.00am Holy Mass. Please notify the priest before Mass in the Sacristy.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Tuesday from 10.00AM Holy Mass to 6.00PM finishing with Sollemn Benediction. Holy Hour @ 3.00pm followed by the Rosary. NO ADORATION Christmas Eve.

Intentions for the living: Intentions for the living will be announced as ‘Special Intentions’ unless the person who intention is for the the GDPR Regulation. Please advise at time of booking.

Certificate Requests: Certificate fees at €5 each. Photographic ID is required for the candidate intending to attend Mass in Parish Church.

Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Nativity Crib & Christmas Carols

Meals on Wheels: Avail of our piping hot meals, and will work in pairs. (10-12, 12-2, 2-6 & 6-6pm). If you are interested contact Clare Williams 053 9122722 or via Email clare@wexfordrapecrisis.com

**Reflection for weekend of the 14th & 15th Dec.**

We explore the Precepts of the Church. What are the 5 Precepts of the Church and what is their purpose? The precepts of the Church exist so that Christians do not forget God and the community in everyday life. The Church says: “Here are 5 important tips that help you stay connected with God”. You should attend Holy Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days. 2. You should receive Holy Communion at least once a year, preferably during the Easter season. 3. You should go to confession at least once a year (if you’ve committed a serious sin). 4. You should observe the common days of fasting and abstinence of the Church. (Fridays are abstinence days. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence). 5. You should help the Church and the poor. A quote from Blaise Pascal (1588-1651): “Do you want to come to believe but do not know the way? Learn from those who were tormented by doubts before you. Imitate their way of thinking, do everything the same way, as though you were already a believer. Attend Mass, use holy water, and so on. That will no doubt make you simple and lead you to faith”. Finally a short quote from Psalm 130: “My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning”. Brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

**NEW ROSS:**

** recent Death, Recent Durations & Adoration Sisters:** The second of a 2-part programme on the Adoration Sisters, Wexford will be broadcast on south East Radio next Tuesday night, December 17th at 8.04pm.

**2 Hours of your time is Urgently Needed to help collect funds on Friday 20th December in New Ross with a Street Collection. Volunteers need to be aged 16 plus and will work in pairs. (10-12, 12-2, 2-6 & 6-6pm). If you are interested contact Clare Williams 053 9122722 or via Email clare@wexfordrapecrisis.com**

**THE HOPE CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE**

The Hope Cancer Support Centre will be holding their annual Winter Solstice Ceremony of Light and Healing in the Irish National Heritage Park, Fernycarrig, Wexford on Saturday 21st December at 7.30 pm. Please come along and be part of something special.

**CAMPILE BINGO:** There will be a special Christmas Double Bingo Night in Campile Hall on Monday Night next December 16th starting at 8 o’clock at which Prize Money for Nine of the Eleven Games will be doubled on the Night which is over €2,100 in total all of our house Lotto stands at €550 and snowball at €450 in 46 numbers for the normal admission price of Double book €10 Single book €7 and small book €3 all support would be very much appreciated.

**WEXFORD OUTDOOR LIVE NATIVITY**

Live Music and Carol Singing @ Franciscan Friary, Sat 14th Dec 11.30-3pm & Mon 16th Dec 10.30-7pm. All Welcome. Organised by Franciscan Friars and Wexford Catholic Family Network. All Welcome.

**Recently Deceased:** We remember in our prayers Eoghan Brennan, Tower Grove and Annie Higgins (nee O’Neill) formerly Wexford Street and Slough (UK) who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. 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.

**Anniversary Prayers:** We remember in our prayers Claire, Annie & Tom McCormack, Dublin, Annie Doyle, Ard Mhici, Ger St. Legder, Tower Grove, Val Reynolds, Kilkenny, Mickey Dwyer (1st Anniversary), Ballylady, Margaret Donohoe, Tullow, Ellen Larkin, Mary Street, Bridget & Jimmy Goggins, The Mauldins, Annie Higgins (nee O’Neill) formerly Wexford Street and Slough (UK) whose anniversaries occur 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.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Christian community baby Indi Ella Ronan, Bellevue Heights. For Baptism Bookings on Saturdays at 4.30pm & Sundays @ 1.00pm ONLY (No Baptisms Mon to Fri), Please contact the Parish Office, a minimum of two weeks notice is required. Copy of Birth Certificates are required for the candidate. Photo ID also required for the person making / requesting the booking. A maximum of two candidates can be accommodated for bookings.

**Sanctuary Lamps**

Lamp $10.00 per week. Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.

**Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish:**

Sunday 8th December 2019 Envelopes No. 248: €2,269.65 THANK YOU.

If you would like to register as a friend of New Ross Parish Church then we kindly request your name and address is given to the parish office for details.

**Scripture Readings for Forth Sunday Of Advent:**

Is 77:10-14 Ps 13:1-6, R cf. vv7

Rm1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24.

**Gloria in Excelsis Deo**

“O Come let us Adore Him…”

Saturday 21st December 1.00-4.00pm Parish Church, New Ross

Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Nativity Crib & Christmas Carols

Come visit and light a candle for your special intentions this Christmas.

**St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church**

**Carol Service**

Thursday 19th December 2019

**Christmas Eve Confession**

2.00 to 5.00pm In Parish Church

** Sanctuaries**

- Giving PEOPLE, nourished by FAITH, WORSHIP of

**Membership: Ard na Gréine**

- Maximum of two

**Lectio Divina:** 1st Thursday of every month, Between 11am and 12 noon.

**Meals on Wheels:**

Available to all who are growing or suffering loss of any kind. Contact No: 087-3846577. Their Drop in Centre is held in 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.

**Safeguarding Representative:** Martin Jackson — Contact No: (051) 421345 — Any queries in relation to working with children or adolescence within our parish please contact the above.

**St. VINCENT DE PAUL – NEW ROSS:** 085 8313073

**Home Visit Team:** Tel: 083 474 5789 to avail of this service or to volunteer.

**Legion of Mary:** Meetings every Wednesday evening in the Parish Pastoral Centre, Robert St., New Ross at 7.30pm. Contact Des & Marie on 051-420235 Rosary & Divine Mercy are recited every Friday 6.00pm on the Quay next to Dunbrody Centre.

**Radio Holy Mass:** 104.7FM Saturday Vigil @ 6.00pm & 10.00am Daily including Funerals Masses.

**I RISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER:** On sale in Parish Office @ €2 each.

**Mass Bookings:** We are now currently taking mass bookings up to and including May 2020.