

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. Holy Mass Cards (signed) are also available in Cooney's & Ryan's Funeral Homes.



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Date	Time	Intention	
Sat 25th April	6.00 pm	Nick Grace, Irishtown Ger O'Connor, Meadowview, Barrett's Park	6th Anniversary 2nd Anniversary
Sun 26th April	10.00 am	Jackie & Kitty Kehoe, Brendan McNamara & Jim Brewer, Irishtown Kathleen Delaney, Bawnmore Bridget Roche, Bosheen Patrick Cullen, Stafford, UK & Chrissie Malone, Riverview	Anniversaries Anniversary 11th Anniversary Months Minds
Mon 27th April	10.00 am	Catherine Bradley, Pondfields Peter & Annaleen Connolly, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan	Anniversary Anniversaries
Tues 28th April	10.00 am	Mai Murphy, Alcaster, Birmingham, UK Anne & Thomas Hamilton, Ard Na Greine Ramona Cleere, Milton Keynes, UK	Recently Deceased Anniversaries Recently Deceased
Wed 29th April	10.00 am	Mass for People of the Parish Annie Kearney & Patrick Doyle	Anniversary
Thurs 30th April	10.00 am	Kieran O'Reilly, Mount Carmel Sheila Doyle, Chambersland	Anniversary Anniversary
Fri 1st May	10.00 am	Theresa (Tessie) & Michael Walsh, Charleton Hill Tom Murphy, Upper William Street	Anniversaries Anniversary
Sat 2nd May	10.00 am	Parish Mass Association	

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

Our Lady's
(Left)
Available

Altar
(Centre)
Available

St. Joseph's
(Right)
Available

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 2:14, 36-41. Ps 22:1-6, R/ v1. 1 Pt 2:20-25. Jn 10:1-10.

**RADIO MASS 104.7FM MASS & LIVE
STREAM ON PARISH WEBSITE.**

To all the boys and girls preparing for their **First Confessions & Holy Communion** this year, we the Priests' of the Parish are keeping you in our prayers & we look forward to celebrating with you sometime in the future. In the meantime we invite the parents / guardians, boys & girls to tune into our live streaming mass each Sunday @ 10.00am



Mass Bookings: On Friday the 1st of May we will be taking Mass Bookings up to and including **October 2020**.

NOTICE:

Parish Office is open from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm
Thursdays and Fridays for Mass Card's and
Mass Bookings ONLY.

All other service's are available via. Tel: 051
421348 and Email: info@newrossparish.ie.

Card Payments are preferable for transactions
and COVID 19 Restrictions MUST be adhered
to. THANK YOU.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We remember in our prayers Catherine Hickey (nee Whelan), The Rower, Co. Kilkenny & Dean O'Neill, Long Meadows, New Ross, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember Walter Browne, Irishtown (2nd Anniversary) 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.

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.

PARISH INFORMATION.....

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

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

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.

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

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. **Email request only for the interim.**

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: We take this opportunity to renew our gratitude to all who generously contribute financially to the upkeep of the parish and the support of the priests. During this unique period when normal services are not possible, we suggest that weekly envelopes can be deposited in the letter box at the parish Office. Contributions for the support of the priests maybe placed in a normal envelope and deposited in the same post box. Please make all cheques payable to **St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross. Total for Weekend 18th / 19th April @ € 1513.00 (110 No. Envelopes). Thank you for the support.**

RTE: Televised Mass @ 10.30 am every weekday.

Radio Maria: An Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free – Listen via TV on **Saorview** - Channel 210 and **Freeview** - Channel 826; Download our FREE APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via PHONE – get live radio feed by telephoning +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Rosary Live @ 9.00pm. Please join our growing faith family!

EASTER AND THE RESURRECTION.....HAVE I MISSED IT AGAIN?

The small intimate band of Jesus' followers certainly missed it in the immediate aftermath of the Resurrection. Earlier they asked Jesus "We have left everything to follow You. What then will there be for us?" (Matt 19:27) Now their world had crumbled before their eyes. The two on the road to Emmaus summed up the group's despair with the devastating statement "We had hoped." (Luke 24:13-35)

What they had mistakenly hoped for – some level of political power in a temporal Kingdom – never featured in Jesus' plans. He made it abundantly clear from the start – "My Kingdom is not of this world" (John 18: 36). They were never on His wavelength.

We can make the same mistake. To avoid that error, we could learn a lot from a very human incident earlier in Jesus' life (John 4:5-26). Tired from walking the dusty roads He sat down at a well. When a local woman came to collect water, He amazed her by asking her for a drink. He further surprised her by offering her another type of water ("LIVING WATER") that would take away her spiritual thirst - what natural water did for her physical thirst.

It took her a while to get onto His wavelength. He was gently telling her that the part He wished to play in her life would be on a much deeper, personal, spiritual level that any human relationship she had experienced to date. "If you only knew what God is offering" (v 10). The contrast Jesus draws between TWO WATERS in her life is equally relevant in ours. He was leading her from the importance of NATURAL WATER in her life to the centrality of LIVING WATER in her friendship with God.

Our efforts to live decent Christian lives can be likened to NATURAL WATER. Our prayers, worship, devotions, rituals and religious practices of all sorts are as important in our spiritual lives as water is to our human lives. THE DANGER IS THAT WE CAN MAKE THEM AN END IN THEMSELVES. THEY and I can become the centre of my religion. I can LOVE my devotions above all things!

The LIVING WATER that Jesus is offering is a relationship with Him that flows to us through our devotions. For example, rather than saying "I LOVE the Rosary", I should say "I love God THROUGH the Rosary" or rather than "I LOVE the liturgy" – "I love God THROUGH the liturgy". Devotions and liturgies are the SCAFFOLDING that leads to personal friendship with Jesus. The disaster is most of us cling to the SCAFFOLDING and seldom or never PERSONALLY MEET THE REAL PERSON, who is of course the reason and THE END of the project.

RESURRECTION at Easter makes that personal relationship with the Risen Lord possible. He is no longer confined by space or time. He is available to each of us as a real, live, fascinating person. St. Augustine said our hearts are made for Him and they will never rest until they rest in Him. Pope Francis in his letter THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL writes "the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who have MET Jesus.... I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ...no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord"

When we get to KNOW Jesus (rather than know ABOUT Him) then we will absorb His mind and His values and live by His standards. We will live by His LAW OF LOVE rather than be lessened by an over emphasis on LOVE OF THE LAW, which sadly we have often treated as an end in itself. The freedom to live and love as He did is what Easter and the Resurrection bring to our lives. Every time I succeed in overcoming some weakness is a mini resurrection because His Resurrection and Risen presence makes that success possible.

Easter and Resurrection is for every day. That is what is offered to us again this year and always.

"If you only knew what God is offering" (John 4:10)

It would be a shame to miss it again!

Monsignor Joseph Mc Grath