



# 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 Cards & Gift Ideas for all occasions. Tel: 051 421348 or 087 1212 707 (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) 421214**

Volume 34. No. 50

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 14th Dec	6.00pm	Laurence (Larry) Ryan, Dowsleys Barn
Sun 15th	8.00am	Pat Hamilton, Pondfields
	9.00am	Grace Lee, Mount Carmel
	10.00am	John Joe Meehan, Charleton Hill
Mon 16th	8.00am	Martin & Kathleen Dwyer & Deceased Family Members, Ard na Gréine
	10.00am	Patrick Purcell, Late of Mount Carmel
	12.00pm	Mary Ryan, Irishtown Heights
Tues 17th	8.00am	Patrick & Bridget Coady, Late of Dungarvan
	10.00am	Jimmy & Annie Kehoe, Church Lane
Wed 18th	8.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.00am	Special Intentions
Thurs 19th	8.00am	Joe & Pattie Kavanagh and their sons, JJ and Pat, Bewley Street
	10.00am	John Joseph and deceased members of the Barry family
Fri 20th	8.00am	Special Intention
	10.00am	Rita & Pat Reidy, Limerick
Sat 21st	8.00am	Margaret & Paddy Flynn, Stokestown
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association
	6.00pm	Michael & Annie Cleere and their son Patrick, The Maudlins
Sun 22nd	8.00am	Bernard & Bridget Rowe
	9.00am	Jo Doyle, Castlebridge
	10.00am	Jack Richardson, Pondfields & Danny Richardson, South Africa
	12.00pm	Paddy Merrigan, Mount Garret & Seamus McNamee, Charleton Hill

Sanctuary Lamps available @ €10.00 per week. Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.

St. Mary (Left)	Central (Centre) Special Intentions	St. Joseph (Right)
--------------------	--	-----------------------

**Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish:** Sunday 8th December 2019 Envelopes No. 248 Amount: €2,269.65 THANK YOU. 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.

**Scripture Readings for Forth Sunday Of Advent:**  
Is 77:10-14 Ps 23: 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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We remember in our prayers Eoghan Brennan, Tower Grove and Annie Higginbotham (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 Mhicil, Ger St. Legder, Tower Grove, Val Reynolds, Kilkenny, Mickey Dwyer (1st Anniversary), Ballyeden, Margaret Donohoe, Tullow, Ellen Larkin, Mary Street, Bridget & Jimmy Goggins, The Maudlins, Annie Higginbotham (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 Indie Ella Ronan, Bellevue Heights. For Baptism Bookings on Saturdays @ 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.

## 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 of December 2019:** 1.00 to 4.00pm – Gloria In Excelsis Deo & 6.00pm Vigil in Parish Church.

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

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Thursday 26th of December 2019 - St. Stephens Day:** 8.00am in Mount Carmel & 10.00am in Parish Church.

**Parish Office Christmas Shutdown:** Parish Office Christmas holidays will be closing Monday 23rd of December 2019 at 2.00pm and will reopen on Thursday 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 9.00PM finishing with Solemn 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 the intention is for signs the GDPR Regulation Slip. Please advise at time of booking.

**Certificate Requests:** Certificate fees at €5 each. Photographic ID is required for the candidate including Photographic ID for the person who has been authorised by you to collect it. Request forms are available in the Parish Office. Collection on Fridays only.

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

**Meals on Wheels:** Avail of our piping hot quality meals available 6 days a week. To order just call 051-445711, Sr. Aidan Centre, Cross St.

**New Ross Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group:** Support is available to all who are grieving 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:** Mairin Jackson — Contact No: (051) 421348 — 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 Visitation 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—420523 Rosary & Divine Mercy are recited every Friday @3.00pm on the Quay next to Dunbrody Centre.

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

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

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

## Reflection for weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 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". **1.** 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 acting, do everything that the faith requires, 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.**

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



**Wexford Rape Crisis**

2 Hours of your time is **Urgently** Needed to help collect funds on **Friday 20th December** in New Ross with a Street Bucket Collection. Volunteers need to be **aged 16 plus** and will work in pairs. (10-2, 12-2, 2-4 & 4-6pm) **If you are interested contact Clare Williams 053 9122722 or via Email clare@wexfordrapecrisis.com**

**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.**

**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 also our in 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 10.30-1pm. All Welcome. Organised by Franciscan Friars and Wexford Catholic Family Network. All Welcome.