



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

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## RADIO MASS 104.7FM

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 21st Mar	6.00pm	Patrick Molloy & Trixie Molloy, (nee Gahan), Mountgarrett. Martin Jefford, Town Wall
Sun 22nd Mar	10.00am	Nancy & Andy Harte, Cross St. Nancy Martin, Ard na Greine Michael Browne, Chapel Lane.
Mon 23rd Mar	10.00am	Liz & Walter Dunne, The Maudlins & The Cosgrave Family. Tommy Jefford, Town Wall.
Tues 24th Mar	10.00am	Ternary Eily O' Donoghue, Waterford.
Wed 25th Mar	10.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish. Oliver Caulfield, Fruithill, Campile
Thurs 26th Mar	10.00am	Foley & Brennan Family, New Ross/ Castlecomer. Eamon Burns
Fri 27th Mar	10.00am	Special Intensions Mrs Josephine Moore, Henry Street.
Sat 28th Mar	10.00am	Parish Mass Association.

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

Our Lady's (Left) Available	Altar (Centre) Special Intentions	St. Joseph's (Right) Available
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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 SM 16:1, 6-7, 10-13. Ps 22 R/ v 1. EPH 5:8-14 JN  
9:1-41.

### 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. Please make all cheques payable to

### CHY's Tax Forms

Thankyou to anyone who has already returned your CHY forms to the Parish Office to date. For those who haven't, we would be most grateful if you could do so as soon as possible.

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

## PARISH INFORMATION.....

**Mass Bookings:** We are now taking booking up to and including August 2020 at the moment.

**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.



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Please join our growing faith family!



County Wexford Chamber is available to support all businesses in the community impacted by Covid19. Fiona Lewis CEO of the Chamber said "This is an evolving situation, and we in the Chamber are working tirelessly to keep up to date with all the happenings. We are constantly updating our social media platforms and encourage all our members to keep checking on-line."

Anyone looking for support should contact [info@wexfordchamber.ie](mailto:info@wexfordchamber.ie) or [admin@newrosschamber.ie](mailto:admin@newrosschamber.ie). Follow us on twitter [@CoWexChamber](https://twitter.com/CoWexChamber) or visit [www.newrosschamber.ie](http://www.newrosschamber.ie) and [www.wexfordchamber.ie](http://www.wexfordchamber.ie) for more information.

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The American poet Joyce Kilmer wrote the following lines in his poem "TREES":-

"I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree...  
A tree that looks at God all day  
And lifts its leafy arms to pray...  
Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree".



TREES are among the most vital of God's gifts to the earth.

They have been described as THE LUNGS OF THE EARTH, in that, in the process of producing food for the tree's growth and fruit for reproduction, they absorb Carbon Dioxide, which is poisonous to us, and release Oxygen, which is vital for our survival. Sadly, they can also be a danger to life and property. Large heavily-laden leafy trees constitute a serious threat in stormy times. Such stormy times are becoming a regular feature of our weather and are forecast to increase in frequency and in intensity into the future.

Which brings me to the trees in the Church grounds, more particularly to the five mature trees at the Sacristy side of the building. These are a major cause of concern. They sit on a steep bank with many of their roots above the ground. Strong winds blowing through fully leafed branches must put major strain on the grip the roots have in the ground. Perish the thought that one or two should fall and cause serious injury to life and damage to property. Their proximity to the Building means that a fall would cause serious damage to what is the most beautiful Church in the Diocese. Restoration would be well-nigh impossible and the cost certainly beyond our means. I am suggesting that we give serious and immediate attention to these trees.

Is it time to remove them and replace them with a species more suitable to that location? Recently Trinity College removed a 170 year old tree "which catastrophically and UNEXPECTEDLY collapsed last Saturday". Strain and stress were given as possible reasons. Could this be a timely warning to us to seriously consider replacement?

Your thoughts would be welcome.

## PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

(Kerry Weber, executive editor, America Magazine).

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We remember in our prayers Maria Roche, Charlton Hill 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 Tony O' Flynn, Hospital Road, Anthony O' Flynn Jr, Hospital Road, Mona & Ned Walsh, William Street, whose anniversary 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.

**BAPTISMS:** For Baptism Bookings on the first Saturday of the month @ 4.30pm & third Sunday of the month @ 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.

*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.*