






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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Please follow HSE Guidelines & Stay Safe when entering all Parochial Premises **Volume 35. No. 38**

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 19th Sept	5.00pm	
	6.00pm	Cian Lennon, & his Grandmother Alicia Lennon, Mount Carmel
Sun 20th Sept	9.00am	Patrick & Mary Lennane, Irishtown
	10.00am	Joe Murphy May St Ledger, Brandon Park & Bewley Street
	11.00am	
	12.00pm	Sophia Walsh, Lacken Valley Mary Kehoe, Carrigbyrne, Charleton Hill
Mon 21st Sept	10.00am	Nelly Connick, Mount Carmel James Doyle, Ardross
Tues 22nd Sept	10.00am	Ternary Deceased members of the Foley & Brennan Families
Wed 23rd Sept	10.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish. Andrew Brennan, An Caislean Maol & Ollie Newport, Broadway Wexford
Thur 24th Sept	10.00am	Special Intentions Special Intentions
Fri 25th Sept	10.00am	Belen Calayag, Naga Michael Drohan, Pondfields
Sat 26th Sept	10.00am	Parish Mass Association

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

Our Lady's (Left): John Caulfield

Altar (Centre): Special Intentions

St. Joseph's (Right): Available



CONGRATUALATIONS TO THE CHILDREN OF MS. WHELAN CLASS WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ON SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER.



CANDLES OF HOPE NOW AVAILABLE. WE ALSO HAVE MANY GIFTS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

RECENTLY DECEASED: We remember in our prayers Josephine (Jo) Malone, Hoodsgrove, Rosbercon, Peg Murphy, Terrath & Martin (Marty) Hussey Mount Elliott. May They Rest in Peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We pray for the soul of James Doyle, Ardross whose anniversary 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. One candidate pre 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

Sacraments			CONFIRMATIONS
Parents Meeting Wednesdays @ 7.00pm	Confirmation Saturdays @ 11.00am		Parents Meeting & Confirmations will be celebrated on four weekends in September according to the following plan detailed below: classes. Mr. Ring class meeting on this Monday 21st September @ 7pm and Confirmation to following Saturday 26th September @11.00am. Mask must be worn by all adults.
Date	Date		
Mr. Ring	Mon 21st Sept	26th Sept	Programme of events in Church: Each child will be accompanied by four family members Seating will be allocated by lottery and social distance arrangements must be strictly followed.

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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ez 18:25-28. Ps 24:4-9, R/V 6. Phil 2:1-11. Mt 21:28-32.

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 taking Mass bookings up to and including February 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 12th & 13th September @ € 1,685.65 (197 No. Envelopes). **Thank you for the support.** Alternatively you can donate via The Ferns Diocesan Website by clicking the big pink button.

PLEASE NOTE

TWO ADDITIONAL MASSES ARE BEEN CELEBRATED, SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL@5PM & SUNDAY MORNING @11AM FOR THE INTERIM THANK YOU

"THE SCHOOL AROUND THE CORNER"



The more senior folk among us will fondly recall a popular TV programme of yester- year with the above title. The presenter was Paddy Crosbie (who by the way, had Wexford connections) and he taught in an inner-city Primary School in Dublin. The programme travelled the country visiting Primary Schools.

Paddy's great talent was his ability to draw out (= educate) of the children the stories of their lives, their interests and their experiences, with dancing, music and reciting. "Have you a funny incident to tell us? was the heart of every interview? The signature tune of the programme was 'THE SCHOOL AROUND THE CORNER IS JUST THE SAME'.



That memory came to mind with the re-opening of the schools earlier this month. The one thing that can be said for certain is that our schools are definitely NOT THE SAME as they were up to March last. Will they? Can they? Should they? ever be the same again. That is the question.

- From Play-school to Third-level pupils and students are commencing this academic year without the benefit of completing the last; therefore part of the foundation for this year's learning is missing; a fact that has consequences for all concerned.
- State and Third-level examinations were cancelled. This has resulted in the Department of Education and Skills having to devise a totally new system of evaluating pupils' work at Leaving Certificate level. Will the former system ever appear again?
- Day-to-day operation of schools and colleges is seriously altered; traditional behaviour patterns have been put on hold due to the virus.
- Masks and face guards also change the nature of the engaging between students and teachers, while social distancing does not come easy to teenagers.
- Primary school classes are divided into "PODS", thereby reducing freedom of association at work and play.
- Third -level Institutions have yet to decide on a system to balance physical attendance at college with distance-learning.

All the above changes have the effect of threatening "comfort zones" in the educational world. That fear is replicated in all areas of life and sadly has translated into harsh reality in health, work, economics and social life generally. Corona Virus has been and is destructive, disruptive, disastrous and deadly.

Is there any light of hope? Is there a positive crumb to be grasped?

MARIE CURRIE was a Polish scientist who received two Nobel Prizes for her discovery of RADIUM and RADIOACTIVITY. She once wrote words that we would be wise to reflect on in our uncertain situation.

"Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more so that we may fear less".

Change creates fear. The challenge now is not to fear change but to embrace it so that we emerge stronger and better.

St. John Henry Newman said

"to live is to change and to be perfect (better) is to change often"

A new "normal" is being born; we are the generation chosen to supervise its birth and nurture its development.

With God's guidance, may we grasp the opportunity, take time to reflect and understand so that "we may fear less".

Monsignor Joseph McGrath