






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 9th May 2020	6.00pm	Billy O'Connor, Lower Southknock	1st Anniversary
Sun 10th May	10.00am	Carmel Hunt, Pondfields Nancy Byrne, Cross Street Kathleen O'Connor, Mountross Special Intention "Expectant Mother"	3rd Anniversary 2nd Anniversary 1st Anniversary
Mon 11th May	10.00am	Imelda O'Rourke, Hewittsland Holy Souls	4th Anniversary
Tues 12th May	10.00am	Thomas Foley, Charleton Hill Larry Lyons, Longstone Drive, Irishtown	5th Anniversary Anniversary
Wed 13th May	10.00am	Mass for People of the Parish Bernard McGovern, Dublin	Recently Deceased
Thurs 14th May	10.00am	Sr. Philomena Kilcommons, Mount Carmel, Loughrea, Galway Thomas Purcell, Kilbrahan	Recently Deceased
Fri 15th May	10.00am	Mary Bergin, Birr, Co. Offaly Martin Guy & Philomena Kehoe, New Ross	1st Anniversary Anniversaries
Sat 16th May	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember Paul Fitzpatrick, Newtown Commons 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.

Mass Bookings:

We are currently taking Mass Bookings up to an including October 2020.

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

Our Lady's (Left) Special Intentions	St. Joseph's (Right) Special Intentions	Altar (Centre) Special Intentions
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Ps 65:1-7, 20, R/ v 1. 1 Pt 3:15. Jn 14:15-21.



Holy Hour:

This Tuesday evening 5th of May from 6 to 7PM with Prayer Reflections & Reflective Music concluding with Benediction. Please join us live stream on our website or tune in on Radio 104.7FM.

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.

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.

Certificate Requests: Certificate fees at €5 each. Photographic ID is required for the candidate including 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: 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 2nd / 3rd May @ € 1320.60 (115 No. Envelopes). Thank you for the support.

Easter 5A/20



Just over 60 years ago Frank Sinatra recorded a song that was to become his signature tune..... With the very simple title "MY WAY".

If Jesus was seeking an anthem to launch today's Gospel and His ministry, He would most likely choose the same song and He would certainly agree with the last line. With the music reaching a deafening crescendo, Sinatra belts out the words "I DID IT MY WAY"

Jesus made 7 famous "I AM" statements during His short preaching life - they revealed His ministry/who He was and what He was about.

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE
I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
I AM THE GATE OF THE SHEEPFOLD
I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD
I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE
I AM THE VINE"

Continued.....

And the 7th one today neatly ties them all up when He says

"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE."

Our lives on earth are bookended by birth and death. The two dates are separated by a DASH. That DASH represents the journey of life. It is not laid out before us; it is created by every step we take, every decision we make. Choices are a daily challenge. Getting lost is always a possibility; it is very likely to happen if we don't know where we are going.

Thomas asked Jesus "HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?"

In answering Jesus didn't say "I KNOW THE WAY" or "I WILL SHOW THE WAY" or "I HAVE A WAY". He said very clearly "I AM THE WAY". He further emphasises the fact by adding "NO ONE CAN COME TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME."

Only when we are united with HIM can we reach our destination which is union with the Father in heaven. Our God is not the distant, impersonal god of the Greeks. Our God has made Himself known in the person of Jesus. "IF YOU KNOW ME YOU KNOW THE FATHER TOO" Personal friendship with Jesus in life means we make the journey with Him, Who will guide us to our true destination – the true purpose of life – eternal life.

James Thurber, an American writer said:



"ALL MEN SHOULD LEARN BEFORE THEY DIE WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO, FROM WHERE AND WHY"

JESUS IS THE TRUTH. He speaks only the truth. Pilate asked Him "WHAT IS TRUTH?" For us it is not some abstract notion. It is not a theory. It is a person- truth living in the person of Jesus. He is the full truth about God and about humanity. God used Jesus to reveal Himself to us.

"JESUS IS THE LIFE." St. John began his Gospel with the statement:

"ALL CAME TO LIFE THROUGH HIM" That is the basis for our strong belief that all human life is sacred from conception to death and beyond. Our lives from birth to death – the DASH - will only be fully lived if we live them with Him- with minds like His, hearts like His, words like His, actions like His. Life is His gift. Living it fully shows gratitude to the giver. God's glory is shown in the human being fully alive. That answers the three life questions posed by Thurber above:-

"FROM WHERE? WHERE TO? And WHY?"

It is not all plain sailing. He didn't give all the answers. He looks to our faith in difficult time that we will make choices in line with His teaching. Sinatra's song details a life of good and bad decisions, the regrets, laughs, tears, losses, doubts – mirroring our own lives. But in the end faithful to his beliefs and principles:-

"FOR WHAT IS A MAN, WHAT HAS HE GOT,
IF NOT HIMSELF, THEN HE HAS NAUGHT,
NOT TO SAY THE THINGS HE TRULY FEELS
AND NOT THE WORDS OF ONE WHO KNEELS.
THE RECORD SHOWS I TOOK THE BLOWS
AND DID IT MY WAY.
MAY OUR WAY BE HIS (JESUS') WAY?"



Monsignor Joseph McGrath