

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

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Date	Time	Intention	
Sat 16th May 2020	6.00pm	Special Intention Patrick Merrigan, The Bungalows, Cross Street	Anniversary
Sun 17th May	10.00am	Bill & May Colman, Old Post Office Lane Liam Bruen, Dundalk, Co. Louth Nicky Doyle, Charleton Hill Una Freeman, Chapel Lane	Anniversaries Anniversary 1st Anniversary Remembrance
Mon 18th May	10.00am	Special Intention Paula Leahy, Ard Mhicil	Carmelites Birthday Remembrance
Tues 19th May	10.00am	Friends of Mount Carmel Nicholas Ryan, Mersheen	Carmelites Recently Deceased
Wed 20th May	10.00am	Mass for People of the Parish Dick & Elsie Hanrahan, North Street	Anniversaries
Thurs 21st May	10.00am	Fr. John McNamara, Carmelites, Derry Special Intentions	Recently Deceased
Fri 22nd May	10.00am	Fr. Stan Callanan, Clarendon Street Dublin & Galway Aisling Dolan, Stephens Court	Recently Deceased 2nd Anniversary
Sat 23rd May	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Marie Brennan (nee Kelly) "Shalom", Mountgarrett, Willie Reeves, Mount Carmel & Philip McGrath, Late of Cross Street & UK, who have passed away recently. May They Rest In Peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember Margaret Hickey (nee Cleere), The Maudlins 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.

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 services are available via. Tel: 051 421348 and Email: info@newrossparish.ie. Card Payments are preferable for transactions.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts: 1:1-11. Ps 46:2-3, 6-9, R/ v 6. Eph 1:17-23. Mt 28:16-20



Holy Hour:

Tuesday evenings 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.



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

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: Due to the Covid19 on-going restrictions New Ross Bethany Bereavement Support Group are unable to provide our Drop-In Service, or hold any face to face meetings at present. We are however, continuing our telephone service. If you need support at this time please do not hesitate to call us on 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 be deposited in the letter box at the parish Office. Alternatively you can donate to our Parish via. "The Big Pink Donate Button" as per below sample, on the Ferns Diocesan Website. 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 9th / 10th May @ € 1412.00 (104 No. Envelopes). Thank you for the support.

✠ **DIOCESE OF FERNS**

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PATRON'S CANCELLED

PRAYER SERVICE SUBSTITUTE SUNDAY 28TH JUNE AFTER 10.00AM MASS VIA. LIVE STREAM ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE OR RADIO 104.7FM. DUE TO COVID 19TH RESTRICTIONS IT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IN THE GRAVEYARDS.

A NEW 'NORMAL' IS LOOMING!

Henry Ford is quoted as saying "if you continue to do what you have always done, you will continue to get what you have always got". It is unlikely that "to continue what we have always done" will be an option from now on. Major changes in social and personal behaviours and relationships will emerge as a result of the devastating effects of this pandemic.

Our Church is no different. Like the rest of the world, Church routines have been knocked off track since the week- end of March 14th. The Confirmation season should be in full swing since that date and the month of May should be ushering in the happy weeks of First Confession and Holy Communion.

It is now certain that the traditional celebration of these Sacraments will not be possible this year; such large gatherings in Churches will not be allowed for the foreseeable future. However, without playing down the horrendous effects of Covid 19 or denying the resulting loss of life, this very dark cloud of sickness is showing a slight sign of a silver lining. People are slowly realising that life as we were living it, was not all that wholesome; that in recent years it was developing very materialistic, self-centred tendencies, where care and concern for "the other" were fast disappearing from our culture. Where the individual is ignored and the richer and more powerful hold sway, God is easily forgotten.

Thankfully we are seeing a new acceptance of our inter-dependence, no matter what our state or standing is. Voluntary work maybe getting a new lease of life. Are we realising we are dependent too on a power greater than ourselves?, I hope so. Our Church too has to look at its own practices and acknowledge if and where they have deviated from their real function - the promotion of love of God and service of "the other".

Where better to start than with the celebration of the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. Many have been uncomfortable for sometime with the way these celebrations have developed. Without going into the detail of the well-recorded excesses and lavish expenses involved, it is true, like society, we too have to roll back and re-discover the true meaning and function of the Sacraments in our lives. Proper and realistic celebrating of these important days in the lives of the children and their families is to be encouraged but we must always ask the questions and remind ourselves ...WHY? and WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING?.. and the answer must always be central in our thoughts.

The children are taking another step on their Christian journey as followers of Christ and members of His Church; that at all stages of their lives their friendship with Him would be central and would colour and influence their thoughts and actions. To do that He adds to the power He gave them in Baptism by coming to them personally in Holy Communion and by sending the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, He equips them with all the gifts needed to live as close and active members of His family. When failure occurs, He is there in Confession with His power to launch a new beginning. Could we ever have more reason to celebrate?

That notion is more easily communicated in more personal, smaller and simpler ceremonies. A packed and sometime noisy Church is not the most conducive atmosphere in which to get across to children and families that central message. There is ample evidence that that message is soon side-lined in the subsequent lives of many. Henry Ford might well remind us:- "if you continue to do what you have always done, you will continue to get what you have always got."

Obviously social distancing and number restrictions were not imposed with First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation in mind. Hopefully in a strange way, they will fulfil a purpose for which they were never intended – to compel us to take stock of our practices in these areas so that we might get an outcome different from what we have got to date!

Monsignor Joseph Mc Grath

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.