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 Home.

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Date: Time: Intention:
Sat 9th May 2020 6.00pm Billy O’Connor, Lower Southknoke 1st Anniversary
Sun 10th May 10.00am Carmel Hunt, Pondfields 3rd Anniversary
Nancy Byrne, Cross Street 2nd Anniversary
Kathleen O’Connor, Moutroost 1st Anniversary
Special Intention "Expectant Mother"
Mon 11th May 10.00am Imelda O'Rourke, Hewittsland Holy Souls 4th Anniversary
Tues 12th May 10.00am Thomas Foley, Charlton 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, Kilibrhan 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
Martin Guy & Philomena Kehoe, New Ross
Mary Bergin, Birr, Co. Offaly
Thomas Purcell, Kilibrhan

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 and including October 2020.

Mass Bookings:

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

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: Marín 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

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

I HAVE A WAY.

When questioned by the Jewish leaders regarding their religion, the twelve apostles who followed Jesus asked, “What are you going to do?” Jesus responded, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

Jesus’ statement is one of the few that includes the “I” pronoun. In other words, “I” AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.

They had heard many times about the “way” of Moses, the “truth” of Moses, and the “life” of Moses. But Jesus said, “I” AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.

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 booked out 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, 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 times 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