






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

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Date	Time	Intention	Sanctuary Lamps Intentions
Sat 8th Aug	5.00pm		Available @ €10.00 per week. Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.
	6.00pm	Annie Reddy, Marsh Lane. Mary Browne (nee Buckley), Mountross.	Our Lady's (Left): Available
Sun 9th Aug	9.00am	Cathal & Eamon Mooney, Mountross.	Altar (Centre): Available
	10.00am	Maisie O'Sullivan, Charleton Hill. Tony & Claire O'Flynn, Pondfields.	St. Joseph's (Right): Available
	11.00am		
	12.00pm		
Mon 10th Aug	10.00am	Maurice & Josephine Kehoe, Ryleen. Michael Flemming, Chambersland.	<b>Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish:</b> 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 or at the allocated collection boxes at the main entrance of the Church.
Tues 11th Aug	10.00am	Friends of Mount Carmel William & Elizabeth Keating & their daughter Breda, Cracon.	<b>Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary &amp; St. Michael Parish Church</b> <b>New Ross.</b> Total for Weekend 1st/2nd August @ €1,390.30 (No. Envelopes). Thank you for the support.
Wed 12th Aug	10.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish. Thomas Cahill, Lower Michael St.	<b>DIOCESE OF FERNS</b> <b>DONATE</b>
Thur 13th Aug	10.00am	Mary Guy, Ard na Greine.	
Fri 14th Aug	10.00am	Eleanor O'Reilly, JKL & Eddie O'Reilly, Ballyanne. Pat Doyle, Old Charleton Hill.	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.00pm	Joe Colfer, South Street.	
Sat 15th Aug	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We remember in our prayers Philip Browne, Wexford & John Cullen, Pondfields who passed away recently. May They Rest in Peace.  
**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We remember the O'Brien Family, Trinity Place & Henry Nugent, Mc Murragh whose anniversaries occurs around this time.  
**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our Christian Community Ella May Dempsey, Michael Street & Caden Stewart Power, Irishtown who were baptised recently. For Baptism Bookings on the first Saturday of the month @ 1.00pm & third Sunday of the month @ 1.00pm ONLY (No Baptisms Mon to Fri), Please contact the Parish Office, a minimum of two weeks notice is required. Copy of Birth Certificates are required for the candidate. Photo ID also required for the person making / requesting the booking. A maximum of two candidates can be accommodated for booking. *SHOULD YOU WISH TO HAVE A SOMEONE INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE WITH THE DETAILS BY THE PREVIOUS WEDNESDAY BEFORE 2.00PM. THANK YOU*

First Confessions & First Holy Communions 2020		
Sacraments	Date	
	Confessions Wednesdays @ 7.00pm	Communions Saturdays @ 11.00am
Group 1	5th August	8th August
Group 2	12th August	15th August
Group 3	19th August	22nd August
Group 4	26th August	29th August

First Confessions & First Holy Communions will be celebrated on four weekends in August according to the following plan detailed below: For example: One class will meet in the Church on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of August @ 7.00PM for a shot session to refresh our minds on the importance of what we are about to receive. This will be followed by individual First Confession. First Holy Communion will be received by this class on the following Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of August @ 11.00am. The same pattern will be following for the other classes.  
**Programme of events in Church:**  
 We will be in contact with parents regarding preparations that can be made at home. Each child will be accompanied by four family members only (this number will be increased if restrictions are lifted). Seating will be allocated by lottery and social distancing arrangements must be strictly followed.

**PARISH OFFICE/SHOP**  
**CANDLES OF HOPE NOW AVAILABLE.**  
**WE ALSO HAVE MANY GIFTS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION**

**THE TWO ADDITIONAL MASSES - SATURDAY VIGIL @ 5.00PM SUNDAY @ 11.00AM WILL CONTINUE FOR THE MOMENT**

*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.....

**Next Weeks Readings:** NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1KG 19:9,11-13. Ps 84:9-14, R/ v 8. Rm 9:1-5. Mt 14:22-33.

**Lectio Divina:** Every Wednesday morning at 10.45am for one hour in the Legion of Mary Pastoral Centre, Robert St., New Ross.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Tuesday from 10.00am Mass to 9.00pm finishing with Solemn Benediction. Holy Hour @ 3.00pm followed by the Rosary.

**Legion of Mary:** Meetings every Wednesday evening in the Parish Pastoral Centre, Robert St., New Ross at 7.30pm. Contact Des & Marie on 051-420523. Rosary & Divine Mercy are recited every Friday @3.00pm on the Quay next to Dunbrody Centre.

**IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER:** On sale weekly in Parish Office @ €2 each.

**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.

**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.

**Pastoral Centres:** Legion of Mary & St. Michael's are available for bookings. Please contact the Parish Office.

**New Ross Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group:** Support is available from 6th August to all who are grieving or suffering loss of any kind. Contact No: 087-3846577. Their **Drop in Centre** is held in Legion of Mary Hall, 1st Thursday of every month, Between 11am and 12 noon.

