

The calling of Jesus is a calling to a generous and wholehearted following of his gospel.



“Come follow me”



There is something very ordinary for a fisherman about washing nets. Like washing the car after a long journey, doing a big load of washing in the home.... ordinary tasks. Maybe they were fed up with it just as we are sometimes with the ironing. Or perhaps they were enjoying the work; proud of their good nets and a good catch, taking pride in a job well done. Daily work, done with some drudgery but with the knowledge that it is essential for a good catch of fish which would feed the family. At this time Jesus called his first apostles.

For Jesus, the ordinary is sacred. Bathing a child, loving a spouse, daily employment, family time and all that goes to make up our days. The things about our family we miss when they leave home. The things we think about when we are away. In the middle of all this God can surprise us and call us into his love and service. Our expectation may be different – that we need long times of prayer to find God, or to read many books about him, or do big things for him. Just as the smallest things are done out of human love, God is found in the ordinary.

Irish spirituality had blessings for everything – for milking a cow, cleaning and dusting a room, visiting the sick and many more. There were prayers at meals, for a safe journey and a happy death. Our Irish spirituality found God in mountains and in other people and then in the church building, and often moreso. Remember the song/prayer bless this house:

Bless this house, o Lord, we pray. Make it safe by night and day. Bless these walls so firm and stout, Keeping want and trouble out. Bless the roof and chimney tall, Let thy peace lie over all. and so on.....

Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus wanted to tell people new ways to be happy. He asked Peter and Andrew to help him. They were fishermen. They will catch people now with God's message, telling everyone that God is Our Loving Father, giver of all blessings, knows each person by name, loves everyone, can never be angry, and always coaxes us to love, care and help each other.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters,

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. The time has come he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 24)

R. Lord, make me know your ways.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. [R]

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. [R]

3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. [R]

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31.
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News.
Alleluia!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us.... Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.


LITURGY OF THE WORD


FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5.10


A reading from the prophet Jonah:
The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.'


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Date	Time		
Sat 23rd Jan	6.00pm	Paddy Byrne, Bosheen	Anniversary
Sun 24th Jan	10.00am	Maureen & John Nixon Ard Mhicil & Muriel Murphy, The Rower May & Laffan Families, Dublin & New Ross John William Kehoe Elizabeth (Betty) Kelly, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries Anniversaries Anniversary Months Mind
Mon 25th Jan	10.00am	Sheila McGillick, UK	Recently Deceased Special Intention
Tues 26th Jan	10.00am	Tom Walsh, Clonleigh Thomas Gannon, Priesthaggard	Anniversary Anniversary
Wed 27th Jan	10.00am	Mass for People of the Parish Fr. John Carey & Breda Sinnott, Rosbercon	Anniversaries
Thur 28th Jan	10.00am	Danny Nolan, Creywell Thomas & Catherine McGee, Carrickbyrne	Anniversary Anniversary
Fri 29th Jan	10.00am	Patrick & Edith O'Donovan, Coleman, Arthurstown Michael O'Sullivan, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries Anniversary
Sat 30th Jan	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

PARISH INFORMATION.....

Next Weeks Readings: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Duet 18: 15-20. Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9, R/ v9. Cor 7: 32-35. Mk 1: 21-28.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—NEW ROSS: 085 8313073

Radio & Live Stream Mass: 104.7FM & New Ross Parish Website Live Stream, Saturday Vigil @ 6.00pm & 10.00am Daily including Funerals Masses.

Meals on Wheels: Avail of our high quality meals available 5 days a week. To order just call 051-445711, St. Aidan Centre, Cross St.

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.

Bethany Bereavement Support: Bereavement Support available by telephone Please ring 087 3846577 if you need support.

Mass Bookings: We are currently taking bookings up to and including June 2021.

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.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: 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. During this unique period when normal services are not possible, we suggest that weekly envelopes be deposited in the letter box at the Parish Office or at the allocated collection boxes at the main entrance of the Church. **Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.** Collections: 17th Jan 2021 Jan 2021 @ €1619.50 (173 No.). Thank you for the support. Alternatively you can donate via The Ferns Diocesan Website by clicking the big pink button.

 **DIocese of Ferns**

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Sanctuary Lamps

Intentions:

Available @ €10.00 per week.
Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.

