






# 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 10th Oct	6.00pm	Jackie O'Neill, Bosheen Ann O'Neill, Newtown Commons
Sun 11th Oct	10.00am	Jim & Margaret Sutton, The Maudlins Peter Kehoe, Bishopsland, Wexford St. Noeleen Kehoe, The Maudlins Michael O'Connor, JKL Place
Mon 12th Oct	10.00am	Special Intentions Thomas & Margaret Cahill, Lr Michael Street
Tues 13th Oct	10.00am	Special Intentions John & Maureen Nixon, Late of Ard Mhicil,
Wed 14th Oct	10.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish. Baby Grace Jane Connolly, Waterford & New Ross
Thur 15th Oct	10.00am	Holy Souls Nicholas Drohan, JKL Place
Fri 16th Oct	10.00am	Special Intentions Joe Kearney, Chamberland Close
Sat 17th Oct	10.00am	Parish Mass Association

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

**Our Lady's (Left):** Special Intentions

**Altar (Centre):** Special Intentions

**St. Joseph's (Right):** Available



Supporting older people to age at home

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**  
ALONE has launched a national support line open Monday to Friday, 8am- 8pm, by calling 0818 222 02

**Gardaí Operation "Faóisimh"**  
Protect Against Domestic Abuse  
During Covid-19 crisis  
1800 341 900

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We remember in our prayers Carmel Dwyer, Ard Na Gréine & Joe (Joseph) O'Mahoney, Camblin and Butlersland, New Ross, Wexford / The Rower, Kilkenny. May They Rest in Peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We pray for the soul of Larry & Mark Fitzgibbon, Harvey Place, John & Eddie Kehoe, Waterford and Duncannon, Gerard Flynn, Rosbercon and Tramore, Thomas Bradley, St Joseph Square whose anniversary occurs around this time.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our Christian Community Lucy St. Ledger, Mount Carmel who was 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. 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*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Mass will be celebrated daily @ 10.00am Monday to Sunday.  
Saturday Vigil @ 6.00pm.  
All masses can be viewed via live stream on the Parish website for the next three weeks.

Newsletters will be available for collection at the Parish Office every Friday and also available at the rear of the Church in baskets.  
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**ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI**

Pope Francis' third encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti* (All brothers and sisters), is a call to solidarity for all of humanity to live in fraternity and social friendship, was published by the Holy Father on Sunday 4 October last, the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. The full text of *Fratelli Tutti*, as well as accompanying multimedia resources, are available on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie).

The new encyclical reaches out to all of our 'brothers and sisters' who share our common humanity, especially the vulnerable. Pope Francis wrote this encyclical during a global pandemic, reminding us not only of our connectedness around the world, but also of our fragility, our shared vulnerability and common need for compassion and love and for the hope that faith in God can bring.

*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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Is 45:1, 4-6. Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10 R/ v 7. Th 1:1-5. Jn 17:11, 17-23.

**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.

**Mass Bookings:** We are now taking Mass bookings up to and including March 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 Weekends 27th September @ €1,386.00 (184 No. Envelopes) & 4th October @ €2,180.50 (204 No. Envelopes).

**Thank you for the support.** Alternatively you can donate via. The Ferns Diocesan Website by clicking the big pink button.

## Statement of Bishop of Ferns on the implementation of stage 3 (Covid restrictions)



The Bishop of Ferns, Dr. Denis Brennan has asked the faithful to approach the newly announced stage 3 restrictions in Ireland with 'a spirit of cooperation and solidarity, mindful of the need for sacrifice in the interests of the common good.'

Public Masses in the diocese will be suspended and will remain suspended for the duration of stage 3.

### The churches of the Diocese will remain open for private prayer

'I would like to thank the priests and people of the diocese for the great energy and creativity they showed in reopening the churches. Adherence to best practice was made possible because of an army of very committed and diligent volunteers who set a standard worthy of emulation,' he said.

