

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 20th June 2020	6.00pm	Special Intentions. Jack Moran, Mary Street.	Get Well 1st Anniversary
Sun 21st June	10.00am	Paddy Murphy, Ballyrue. Jimmy Martin, Árd na Gréine. Kathleen Devereux, Begerin loftus.	Anniversary Remembrance 1st Anniversary
Mon 22nd June	10.00am	Patrick & Mary Bennett, Formerly Irishtown. Matthew & Bridget (Bridie) Cahill, Ard Mhicil.	11th & 13th Anniversaries Anniversaries
Tues 23rd June	10.00am	Special Intentions. Ned & Mona Walsh, William Street.	Ordination Anniversary Anniversaries
Wed 24th June	10.00am	Mass for People of the Parish. Rose & Danny Murphy, JKL Place.	Anniversary
Thurs 25th June	10.00am	Chrissie Beel, Riverview. Pat Annie and Eamonn Dunne, Upper Mary Street.	Birthday Remembrance Anniversary
Fri 26th June	10.00am	Murt Mernagh, The Maudlins. Aaron Lennane, Irishtown & Salisbury (UK).	1st Anniversary Anniversary
Sat 27th June	10.00am	Parish Mass Association.	

MASS BOOKINGS: We are now taking Mass Bookings up to and including November 2020

RECENTLY DECEASED: We remember in our prayers Peggy Gunning, Castlejordan, Co Westmeath. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember Lar Ronan, Bewley Street, Jim Merrigan, The Bullawn (1st Anniversary) Patrick (Paddy) Henneberry, William Street, Reena & Joe Mc Gowan, Wexford and Tom Byrne, Bahana, St. Mullins (1st Anniversary) whose anniversaries 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. Thank You.

HOLY HOUR

Tuesday evenings from 6PM 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.

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Holy Days of Obligation

Please Follow HSE Guidelines & Stay Safe

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions

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

Our Lady's (Left):

Available

Altar (Centre):

Available

St. Joseph's (Right):

Available

Next Weeks Readings:

12TH WEEK IN
ORDINARY TIME
*St Cyril of Alexandria,
Bishop and doctor of the
Church*
Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19. Ps 73:
1-7, 20-21, R/ v 19. Mt 8: 5-17.

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 13th/14th June
@ € 735.70 (83 No. Envelopes).
Thank you for the support.

† **DIocese OF FERNs**



FROM COCOONS TO BUTTERFLIES



TRANSFORMING / ADJUSTING will be the central activity of our new world as we gradually emerge to live for the foreseeable future with COVID 19 .

LIVING- working, playing, schooling, travelling, earning, relating will be different.

WORSHIPPING too will experience change. Our Parish has begun planning that new future and thankfully the recommencement of public Masses. A team of volunteers has been formed to manage implementing the guidelines governing indoor gatherings- with invitations to others to join in the project. (Contact the parish Office).

The first visible change will be the display of SIGNAGE both outside and inside the Church. These signs will give clear directions as to **SEATING , SANITISING, SOCIAL DISTANCING** and **MOVEMENT**.

IT MUST BE STRESSED HERE THAT ALL THESE GUIDELINES ARE GOVERNMENT DIRECTIONS AND MUST BE ADHERED TO ON ALL OCCASIONS

The **CAPACITY** of the Church for Mass will be greatly reduced. Under the present 2 meter social distancing rule; numbers will be capped at around 150 for any one gathering. This will not be easily managed; a lot of flexibility and understanding on all our parts will be called for.

SEATING will be clearly signed to allow for social distancing in all directions- beside/in front/behind.

SEATING will also be indicated for family groups and couples. Congregations will be asked **TO SIT** at all times during ceremonies.

To avoid people exiting in one large movement at the end, **HOLY COMMUNION** will be distributed **AFTER MASSES**. This will allow for gradual emptying of the building.

All communicants will be asked to approach the Altar by the **CENTRE ISLE** , to fan out around the sanctuary as normal (observing social distancing) and return via the side isles.

Holy Communion can only be received in one hand.

Monsignor Joseph McGrath

COLLECTIONS:-

Collections will no longer be made by means of baskets passing through the seats during Masses Weekly envelope boxes will be distributed to parishioners shortly. An extra envelope is included this year to replace the first collection which is the priests' income.

COLLECTION BOXES are situated at the doors of the church. You are asked to place your envelopes or cash into the designated slots.

(We acknowledge and thank those who have generously continued to financially support the parish and the priests during this prolonged period of lockdown)

NEWSLETTER:- People are asked **NOT** to replace used Newsletters into the trays but to bring them home.

The Church building will be fully sanitised after every ceremony.

Further information on re-opening will be carried in the Newsletters each week.

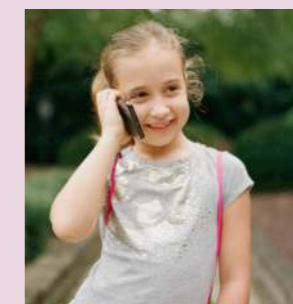
N.B People with symptoms should not attend and those nervous of attending should delay their return.

It has been a trying time for all. The shock of our **FREEDOM** being limited will hopefully deepen in us a greater appreciation of the many freedoms we take for granted. Our aim is to provide a safe and healthy environment in the Church for public worship and private prayer.

We all have our own responsibility to observe the guidelines at all times and in all places. The same applies when we enter the Church. With God's help and working together, we will come out of this pandemic healthy and with an even greater sense of community.

A young girl was talking by phone to her grandmother, who naturally was bemoaning the fact that she was cocooned. The child reminding her of what happens to cocoons, said **"JUST THINK OF THE BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY YOU WILL BE WHEN THIS IS OVER"**.

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.