Our Lady's (Left):

Available

Altar (Centre):

Willie Reeves RIP

St. Josephs (Right):

Available

Prayer During an Epidemic

Lord Jesus,

Hear our pleas, our good shepherd and divine physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.

Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear.

Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.

And may all you have called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

Solidarity Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

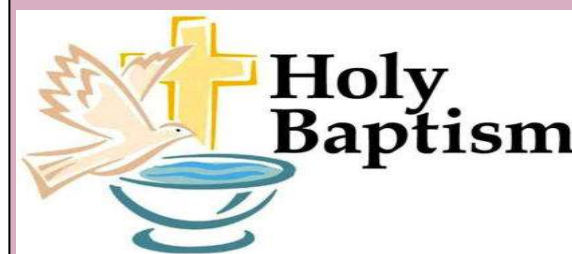
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.

Amen.

THE FOUR 'Cs' in CATHOLIC LIVES.....WHAT ARE THEY?

CHRISTENING-CONFESSION-COMMUNION-CONFIRMATION.

Few if any of us remember our CHRISTENING. There was no personal decision to be made; we were Christened (Baptised) as a matter of course. Everyone was Christened- made members of God's Family as naturally as they became members of their human families.



CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION followed the same pattern, again without discussion or decision.

CONFIRMATION was (is) the occasion when the recipient CONFIRMS/says "YES" to Christening. Again the tradition was followed without the question.

All that resulted in people becoming Christians/Catholics without ever really being aware of the benefits and obligations of membership. The influence of family and society drowned out any questions about choice or personal decision.

We see the downside of that practice now, when clearly the influence of family is lessened by the power of social media and definitely society is openly hostile to any mention or involvement of Catholicism in daily life. External supports are being withdrawn, resulting in people falling away for want of personal conviction.

Catholics of all ages now have to make a PERSONAL DECISION to live the FOUR C's they received as infants and children.

Jesus never forced anyone to follow Him. He simply issued the invitation "COME FOLLOW ME". Further He tested that decision to follow, when some fell away by asking "WILL YOU ALSO GO AWAY?"

We are now at the point when families need to decide about having children CHRISTENED or not if the family is not serious about handing on the faith. Faith here means having and developing a live, personal relationship with Jesus Christ, Who will guide and influence their values and way of life. That faith has to be nurtured by regular personal and family prayer, together with gathering in God's House with the Christian community in worship, praise and thanks to the God who gives us everything.

The other 3 C's were traditionally tied up with school, where classes were automatically prepared for the Sacraments of CONFESSION, HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION. Teachers did and continue to do an extraordinary job in this work and that needs to be acknowledged generously.

But our schools have changed in their composition. We now have children of differing nationalities, cultures and religions in every class. These are welcomed, carefully respected and their values catered for to the greatest extent. That after all is the Christian way.

Added to that there are or maybe catholic families who no longer wish to follow the traditions of their children receiving the Sacraments. These deserve to have their wishes respected too.



The sad experience of the Corona Virus has awakened us to other possibilities that might meet the new situation. Schools closed in March of last year- just when the "Sacramental Season" was about to commence. This necessitated the following changes.

Final PREPARATION for the Sacraments was completed in the Parish through personal invitations to parents and children to meetings and liturgies for each class separately. For the first time EVER all had the CHOICE to accept or not. Some few declined as was their right.

Equally the celebration of the various Sacraments was held for each individual class too, creating a more personal atmosphere.

Hopefully that system - a combined school / family / parish preparation-will become the norm for the reception of the FOUR C'- an INVITATION, followed by a personal/family CHOICE to accept God's presence in life.

"COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO LABOUR AND ARE OVER-BURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST; SHOULD MY YOKE AND LEARN FROM ME FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE OF HEART AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS" (Matt 11: 28-30).



Monsignor Joseph McGrath

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We pray for the souls of Molly & Pat Hendrick, Bewley Street, Peter & Betty Furness, Bewley Street, Kathleen Murphy, Ballinamoney, The Jefford Family, Bewley Street & Larry Malone, Pondfields (4th Anniversary), whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the souls of Paddy Finn, Cushinstown, Tillie Connery (nee O'Donoghue), Janesboro, Limerick, Margaret Ryan, Fisherstown & New Ross & Late of New Ross & Lil Murphy (nee McCarten) Maryville, Cross Street, 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.



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.