

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 | |
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| Sat 2nd May 2020 | 6.00pm | Special Intentions Arron Phillpot, Cluain Fada | 1st Anniversary |
| Sun 3rd May | 10.00am | Special Intention Jimmy Martin Ard Na Greine Whitty Family, Camblin | Birthday Remembrance Anniversaries |
| Mon 4th May | 10.00am | Special Intention "Expectant Mother" Seamus Burke, Chambersland | 11th Anniversary |
| Tues 5th May | 10.00am | James & Catherine Walsh & Family, Bewley Street Stephen O'Gorman, Charleton Hill | Anniversaries Anniversary |
| Wed 6th May | 10.00am | Mass for People of the Parish Margaret Fleming, Shambough | Anniversary |
| Thurs 7th May | 10.00am | North Family, Abbeyview, New Ross | Anniversary |
| Fri 8th May | 10.00am | Ciss & John Wall, Late of Charleton Hill | Anniversary |
| Sat 9th May | 10.00am | Parish Mass Association | |

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: We remember in our prayers Patricia (Patsy) O'Neill (nee O'Callaghan), Charleton Hill who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember Albert Carino & John Dreelan, New Ross 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.

Gardaí Operation "Faoisimh"

protect against domestic
abuse during Covid-19 crisis
1800 341 900



COVID-19 Support Line for

Older People

0818 222 024.



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.

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

Our Lady's
(Left)
Arron Phillpot

Altar
(Centre)
Available

St. Joseph's
(Right)
Available

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6: 1-7. Ps 32: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19, R/ v 22. 1 Pt 2: 4-9.
Jn 14: 1-12.

† DIOCESE OF FERNS

NOTICE

In response to requests from some parishes and parishioners of the Diocese of Ferns, an electronic DONATE facility has been introduced on the diocesan website - www.ferns.ie. The facility on the diocesan website - entered through the pink DONATE button at the top of the opening page - includes the names of curacies and parishes of the Diocese which are participating.



Parishioners can chose their curacy or parish, make one off or regular weekly payments and a balance sheet and financial transfer, will be forwarded on a scheduled basis, to the local parishes.

THE FACILITY IS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE PARISH (insurance, maintenance, light, heat etc.) IT IS NOT FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE PRIEST. No facility has been introduced centrally to deal with this matter.

The Diocese is aware that many individuals may chose to make their own arrangements, putting aside monies for the support of the local parish and priest, where their finances still permit. The

Diocese is also conscious of the current vulnerability of the finances of virtually all sectors of society. In the midst of financial distress for many, we recognise that financial contributions to church are secondary to the needs of parishioners.
THANK YOU.

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: The Parish Finance Committee gratefully acknowledges receipt of Weekly Envelopes towards Parish running costs. Fr. Tom and myself also wish to acknowledge with thanks contributions to the Priests' Income Account. All are greatly appreciated. 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 25h / 26th April @ € 1182.00 (85 No. Envelopes). Thank you for the support.

Irish Chaplaincy offers contact service for anyone in Ireland with concerns about vulnerable older family or friends isolated in London.

The Irish Chaplaincy in London is a registered charity which provides an outreach service to three main groups: elderly Irish people (the Seniors' Project); prisoners and to Travellers. At this challenging time caused by COVID-19 social restrictions, the Chaplaincy is offering support to anyone in Ireland with concerns about an older family member or friend living in London. On their behalf the Chaplaincy can make direct contact with vulnerable older Irish living but isolated in London. The Chaplaincy is also a link to services and community groups on the ground local to where a person is living in London. This is a free service and contact can be made to the Chaplaincy from Ireland by post: PO BOX 75693 London NW1W 7ZT; by email seniors@irishchaplaincy.org.uk and by phone [0044 \(0\) 20 7482 3274](tel:0044(0)2074823274). Please leave a message and a representative will contact you.

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.

VOCATION SUNDAY

EVERY CHRISTIAN has a vocation. The recently canonised Saint JOHN HENRY NEWMAN wrote: "God created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me, which He has not committed to another....I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught."

That is the privilege of every human being – created for a very select purpose by God, Our Creator. There are no menial tasks in God's eyes; all are vital to His purpose- that His glory be seen in the human being fully alive. A Christian's vocation therefore is "to go through the world changing water into wine" (Andrew Long).

"A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks/ a heart through which Christ loves/ a voice through which Christ speaks/a hand through which Christ helps." (John Galsworthy). We celebrate all vocations today and we ask God to help us to respect and acknowledge the essential contributions of every level of service to our world and to our communities. The present pandemic has brought into strong focus and awakened a renewed awareness of the variety and importance of such service.

Today we are asked to focus a little more on one such vocation – the vocation to the Priesthood and the Religious life. In our country today the most frequent comments on both centre on the age of the Clergy and the disappearance of Religious. We could depress ourselves by hankering back to times past when that was not the case. For example in living memory New Ross had four communities of Religious Sisters, one community of Brothers and an Augustinian community of Priests. Today those have been reduced to just two communities of Sisters. In the same period the parish has seen the number of priests go from four to two. St. Paul issued a warning to the Philippians, which we would be wise to take on board: "All I can say is that I forget the past and strain ahead for what is still to come." (Phil.3:14).

We must situate the search for such vocations within the reality of the Ireland of today. It is not possible here to detail the enormous changes in society that mitigate against young people offering themselves to the service of God. Rather than blame others, I offer one error made by the Church that has also contributed to such a fall-off.

It almost became official policy to value priests and religious in terms of WHAT THEY DID rather than WHO THEY WERE. In fact they themselves often defined themselves in terms of their work too, considered by themselves and others as functionaries. The importance of WHAT THEY DID in the areas of health, education and social care in a young Irish state with little or no resources, cannot be over- stated, though conveniently forgotten by many today.

Naturally enthusiastic, generous young people were attracted to the ranks of clergy and religious orders in a spirit of Christian service and sacrifice. It has to be acknowledged that not all served well but the vast majority gave themselves totally to the improvement of others. In time we have seen the State take over these services. The question then arose in many minds...WHY RELIGIOUS AT ALL? which forces us back to what should have been the picture presented of clergy and religious. THEN.....WHO ARE THEY?. They are men and women called to LIVE the Christian way of life in a very radical way. That life first and foremost (for every Christian) consists of a live, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. From that comes the urge to serve (the work). The freedom to serve comes from the freedom that personal friendship with God creates.

The function therefore of a religious community and a Presbytery is to be a light and a signpost on the road of Christian living; to walk with Christ's followers in the discovery and development of a personal and a community friendship with God. No one is on a pedestal here - all equally seeking, following different roles and all dependent on the other.

Our Diocesan prayer for Vocations puts it simply:- "GIVE THE MEN AND WOMEN YOU CALL THE LIGHT TO UNDERSTAND YOUR GIFT AND THE LOVE TO FOLLOW ALWAYS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF YOUR SON."

It is an exciting project for young generous people. But how will they know if no one tells them? They need people who openly WITNESS to their choice for Christ. Everything else follows from that. David Watson wrote: "IF WE WERE WILLING TO LEARN THE MEANING OF REAL DISCIPLESHIP AND ACTUALLY BECAME DISCIPLES, THE CHURCH WOULD BE TRANSFORMED AND THE RESULTANT IMPACT ON SOCIETY WOULD BE STAGGERING."

The Priestly and Religious life present that challenge and offer an Exciting goal for life. GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT.

Monsignor Joseph McGrath

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.