



# 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.  
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Date	Time	Intention
Sat 14th Mar	6.00pm	Eileen Sinnott, Kylemore. 1st Anniversary
Sun 15th Mar	8.00am	Peter & Marion Maher & Breda Maher Williams, Knockmullen. Anniversaries
	9.00am	Joan Cashin, William Street. Anniversary
	10.00am	Kathleen Fleming, Grange Road. 1st Anniversary
	12.00pm	Regina Laffan, Charleton Hill. Months Mind
Mon 16th Mar	8.00am	John Moriarty, Late of Pinehurst, Mount Elliott. Anniversary
	10.00am	Mary Elizabeth Culleton, St. Joseph's Sq. & Glenmore. 1st Anniversary
Vigil	6.00pm	Kevin Manley & Nicky Murphy, Abbey View, Irishtown. Anniversaries
Tues 17th Mar	8.00am	Bridie & John Kearney, Mayo. Anniversaries
St.	9.00am	James & Catherine Kennedy. Anniversaries
Patricks	10.00am	Marcella Meehan, Charleton Hill 17th Anniversary
Day 	12.00pm	Thomas & Anne Dignam & their grandsons Noel & Damien, Carnew Anniversaries
Wed 18th Mar	8.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish.
	10.00am	Mary & Brian Fortune, Shanbough. Anniversaries
Thurs 19th Mar	8.00am	Friends of Mount Carmel.
	10.00am	Nellie Kelly, Bewley Street. Anniversary
Fri 20th Mar	8.00am	Kathleen Kehoe, Newbawn. Anniversary
	10.00am	Mary Power, Church Lane. Anniversary
Sat 21st Mar	8.00am	Patrick Molloy & Trixie Molloy, (nee Gahan), Mountgarrett. 20th & 11th Anniversaries
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association.

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

Our Lady's (Left) Special Intentions	Altar (Centre) Michael Brown	St. Joseph's (Right) Special Intentions
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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Ex 17:3-7. Ps 94:1-2 6-9, 22, R/ v 8. RM 5:1-2, 5-8. JN 4:5-42.

**Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish**  
Sunday 8th March 2020 — Envelopes No.133  
Amount: € 1,696.45 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. Please make all cheques payable to **St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.**

**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.

**New Ross Polish Retreat 2020**  
Monday 23rd March @ 6.30pm Located in the Parish Church .

**Fr. Pat Byrne SVD**  
Fr Pat Byrne will be speaking at all Masses this week-end to share with us the missionary activities of the Divine Word Missionaries

**KENNEDY COLLEGE**  
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2020 @10 AM  
PLC COURSES  
INFORMATION DAY  
Contact kennedycollege@wwetb.ie  
Or Phone (051) 421278

**NEW ROSS SINGERS**  
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ROSBERCON SUNDAY 22ND MARCH @ 7.30PM  
**HAS BEEN POSTPOSED**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** 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 Kieran & Kathleen Moloney, Mount Elliott, Kathleen Northy, Abbey View, Marian Duggan, Mount Carmel, Michael Brown, Chaple Lane, Molly Mc Longlin, Haughton Place, Martin & Nancy Mernagh, Harvey Place, Sr. Mary Malone, Late of Tower Grove, Annie & Billy Kehoe, Charleton Hill 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.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & PARISH INFORMATION.....

**Lenten Stations Of The Cross:** Every Friday during Lent @ 7.30pm in the Parish Church.

**Thursday 12th March:** Parish Church Ceremony of Light for Preparation for Confirmation @ 7.30pm

**St. Patrick Day 17th March:** Masses @ 6.00pm Vigil, 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00pm. Parish Office Closed.

**Sunday 29th March:** First Communion Programme Mass@ 10.00am

**Sunday 5th April:** Palm Sunday

**Monday 6th April:** Penitential Service @ 7.30pm

**Tuesday 7th April:** Chrism Mass, St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy @ 8.00pm

**Holy Thursday 9th April:** Mass of The Lords Supper @ 7.30pm, Mount Carmel and Parish Church, No 8.00am or 10.00am Holy Masses. Adoration @ 8.00pm.

**Good Friday 10th April:** Ceremonies of The Lords Passion @ 3.00pm, Mount Carmel and Parish Church, No 8.00am or 10.00am Holy Masses. **Parish Office Closed.**

**Easter Saturday 11th April:** Holy Masses @ 9.00pm Parish Church and Mount Carmel. No 8.00am or 10.00am Holy Masses and 6.00pm Vigil Mass.

**Easter Sunday 12th April:** Holy Masses as usual.

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

**Divine Mercy Sunday 19th April:** Holy Masses as usual with Devotions @ 3.00pm

**Confessions:** Saturdays after 10.00am 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. **New Adorers needed, Contact Parish Office for details.**

**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 5 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 weekly in Parish Office @ €2 each.

**Taizé Prayer Service:** 1st & 3rd Friday of every month 8.00pm—9.00pm In Good Counsel College Church, New Ross. Lenten Prayer every Friday 8.00pm-9.00pm

**Sunday School:** Every Sunday @ 10.00am Holy Mass. All Welcome



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.



**New Ross Drama Festival**

New Ross Drama Festival continues this week with some excellent plays performing on stage in St Michael's Theatre. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> sees Wexford Drama Group perform "Closer" by Patrick Marber. Jim Nolan's "The Salvage Shop" and "Dreamland" perform on Wednesday and Thursday with the classic "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" ending our Festival on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. Box Office at St Michael's Theatre. (051) 421255 Nightly Tickets €10 with Students Half Price.

**The New Ross and District Pipe Band**

The New Ross and District Pipe Band are once again returning to St. Michael's Theatre with their very popular 'Celtic Weave' show on Saturday 28th March. The Celtic Weave show brings together the sound of the bagpipe and percussion with a mix of modern instruments including acoustic and electric guitar, bass guitar, piano and keyboards well as singers and dancers and traditional Irish musical instruments. This year's show will feature a number of guest artistes including Keith Flanagan, Kerrie Campbell, the Cumas Ceili band, Paul Comiskey, Des O'Callaghan, Seamus Power, Adrian Dillon, and Arthur O'Sullivan.

**A PRAYER IN THE TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS**

By Fr. Brian Grogan S.J.  
Dear God, in 1879 the Apparition at Knock gave hope and courage to the people of Ireland in difficult times.  
We ask that Our Lady may now protect your beloved people from the Corona Virus.  
May its victims be strengthened by the spiritual support of the Christian community and restored soon to full health.  
We also pray for the medical personnel who deal with the virus.  
This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen.  
*Our Lady of Knock pray for us.  
St. Joseph pray for us.  
St. John the Evangelist pray for us. Amen*

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS**