






# 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. 42**

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 17th Oct	6.00pm	John Garrahe, his parents Margaret & Michael, his sisters Ann & Eileen, Pondfields, & his parents in-law Ann & Martin Droney.
Sun 18th Oct	10.00am	Peter & Annaleen Connolly, Castleblaney Patrick C Rossiter, Michael Street Patrick & Bridget Rochford, Lacken Harvest Thanksgiving
Mon 19th Oct	10.00am	Statia O'Brien & her son Toddy, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon Toddy Brothers, Michael Street
Tues 20th Oct	10.00am	Ternary Laurence (Larry) Furlong, MacMurrough Island
Wed 21st Oct	10.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish. Seamus Ryan, The Maudlins
Thru 22nd Oct	10.00am	Jerry Honan, Charleton Hill Molly Gannon, Priesthaggard
Fri 23rd Oct	10.00am	Martin Kielthy, Bosheen Thomas Kielthy, Bosheen The Rowe Family, John Street & deceased members.
Sat 24th Oct	10.00am	Parish Mass Association

### Sanctuary Lamps Intentions

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

**Our Lady's (Left):** Available

**Altar (Centre):** Special Intentions

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

### ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

We pray for the soul of Paddy & Anne Connors, Graigenamanagh

William Roche & Family, Lower Michael Street

Roche Family, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, England

Josie Furness, Mary Street

Joe Murphy, Castlemoyle Heights (3rd Anniversary)

Bridget Roche, Glenpipe, Tullogher (Months Mind)

whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

### PARISH INFORMATION.....

**Next Weeks Readings:** Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ex 22:20-26. Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51, R/ v 2. I Th 1:5-10. Mt 22:34-40.

**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 10th/11th October @ € 484.10 (58 No. Envelopes). **Thank you for the support.**

### A CALL TO PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM.

Due to 800 years of suppression and domination by an outside power and the presentation of the history of that period almost exclusively in terms of armed resistance, PATRIOTISM in the Irish mind has been narrowed down to mean engaging in a physical struggle for national freedom. Consequently most of our national commemorations deal exclusively with patriotism at that level. And it is quite correct that we continue to do so because the freedom we enjoy today is due to the ultimate sacrifices made by those on whose shoulders we stand.

As the years go by and each new generation is further distanced from those events of our recent history, the sense of connectedness is much harder to maintain. Coupled with that, the world now is small place. World values and influences dominate in every culture. Nationalism has been submerged by internationalism. The above definition of Patriotism would have little meaning for present generations.

Dictionaries provide a wider definition of Patriotism... "a feeling of love, devotion and a sense of attachment to a homeland and alliance with other citizens who share the same sentiment" (Wikipedia). To put it simply and practically, we could say that PATRIOTISM IS A COMING TOGETHER OF A PEOPLE FOR THE COMMON GOOD. Therefore, in light of that understanding, patriotism is as vital today as ever before. To misquote a famous saying "commeth the hour, commeth the people". Given the devastating and deadly circumstances created by the Corona Virus, the hour has surely come for us to COME TOGETHER (not physically however!) FOR THE COMMON GOOD. Families, schools, workplaces etc. are communities to which we belong. Each of those groupings is made up of individuals. The success of each depends on the commitment of the individual member. In the case of C19 this is even more true. Our communities depend totally on the PATRIOTISM of every individual in abiding strictly by the guidelines. We need to sacrifice our own wishes for the common good. Our sacrifices may not be as worthy of national recognition as those who died for freedom but they are no less vital for the safety and survival of those around us. The behaviour of each of us affects the health of all of us.

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SUCH A PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM TODAY

*Monsignor Joseph McGrath*

### Inspiring Words for World Mission Sunday



Sister Marie Catherine

In West Africa, the people of Nigeria have suffered for too long from poverty, drought and conflict. Famine has left over 2.4 million, including 800,000 children, starving and vulnerable. Women endure the most, battling child marriage, female circumcision and lack of education. Now COVID-19 is taking hold, bring more hardship. The virus is more than a health crisis, it is an economic disaster. Prices have sky rocketed, and there is little work. The pandemic has shut down borders, meaning no one can leave, and desperately needed supplies cannot enter. As many village men illegally leave to find work, the women remain, doing their best for their starving children. Much of the health care system has collapsed, and mothers have the added fear of an increase in other diseases due to COVID-19.

Thankfully the Catholic Church offers hope. Hardly any other organisation, through its global network of solidarity, can stand by so many. In the rural village of Niger, Sister Marie Catherine, and her small community of fellow sisters are bringing the courage of the Church. They deliver life-giving programmes, specifically educating and enabling women and girls with the skills they need to survive. To ease their suffering and limit the risk and spread of the virus, Sister Marie Catherine has developed a hygiene programme. Through the programme, women learn how to make soap and avoid diseases like malaria. Together with her sisters, she works with women's groups from 125 villages. Each group has at least 40 women, meaning nearly 5,000 women can be reached. Before the pandemic, Niger food supplies were decimated due to drought. To further help, the sisters are now buying maize to improve the food supply. The maize is distributed through women's groups, ensuring it reaches the families who need it the most.



Marie Catherine's fellow Sister

In many of our poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, it is missionaries like Sister Marie Catherine who are on the front line. Without World Mission Sunday, work like hers cannot be funded.

Over the weekend of the 18th October, World Mission Sunday Mass collections will take place in 120 countries. However, it is in real jeopardy. The worldwide pandemic means that less parishioners are attending Mass, resulting in less offerings in the basket in support of mission. Its implications for suffering overseas communities in the months ahead will be devastating. Missionaries like Sister Marie Catherine need our help more than ever.

**Please show your care by donating in Church, online at [www.wmi/mission](http://www.wmi/mission), or by calling Fiona on 01 497 2035**



### Gardaí Operation "Faóisimh"

Protect Against Domestic Abuse During Covid-19 Crisis  
1800 341 900



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

### 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.*



### PRAY WITH THE MISSIO FAMILY AROUND THE WORLD

God our Father, we pray for those who are suffering, For those who are grieving, for those who are anxious, And for those who are Working tirelessly to Care for the sick

God our Father, Your son Jesus Christ came into our world to heal us from Division and to bring us Life in abundance.

By the power of your spirit, help us to strive together as One family of many nations to help those in greatest need during this crisis. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Risen Lord.

Amen