

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

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Date	Time	Intention	
Sat 30th May 2020	6.00pm	Johnny St. Ledger, William Street. Helena Rochford (nee Grace) The Bullawn & her grandson Kerrin Repman who passed away recently in the UK.	Anniversary 1st Anniversary
Sun 31st May	10.00am	Michael & Julia Lee, Church Street. Margaret & Thomas Howlett, Camblin. John & Mai Fogarty, Mary Street.	Anniversaries Anniversaries Anniversary
Mon 1st June	10.00am	Garry & Margaret Maher, Lower Southknock. James & Mary Ryan, Ard na Greine.	Anniversaries Anniversaries
Tues 2nd June	10.00am	The Carroll Family, Manchester. Breda O'Bryne, Mons Terrace, The Bullawn	Anniversaries 5th Anniversary
Wed 3rd June	10.00am	Mass for People of the Parish The Fottrell & Cody Family, Newross.	Anniversaries
Thurs 4th June	10.00am	Stella Furness, Chelmsford, Essex, UK Cian Lennon, Mount Carmel.	Recently Deceased 20th Birthday Remembrance
Fri 5th June	10.00am	William Kehoe, Charleton Hill. Sylvie & Annie Furlong, Oldcourt, Ballykelly.	Anniversary Anniversaries
Sat 6th June	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

Mass Bookings: From Tuesday 2nd June we will be taking Mass Bookings up to and including November 2020

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember Lena & Jim Connolly, late of Church Lane, (11th Anniversary), Debbie Fitzgibbon, Chambersland (4th 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.

Recommencement of Public Masses: COVID 19 has upset every aspect of society and our daily lives, causing unemployment, anxiety, sickness and death. We are living through the greatest disruption to life in living memory. We must be careful to acknowledge and empathise with the real pain being suffered by so many people. In dealing with our present situation, the cancellation of Public Masses is a major disappointment to many in our community. Sadly it is expected that such will remain the case until late July. In light of the guidelines concerning public gatherings and social distancing that will remain place after the lockdown is lifted, the preparation of the Church for public Masses will be a major undertaking. The Irish Bishops have just circulated a draft document to guide that preparation - it contains 85 directives. Clearly re-opening the Church for public Masses will be a huge undertaking. Attendance at Mass will be a different experience from now on. The co-operation of all in meeting the new demands is requested. We hope to form a team of parishioners to assist. Please see this notice as an invitation to be involved. The Parish Office will take names of those willing to be part of the re-opening planning. In the meantime stay safe.

Monsignor Joseph McGrath

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.

Next Weeks Readings: 9TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Tm 4:1-8. Ps 70: 8-9, 14-17, 22, R/ cf v 15. Mk 12: 38-44.

Sanctuary Lamps

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

Our Lady's (Left): Special Intention

Altar (Centre): Special Intention

St. Joseph's (Right): Available

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.

PATRON'S 2020 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.

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: 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 23rd/24th May @ € 1881.00 (81 No. Envelopes). Thank you for the support.



FROM....DISCIPLES....TO....APOSTLES

On Ascension Day Jesus gathered His close friends on a mountain and spectacularly departed from them, leaving them in a state of shock. Some of them still harboured

the hope that He would at last lead the country into political freedom from the power of the Roman Empire.

Instead He informed them that He was leaving to go back to His Father. He was telling them that their apprenticeship was over. Up to this point they had been His DISCIPLES – novices, students, listening and learning and absorbing His message and way of life. So in a word He was saying to them- 'OVER TO YOU NOW'.

From this point on they were to be His APOSTLES – people sent out, in Jesus' own words " to make DISCIPLES of all nations" He had provided them with the blueprint at the Last Supper when He said "I have given you an example, that you should do what I have done".

He appreciated this took them by surprise so He assured them that He would not leave them orphans; that He would be with them always. He would send them the Holy Spirit to guide and empower them in their work. And that coming of the Holy Spirit is what we celebrate today- PENTECOST SUNDAY.

And what an effect that coming had on them. From hiding in a room for fear of the Jews, they burst out into the street to proclaim the Good News. They were men and women totally transformed by a power beyond imagination. They realised they were not on their own. They may not have put words on but they became aware of a powerful presence with them. As the prayer says: "COME HOLY SPIRIT, FILLS THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL AND ENKINDLE IN THEM THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE."

The pattern of their lives is the blueprint for ours. Every baptised Christian since has the same vocation and follows a similar path.

We start as DISCIPLES of Jesus Christ- novices, students, listening, learning, absorbing His message and way of life.

Then as APOSTLES we are asked to put what we have learned into practice by a combination of worship and service. Again Jesus is the model. At the Last Supper He PRAYED with His friends and then WASHED their feet. As APOSTLES we are asked "to goand make DISCIPLES" of those we meet, so that they in turn will become APOSTLES. The Power of the first Pentecost is ours in our efforts.

These weeks should have been weeks of many 'Pentecost's' for the Confirmation children. Their day for becoming young apostles will be celebrated soon too.

The question I ask myself today is: - AM I A DISCIPLE or AM I AN APOSTLE?

Have I remained a DISCIPLE—knowing a certain amount about my religion, fairly faithful to Church regulations without any of them impinging too much on how I think or act; attending but not belonging; supporting but not involved.

Sadly that pattern of Christians living will never attract anyone to the ranks.

The APOSTLE on the other hand has to INTERNALISE his/her faith. Faith here is a commitment to and a personal relationship with a PERSON. The Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit invites us and everyone else into their family to share their love and be strengthened by their power. We in turn see God in those we meet each day and bring His love, compassion and mercy to life in their lives. The true APOSTLE is a WITNESS to the Good News and not just a PREACHER. The witness has experienced personally God's love and compassion and can't resist the urge to share it with others. St. Paul said "I LIVE, NOW NOT I BUT CHRIST LIVES WITHIN ME". He knew Jesus so personally that his whole life mirrored that of Jesus.

The preacher speaks from the head. The witness speaks from the heart. Witnesses attract!

There is a world of difference between the influence of an APOSTLE/ WITNESS and that of DISCIPLE/PREACHER as the following will show:

A preacher was asked at a village fair by a small old man to recite Psalm 23- THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD. He agreed to do so on condition that the old man would recite it after him. So the preacher recited the whole Psalm flawlessly in a booming voice and with great dramatics. The audience burst into loud applause. Then it was the old man's turn. When he finished there was absolute silence. The audience was speechless and in tears. The preacher put his arms around the old man and said to the crowd "I know the psalm but this man knows the shepherd".

When we know THE SHEPHERD, then we will attract others to follow Him. Have I remained a DISCIPLE or am I trying to be an APOSTLE?

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