In returning to online celebration only for daily and Sunday Masses, the bishop encouraged priests and parish personnel 'to repeat and continue the high standard broadcasts which were so well developed during the last lockdown.'

'Unfortunately we find ourselves in a worrying situation nationally – and responsibility which we endeavour to exercise as citizens and Christians – dictates that we double down now together, follow the basic guidelines and hopefully emerge sooner to a time when we can resume physical attendance at public worship', he concluded.

## A WONDER IN OUR WORLD.....IF ONLY WE REALISED IT

We begin and end our prayers and Church ceremonies "IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"  
That is not just a nice compact prayer formula; it sums up in those few words the whole extraordinary plan God had and has to enrich our lives.  
The Father, Son and Holy Spirit make up what we call THE BLESSED TRINITY. In simple terms they are a very close family of love. For His unknown reason God decided He wanted to share that relationship with us. The simple reason is that GOD IS LOVE and true love knows no limits. God certainly couldn't benefit from introducing us into His family. He has no need of us. A prayer in the Mass says "You have no need of our praise, yet our desire to thank You is itself Your gift. Advantage us all the way!"

To further that plan "GOD SENT HIS ONLY SON INTO THE WORLD".  
We are well aware of the Jesus story. He came "to show us the way to the Father".  
Everything He said and did was to reveal His Father to us and to convince us of how much the Father wished to share His life with us. Jesus said some marvellous things to help us to appreciate what was on offer.  
"The Father and I are one"  
"To know me is to know the Father".  
"To have seen me is to have seen the Father".  
"WE WILL COME TO YOU AND MAKE OUR HOME IN YOU".  
Just imagine that for a moment. No wonder he said "DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. TRUST IN GOD STILL AND TRUST IN ME"  
Just think-instead of struggling to manage all the complications of life all by ourselves, God offers to come to us and share our lives. But not only that; He has the answers to all our problems He will not take them away like magic but He will give us a new way of seeing and dealing with them.  
His presence in our lives is the GOOD NEWS that Jesus came to give us. Who would not want that?  
But why then do so many seem to turn their backs on that invitation?  
Maybe St. Paul put his finger on it when he asked: - "HOW WILL THEY KNOW IF NOBODY TELLS THEM?"  
Well what exactly have they been told or what impression have they formed of what they have been told?

I fear A GOD OF LAW rather than A GOD OF LOVE has been presented with very damaging consequences  
LAWS are enforced....LOVE is lavished.  
Laws are important and must be obeyed for the good order of society and institutions. But they are always a means to an end, not an end in themselves. The laws of our Church are the scaffolding in support of the GOOD NEWS. Sadly all too often the emphasis and the energy were directed towards the preservation of the scaffolding. So keeping the rules (important as that is) became the sole measuring tape of a Catholic's standing. The clearest example of that is to be seen in the traditional attitude to the Sacrament of Confession. The love and forgiveness of God in Confession lost out to the nature and number of infringements of the Law. Confession became an ordeal to be avoided rather than an encounter with a Father who lovingly welcomes back the erring one and guarantees His continued support in the effort towards a better future.  
It is easier to CONFORM to a system rather than be TRANSFORMED by the loving PERSON of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
It is easier to preach conformity to the LAW than to lead others into the transformation of LOVE. Have the preachers failed their hearers?  
Jesus said to the woman He met at the well 'IF YOU ONLY KNEW WHAT IS BEING OFFERED TO YOU'.  
TRULY A WONDER IN OUR WORRIED WORLD

Monsignor Joseph McGrath



## PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM COVID 19

Almighty God we turn to you in prayer and ask for your protection against Covid 19.

We remember especially all who are suffering from Covid 19.  
Grant them your healing and comfort.

Grant protection to all frontline workers and keep them safe and strong in carrying out their duties.

Bless everyone under your care with your wisdom, knowledge and right judgement.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen