

# 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 31st Oct	6.00pm	Ger Waters, Great Island, Campile
Sun 1st Nov <u>All Saints</u>	10.00am	November Pious 1 The Venn, Murphy, Monaghan, Howlett & Franklin Families Josephine Kielthy (nee Carroll), Deerpark
Mon 2nd Nov <u>Holy Day</u> <u>All Souls</u>	10.00am	November Pious 2 Maisie Monaghan, Southknock
Tues 3rd Nov	10.00am	Special Intentions Sadie O'Gorman, Charleton Hill
Wed 4th Nov	10.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish Mary Ryan, Irishtown Heights
Thur 5th Nov	10.00am	November Pious 3 The Browne & Devereux Families, Neville Street
Fri 6th Nov	10.00am	Nicholas Drohan, Pondfields Aaron Philpot, Long Meadows
Sat 7th Nov	10.00am	Parish Mass Association
	6.00pm	Deceased Parishioners Remembrance Mass

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

**NEW ROSS PARISH MASS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUET CARDS**  
Available in Cooney's Funeral Home @ € 6.00 each.

**Holy Souls:**  
Monday 2nd November 2020 Mass will be live stream at 10.00am. Graveside blessings will be carried out privately by the Priests at all cemeteries throughout the day.

**Mass Bookings:** Due to Parish office being closed on Monday the 2nd of November (Holy Day All Souls) we will be taking bookings on Tuesday the 3rd November for April 2021 Masses.

**We Remember Them**  
**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**  
Sunday 1st of November @ 3.00pm  
via. Live Stream or 104.7FM in the Parish Church.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
We remember in our prayers Margaret (Cissie) Kehoe, Ballybrazil & Seanie Monahan, Lower William Street who passed away recently. May They Rest in Peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:**  
We pray for the souls of Mena Sinnott, Ballycullane, Frankie Doyle, Priory Street (35th Anniversary) & Carol Walsh nee Bradley whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

**DECEASED PARISHIONERS REMEMBRANCE MASS**  
Saturday 7th November at 6.00pm. This mass will be celebrated via live stream. A Candle will be lit for all deceased parishioners who have past during the year from November 2019 to October 2020. These candles will be left in the area outside the Sacristy (St. Joseph's Chapel) for collection by a family member over the following days.

**PARISH INFORMATION.....**

**Next Weeks Readings:** Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 6:12-16. Ps 62:2-8, R/v 2.1 Th 4:13-18. Mt 25:1-13.

**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.

**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. **Thank you for the support. Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.** Total for Weekends 25th October 2020 @ € 1231.50 ( 126 No. Envelopes).

**SACRED SPACE FOR NOVEMBER:** In Remembrance of your loved ones please visit our sacred space in the Parish Church, where you can light a candle, write their name on the Pious List and say a prayer.

*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.*

## PASTORAL LETTER



### We Remember Them

Not from our own tradition, but a litany that has a very powerful resonance when read aloud and responded to, in the Jewish Temple, is the following:

It's called **We Remember Them**.

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

*we remember them.*

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

*we remember them.*

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,

*we remember them.*

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

*we remember them.*

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

*we remember them.*

In the beginning of the year and when it ends

*we remember them.*

When we are weary and in need of strength,

*we remember them.*

When we are lost and sick at heart,

*we remember them.*

When we have joys we yearn to share,

*we remember them.*

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, *as*

*we remember them.*

This 1st November, I will lead a service of remembrance at the Cathedral in Enniscorthy at 3pm to remember the dead of the Diocese and their grieving friends and families.

I am also inviting each priest of the diocese to do so, in his own church, at this time.

Let us set aside this time for prayer and reflection, let us remember those who have died and who grieve, and let us ask God our Father for the resilience and the courage required, as we journey through these trying days.

Should you be able, I ask you to take the time (3pm on 1st November) and to join with us online.

Not only will we pray for those who have gone before us, we will ask the Lord for an ever more sensitive heart for those in sadness this winter.

This 'Month of the Dead', I invite you to take the time to hear the Lord reaffirm His love for you and for all.

Ask God for the gift of His embrace for yourself, your loved one(s), and those particularly pained by recent bereavement and the harsh limitations the pandemic imposed and imposes.

'Keep heart, Give heart, Be heart!'

**Bishop Denis Brennan**

## "I WILL GO TO THE ALTAR OF GOD, THE GOD OF MY JOY "(Ps 43)

In earlier times these words from Psalm 43 were said by the priest as he approached the foot of the Altar to begin Mass.

An ALTAR is a structure on which offerings were made to the gods to pacify them and to show dependence on them. The offerings took the form of the produce of the land which was burned and animals that were sacrificed. For example Noah built an altar to offer sacrifice in thanksgiving after the flood. The altar then became known as 'THE PLACE OF SACRIFICE'.

The Christian Religion is based on the Sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary- said to be on the ALTAR OF THE CROSS. Mass, celebrated on the Church Altar, recalls that Sacrifice and His following Resurrection. Therefore the Altar is the focal and central point in a Church and must not be used for any other purpose other than the celebration of Mass. With the closure of the Augustinian Church, a major concern of the Friars was the future of the beautifully decorated Altar and Reredos. This was the work of the Maddock brothers of Bannow and has served as the point of worship in that Church since 1835.

The Provincial of the Order, Father Hennebry has kindly offered the Altar and Reredos to the Parish and we have gratefully accepted his generous gesture. Our thanks are due also to Father Collender for facilitating the necessary arrangements. The installing of the Altar in the Parish Church meets the following objectives:-

- As the Altar was the focal point of worship in the Friary since 1835, its preservation is now guaranteed, thus enabling it to continue that same sacred function in New Ross into the future.
- It will be a constant reminder of and a fitting memorial to the major contribution of the Augustinian Community to the pastoral and educational needs of New Ross since the 14<sup>th</sup> century.
- It will mean a lot to those parishioners for whom the Friary was their regular place of worship.
- It will be a fine addition to our exceptionally beautiful Church.
- Our present Altar is showing signs of fatigue and a replacement would most likely have to be considered in the near future.



The REREDOS – that section of an Altar attached to the back wall of a Church – is itself a spectacular piece. It is proposed to erect that in the Adoration Chapel. Plans are in hand for the transfer of both. Suitable plaques will be erected to record the history of the Altar and Reredos and acknowledging the generosity of the Augustinian Order.

*"David built an altar to the Lord and offered burnt offerings and a peace offering. Thus the Lord was moved by prayer for the land and the plague was held back from Israel" ( 2 Samuel 24: 25)*

THE AUGUSTINIANS first came to New Ross in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. With the dissolution of Irish Monasteries in 1540 they lost a large amount of property but they appear to have continued to minister to the people secretly. Their fortunes revived in the 17<sup>th</sup> century when Father Edmund Healy arrived as Prior. In 1720 Father Joseph Rossiter built a small thatched chapel close to the site of the present Church and convent, work on which was commenced in 1832 when Father James Crane was Prior. I mention these three men as representative of the many and to record our gratitude to unsung heroes unknown and un-remembered Augustinians -who laboured in New Ross over eight centuries.

Leaba i measc na Naoimh go raibh acu.

*Monsignor Joseph McGrath*