






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 Mass Cards, General Cards & Gift Ideas for all occasions. Mass Cards (signed) are also available in Cooney's & Ryan's Funeral Homes.

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Date	Time	Intention
Sat 22nd Aug	5.00pm	
	6.00pm	John Flynn, Mount Elliott Julianne Lee, Mount Carmel
Sun 23rd Aug	9.00am	Bridget Allen, Michael Street
	10.00am	Hannah Hunt, JKL Place Martin J. Kennedy, Lisheen, Southknock
	11.00am	
	12.00pm	Celia Dempsey, Follyhouse Lane
Mon 24th Aug	10.00am	Thomas O'Donoghue, Waterford Deceased Members of the McGuinness Family Crossabeg
Tues 25th Aug	10.00am	Nicky Murphy, Millbanks Grove, Rosbercon Betty Dwyer, Fr. Cullen Terrace
Wed 26th Aug	10.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish. Mrs. Mary Kehoe, The Rower
Thurs 27th Aug	10.00am	Special Intention Matthew, Catherine & Foley Family Members, Neville Street
Fri 28th Aug	10.00am	Sean & Mick Duggan, Hugginstown Helen O'Shea, Cork
Sat 29th Aug	10.00am	Parish Mass Association

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

Our Lady's (Left): Intentions

Altar (Centre): Intentions

St. Joseph's (Right): Intentions



Holy Communion

TO ALL THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF MS. O'SHEA'S & MS. ANINMASHAUN CLASSES WHO MADE THEIR FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We remember in our prayers Billy Woods, Bawnmore Terrace, The Maudlins, John Dwyer, Charleton Hill & Sophie Walsh, Lacken Valley who passed away recently. May They Rest in Peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We for the souls of Maggie Nolan & Seamus Martin (3rd Anniversary) Charleton 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

First Confessions & First Holy Communions 2020

Sacraments	
Confessions Wednesdays @ 7.00pm	Communions Saturdays @ 11.00am
Date	Date
Group 4 26th August	29th August

Confirmations 2020

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

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

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

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: Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer. 20:7-9. Ps. 62:2-6, 8-9, R/ v2. Rm 12: 1-2. Mt. 16:21-27.

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.

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 15th / 16th August @ € 1454.85 (2192 No. Envelopes). **Thank you for the support.** Alternatively you can donate via The Ferns Diocesan Website by clicking the big pink button.

† DIOCESE OF FERNS 

Lourdes Invalid Draw
In aid of Ferns Diocese Fund.
Tickets on Sale from the Parish Office
@ € 2.00 each or 6 for € 10.00.
Draw will take place in St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy on Sunday the 30th of August.
Your support is much appreciated.




"I'LL WALK WITH GOD FROM THIS DAY ON"

That short line from a song of the same title from the musical "The Student Prince" neatly demonstrates two central characteristics of the life of the late Billy Woods, whom so many mourn this week.

Born on the 19th December 1930 at Bawnmore Terrace, Billy was brought to the Parish Church the very next day for Baptism. I guess the family WALKED the distance from the Bawnmore to the Church to introduce a new son to GOD. Could anyone hazard a guess as to how many times in almost 90 years Billy WALKED that same journey from home to either the Parish Church or the Augustinian Church to be with GOD? Billy Woods literally "WALKED WITH GOD" from that Baptismal day on. Few if any appreciated Baptism more or lived it better.

Jeffrey Archer wrote a series of books called "The Clifton Chronicles", the last book of which has the title "THIS WAS A MAN". I cannot think of a more fitting and appropriate compliment to pay Billy-... indeed "THIS WAS A MAN".

St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish priest prisoner in a concentration camp in 1941, is rightly honoured for volunteering to die in place of a family man - giving life to the Gospel text "No greater love can one have than to lay down life for a friend".

Billy Wood is not Maximilian Kolbe; he didn't die for others but he certainly died to himself in dedicating his life to the good of others.

Years of walking the streets and climbing the hills of Ross doing countless errands and making regular visits to all who called on his services. Having delivered their needs he took away with him their worries and made them his own. Billy worried about everything and everyone. COMPASSION - to suffer with - found a real home in Billy's heart. He was in good company here because the Scripture describes God as "COMPASSION AND LOVE".

Weekly visits to the nursing homes, years of involvement in the Meal-on-Wheels, the Penny Bank and both Churches- all formed part of Billy's routine. We could truly say he imitated his dear friend Jesus, who was described as "GOING AROUND DOING GOOD".

And that was the driving force behind Billy's service - to follow the example of Jesus Christ. I doubt if a day passed without a visit and conversation between the two. It has been noted that Billy's decline in health coincided with the "lock down" in March, when he could no longer get out and make his visits.

I want to acknowledge his life-long dedication and service to the people of New Ross, the Parish and the Augustinian Community. The Church has long recognised such services and some months ago we petitioned the Vatican to award Billy with the BENEMERENTI MEDAL AND SCROLL - the Pope's way of saying "thanks".

Sadly it arrived too late for Billy to receive it and appreciate it. It formed part of the Offertory and retiring procession at his funeral Mass. While he would have been embarrassed by such an honour, he would have been quietly pleased that the Pope put his name to it.

However we are happy that he has received the highest honour from God Himself on his arrival to his new home. He surely was welcomed with the words- "COME, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT".

TOMÁS O' CRIOMHTHAIN wrote a book about life and the people on the Great Blasket Island-"An t-OILEÁNACH" (THE ISLANDMAN).

He ends with a sentence that has been made famous as much by miss use as anything else.

We can apply it to Billy Woods with the highest level of confidence: "HIS LIKES WILL NOT BE SEEN AGAIN."

INDEED THIS WAS A MAN"
"Leaba i measc na Naoimh go raibh aige." **Monsignor Joseph McGrath**