






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

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PARISH INFORMATION.....

Next Weeks Readings: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 IS 55:1-3. Ps 144:8-9, 15-18, R/ v 16. Rm 8:35, 37-39. Mt 14:13-2.

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.

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.

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.

Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage 2020: Has been cancelled, except for the virtual events. Please see www.ourladyisland.ie website for further details.

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

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

First Confessions & First Holy Communions 2020

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 5th 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 8th of August @ 11.00am. The same pattern will be following for the other classes.

Programme of events in Church:

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

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.



MARTHA – FRIEND OF JESUS

We celebrated her feast day on Thursday of this week. While clearly she is a close friend of Jesus, she did not form part of the group of women who travelled with Him on His preaching trips. She was, however, at home to welcome Him whenever He was in the area of Bethany. Judging by the incident describing her brother's illness and death, she must have felt very much 'at home' with Jesus; she certainly left Him in no doubt as to how she felt. Some time previous to this occasion, Martha sent a message to Jesus- "THE ONE YOU LOVE IS SICK".

Covid 19 has sent the same message to over 16000,000 families in recent months. Sadly, as was the case with Martha's brother, almost 650,000 have died. The Gospel is "ever ancient, ever new".

Martha's earlier message didn't name her brother or make any request of Jesus. She knew He would know and would react. However it is obvious that she expected Him to come immediately. That is clear from her rather cool and frosty reception she gave Him when He did eventually arrive.

Her earlier message "THE ONE YOU LOVE IS SICK" indicated the close PERSONAL friendship that existed between Jesus and Lazarus.

Her opening statement when He did come was very different; it was now PERSONAL to her and her brother. The statement is conveyed in deeds and in words. Just imagine the look on her face, the annoyance in her tone of voice and the steely eyes as she said "if YOU had been here MY brother would not have died." He has clearly offended HER by His absence. She recovered her composure quickly and added "...but even now I know whatever you ask of God he will grant it".

Jesus never lost His composure and assured her that Lazarus' death had a purpose beyond her understanding and that his death was not the last word in her brother's story, thereby affording her the opportunity to make her profession of faith in life after death- "I KNOW HE WILL RISE AGAIN AT THE RESURRECTION ON THE LAST DAY".

Then Jesus made one of His many 'I AM' statements; all of which clearly explain His mission and give us the foundation of our faith. Martha gave Him the opening to make the most important of all the

"I AM" statements - "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"

Jesus is saying to Martha and to us, the Resurrection is a PERSON, a real live, active, involved, available, ever present person in our daily lives. He is no longer limited by time or space. He is concerned about all the ups- and- downs of our lives. He waits to be invited into all the aspects of our lives. His help is certain.

What is engaging our minds these times is the Corona Virus and all the serious consequences that have already confronted us and continue to so.

In doing our best to deal with so many new experiences, by adhering to all the restrictions and regulations associated with our present reality, we might also have a look at St. Martha's reaction to her sad situation. She made her feelings known to God in no uncertain manner ("...if you had been here") And expected Him to come to her aid. He understood her annoyance and reminded her that He was at her side at all times.

The challenge to us is to situate the teachings and incidents of Jesus' life into the happenings in our own lives. This PANDEMIC is a dead fit for the MARTHA experience. Time and place different but the circumstances the same-family sickness and bereavement. Martha sought and found Jesus here. So will us.

HE IS WITH US NOW TOO; HIS WORD IS ALWAYS RELEVANT—"EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW".

Monsignor Joseph McGrath

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:

	Sacraments	
	Parents Meeting Wednesdays @ 7.00pm	Confirmation Saturdays @ 11.00am
	Date	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

(this number will be increased if restrictions are lifted). Seating will be allocated by lottery and social distancing arrangements must be strictly followed.

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions

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

Our Lady's (Left):

Nancy & Jimmy Martin

Altar (Centre):

Available

St. Joseph's (Right):

Available

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 or at the allocated collection boxes at the main entrance of the Church.

Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross. Total for Weekend 25th/26th July @ €1,793.20 (No.197 Envelopes). Thank you for the support.

THE TWO ADDITIONAL MASSES -

SATURDAY VIGIL @ 5.00PM

SUNDAY @ 11.00AM

WILL CONTINUE FOR THE MOMENT

RADIO MASS 104.7FM MASS & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH WEBSITE.

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 1st Aug	5.00pm	Eamon Gaffney, late of Charleton Hill, Birmingham UK.
	6.00pm	Martin Whelan, Tanyard.
Sun 2nd Aug	9.00am	Nancy Martin, Árd Na Gréine
	10.00am	James (Jim) Boland, Charleton Hill. Michéal Connolly, Mary St.
	11.00am	Jack & Vera Doyle, late of William St. & London
	12.00pm	James (Jim) Cleary, Neville St.
Mon 3rd Aug	10.00am	Ternary Nicky Mullins, Glenmore.
Tues 4th Aug	10.00am	Sr Marie Therese, Carmelites, Kilmacud. Haddie Richardson, Pondfields & Margaret Coleman, Michael St.
Wed 5th Aug	10.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish. Michael Hayden, Chambersland.
Thur 6th Aug	10.00am	Calvin Walsh, Tullogher.
Fri 7th Aug	10.00am	Tessie Kane, Charleton Hill.
Sat 8th Aug	10.00am	Parish Mass Association

RECENTLY DECEASED: We remember in our prayers Marion Florence Agnes Doughty née Gowers, Craywell and formerly St. Wenn, Cornwall, England who has passed away recently. May she Rest in Peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember Jimmy Wall, Bosheen, John J King, Mountgarrett & John Doran, The High Hill whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: 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

Reflection for weekend 1st Aug & 2nd Aug 2020

Children... learn... from their parents' Ephesians5:1 TM'

A maths teacher who agreed to baby-sit while her friend went shopping, left her this note. 'Dried tears 11 times...tied shoelaces 15 times...blew up balloons, 5 per child...warned kids not to cross the street 26 times...kids insisted on crossing the street 26 times. Number of Saturdays I'll volunteer to do this again. Zero'. The following 'Beatitudes for Parents' were written 50 yrs ago by Marion Kinneman when her daughters were raising her 6 grandsons. They are still spot-on! 'Blessed are those who make peace with spilled milk and mud, for of such is the kingdom of childhood. Blessed is the parent who engages not in comparisons of his child with others, for precious unto each is the rhythm of his own growth. Blessed are those who have learned to laugh, for it's the music of a child's world. Blessed and mature are those who without anger can say 'No', for comforting to a child is the security of firm decisions. Blessed is the gift of consistency, for it brings hearts'-ease in childhood. Blessed are those who accept the awkwardness of growth, for they are aware of the choice between marred furnishings and damaged personalities. Blessed are the teachers, for knowledge brings understanding and understanding brings love. Blessed are the men and women, who in the midst of the unpromising mundane, give love, for they bestow the greatest of all gifts to each other, to their children, and, in an ever-widening circle, to their fellowmen.' Bottom line: 'Children learn from their parents'. What are we teaching ours?

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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.