






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

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Date	Time	Intention	Sanctuary Lamps Intentions
Sat 15th Aug	5.00pm		Available @ €10.00 per week. Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.
	6.00pm	Michael Murphy, The Rower. Patrick Long, Árd Mhicil.	Our Lady's (Left): Intentions
Sun 16th Aug	9.00am	John Moore, Priory Street & Willie Moore, Henry Street & London.	Altar (Centre): Intentions
	10.00am	Kathleen North, Charleton Hill. Phil Leeman, USA.	St. Joseph's (Right): Available
	11.00am		<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. <b>Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary &amp; St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.</b> Total for Weekend 8th/9th August @ € 2,359.06 (223 No. Envelopes). <b>Thank you for the support.</b>
	12.00pm		
Mon 17th Aug	10.00am	Elish Carville, Castleblayney.	
Tues 18th Aug	10.00am		
Wed 19th Aug	10.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish.	
Thurs 20th Aug	10.00am	Ted Kehoe, Harvey Place.	
Fri 21st Aug	10.00am	Bridget & Bernard Rowe, Bullawn.	
Sat 22nd Aug	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We remember Harry Wilson, Robert Street whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

**First Confessions & First Holy Communions 2020**

Sacraments		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.
Confessions Wednesdays @ 7.00pm	Communions Saturdays @ 11.00am	
Date	Date	<b>Programme of events in Church:</b> 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.
Group 2	12th August	
Group 3	19th August	
Group 4	26th August	

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

**The Introductory Course to the Bible**  
Which was suspended last March will now resume on  
Thurs Aug 27th and Thurs Sept 3rd.  
Venue: The Chapel, St Peter's College, Wexford  
Time: 7.00 Pm  
Led by: Fr Jim Finn  
*Social distancing and mask wearing will be observed please.*

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



**TO ALL THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF MR. ROCHE CLASS WHO MADE THEIR FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST.**



**NEW ROSS DRAMA WORKSHOP**  
"EVENINGS OF DRAMA AND LAUGHTER"  
LIBRARY PARK SESSIONS  
FREE EVENT @ 7PM  
TUES 18TH, THURS 20TH, FRI 21ST AUGUST 2020,  
Please see notice on Facebook, Church & Parish Office Boards

## PARISH INFORMATION.....

**Next Weeks Readings:** TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
IS 56:1, 6-7. Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8, R/ v 4. Rm 11:13-15, 29-32. Mt 15:21-28.

**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.

**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.

## 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		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.
	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	

## FAITH OF OUR FATHERS/MOTHERS LIVING STILL IN SPITE OF.....

"THE PEOPLE PAPER" OF APRIL 25TH 1908 referred to Penal Laws passed in 1703 which laid down that Catholic Parish Priests should register themselves with the state; that they should not have Curates; and that no further priests should succeed them. Priest members of Religious Orders were not to be tolerated at any cost and a high price was placed on their heads. The aim here was that when existing Parish Priests died off, the Catholic religion would disappear from Ireland.

One priest is listed in the Register thus:- JOHN O'CONNOR ; Abode-New Ross; Age -52; Parish- St. Mary's New Ross; Ordained- 1687; where- Alesham, near Basle, Switzerland; by whom – Bishop Jasper Selmorris of Basle; guarantor- Richard Whelan, New Ross.

These extraordinary destructive laws and more like them were passed by a foreign power- The British Government- which can be described as "The enemy WITHOUT".

Is our Church and Religion being threatened today by equally sinister forces; this time by an enemy WITHIN? It would appear that certain vocal and powerful elements in our own society have a similar aim to the Penal Laws-to see the Catholic Religion disappear from Ireland.

In short the Penal Law makers failed in that objective due to the determination of our ancestors to hold on to what they valued "in spite of dungeon, fire and sword". We stand on their shoulders; we are free to worship our God today because many of them died for the same right.

Is our generation to be the one to succumb to INTERNAL pressures – not in our case "fire, dungeon and sword" but to no less destructive actions aimed at undermining Christian truths and values in society?


Out Catholic Faith sits on three legs:- FAITH at the level of INFORMATION. We need to KNOW in what we believe – details of the life of Jesus; His teachings; the Word of God; the teachings, the traditions and practices of the Church etc.

FAITH at the level of FORMATION; that we base our values, life style and standards on the values and principles expounded by Jesus Christ. FAITH at the level of TRANSFORMATION- that we CHANGE into people like Jesus Christ – "like Him in all things but sin"; "to live, now not I but Christ lives in me", as St. Paul describes it. Here FAITH IS A PERSON. We believe in the person of the RISEN Jesus- a real, alive, active, personal friend present in our daily lives- one whose values, influence and colour our attitude and approach to every aspect of life.

This closeness to Jesus can only be established by a personal friendship with Him in daily prayer and regular participation in the greatest prayer of all -the Mass. An Atheist could have "faith" at the level of INFORMATION and know all about Jesus. An Atheist could have "faith" at the level of FORMATION and decide that Jesus' way is a good, sensible, moral way to live.

FAITH at the level of TRANSFORMATION is only possible for the one who BELIEVES in the PERSON of Jesus Christ ... "in whom we live and move and have our being". When our Church – leaders, laity, religious and clergy- gets back to accepting that its only function is the cultivation of this personal relationship with the Risen Lord, then we need have no fear for the future. When we are one with Him, all the powers on earth- whether enemies WITHOUT or enemies WITHIN will hold no fear for us. We will indeed hand on that "FAITH OF OUR FATHERS AND MOTHERS LIVING STILL IN SPITE OF....."

*Monsignor Joseph McGrath*



**MOUNT CARMEL SISTERS CELEBRATE**  
OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTER ELEANOR. WHO MAKES HER FINAL PROFESSION AS A CARMELITE SISTER THIS WEEK END. SISTER ELEANOR IS A NATIVE OF CHINA AND HAS BEEN IN NEW ROSS SINCE FOR SOME YEARS. LIKE OUR TOWN, THE CARMELITE SISTERS HAVE WELCOMED A NUMBER OF NATIONALITIES INTO THEIR COMMUNITY IN RECENT YEARS. WE TOO WELCOME THEM AND WISH THEM MANY YEARS OF HAPPINESS. THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN AND IS GREATLY VALUED BY THE PEOPLE OF NEW ROSS – A POWERFUL BASTION OF PEACE AND PRAYER ON WHICH WE ALL DEPEND.  
**THEIR PEACEFUL PRESENCE, GIVING STRENGTH, IS EVERYWHERE**

*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.*