**Confessions:** Saturdays after 10.00am Mass & before 6.00pm Mass. Mon — Fri on request after 10.00am Mass. Please notify the priest before Mass in the Sacristy.

**Mass Bookings:** We are now taking Mass bookings up to and including January 2021.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**TO ALL THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF MS.O'MAHONY & MS.FITZPATRICK CLASS WHO MADE THEIR FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST.**



**Confirmations 2020**  
 Parents Meeting & Confirmations will be celebrated on four weekends in September according to the following plan detailed below: For example: One class will meet in the Church on Wednesday the 2nd of September @ 7.00PM for a shot session to refresh our minds on the importance of what we are about to receive. Confirmations will be received by this class on the following Saturday the 5th of September @ 11.00am. The same pattern will be following for the other classes.  
**Programme of events in Church:**

Parents Meeting Wednesdays @ 7.00pm	Sacraments	
	Confirmation Saturdays @ 11.00am	Date
Ms Brazil	2nd Sept	5th Sept
Ms Foskin	9th Sept	12th Sept
Ms Whelan	16th Sept	19th Sept
Mr Ring	Mon 21st Sept	26th Sept

We will be in contact with parents regarding preparations that can be made at home. Each child will be accompanied by four family members only (this number will be increased if restrictions are lifted). Seating will be allocated by lottery and social distancing arrangements must be strictly followed.

## FIRST CONFESSION-----HOLY COMMUNION

**"ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER"**



*The absence of what we are used to often makes us long for it all the more.*

If you were to say that to our children this time last year regarding school, they would laugh at the idea. I'm not so sure they would dismiss it this July. Many have felt the loss of the routine of school days, the separation from and lack of daily contact with their friends and the excitement of changing class or graduation to

Secondary School. First Communion and Confirmation pupils have been deprived of two very important family and parish days in their lives. Hopefully the end of the long delay will make the events all the more exciting. That delay ended for one group with First Confession on Wednesday night last and First Communion this Saturday. Two more groups will celebrate these Sacraments over the next two Wednesdays and Saturdays.

There are SEVEN SACRAMENTS in our Church. They are gifts from God to help us through all the changes in our lives – growing up and growing old. We believe that GOD IS LOVE and He shows that love by coming to us with His help through these Sacraments. His first visit was in Baptism, when He invited us to be members of His Catholic family. As we grow we sometimes are not great family members- not as loving and kind as He wants us to be. CONFESSION is the way we say SORRY and God says "OK, LET'S START AGAIN AND I WILL HELP YOU TO DO THE BEST YOU CAN". The Priest is there simply to assure you that God hears, understands, loves and welcomes you home. In CONFESSION God shows us His LOVE by His FORGIVENESS.

In HOLY COMMUNION God shows us His LOVE by giving HIMSELF to us as food for our Souls so that we can be HIS close friends all through life. Jesus is our FOREVER FRIEND. He comes to us in Holy Communion to fill our hearts with His love, our minds with His light and our lives with His presence. The song says "YOU WILL NEVER WALK ALONE WHEN YOU WALK WITH GOD". That is an absolute fact; that is what makes First Communion Day so joyful and important. It really is the first day of the rest of the children's lives. As they grow in independence; as they continue to discover themselves as individuals with rights and obligations; as they face small and large choices, may the words of another song ring daily in their ears, hearing God saying "I'LL WALK BESIDE YOU THROUGH THE WORLD TODAY".

First Communion Day is not just for the children receiving Jesus for the first time. Scripture reminds us elders that often we are strengthened "out of the mouths of babies and infants". The children's innocence and acceptance is an opportunity for us to revisit our First, our recent and all our in-between Communion. May we all remember the 'FOUR Cs' in our Christian lives- the occasions when God comes to strengthen us:- CHRISTENING/CONFESSION/COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION

Pope St. Pius X is the Pope of First Holy Communion. He was Pope from 1903 to 1914. In those days Holy Communion was received for the first time at age 14. But about that time too it was becoming accepted that children reached the age of reason around 7 or 8. In light of this development, Pope Pius changed the law so that from 1904 onwards, First Confession and First Holy Communion could be received by children upon reaching the age of 7.

He believed that Holy Communion was the shortest and surest way to Heaven. To revive our belief in the power of Holy Communion, we might well reflect on his statement:-  
**"IF THE ANGELS COULD ENVY US, THEY WOULD ENVY US FOR HAVING HOLY COMMUNION"**.

**LET US VALUE IT HERE ON EARTH, SO THAT WE WILL NOT BE SURPRISED IN HEAVEN!**  
*Monsignor Joseph McGrath*