# 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	Sanctuary Lamps Intent
Sat 24th Oct	6.00pm	Henry Rellis, Bosheen	17th Anniversary	Available @ €10.00 per w Commencing Saturday @ 6
Sun 25th Oct	10.00am	Maria Connolly, Barrack Lane Paddy Allen, Michael Street John & Margaret Sutton, Shallows Park	Anniversary Anniversary Anniversaries	Our Lady's (Left): Special Intentions
		Baby Olivia Jane Foley, Tower Grove	2nd Anniversary	Altar (Centre):
Mon 26th	10.00am	Hugo French, St Raphel's, Newtown	Anniversary	Martin Kielthy, Boshee
Oct		Pat Dunne Snr, Terrerath, Dan Dunne, Portmarnock & Jimmy Robinson, Athy	Anniversaries	St. Joseph's (Right):  Available
Tues 27th Oct	10.00am	Peter Colyn, Washington, USA Hugo French, late of New Ross	Recently Deceased Anniversary	Holy Souls
Wed 28th Oct	10.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish. James & Josephine Somers, Haughton Place	Anniversaries	Monday 2nd Novembe
Thur 29th Oct	10.00am	Special Intentions Paddy Shortall, South Street	Special Intentions Anniversary	Mass will be live stream Parish Website at 10.0
Fri 30th Oct	10.00am	Joe Murphy, Castlemoyle Heights Thomas & Catherine Mc Gee, Carrigbyrne	3rd Anniversary Anniversaries	Graveside blessings wi carried out privately by Priests at all cemeter
Sat 31st Oct	10.00am	Parish Mass Association		throughout the day
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RECENTLEY DECEASED: We remember in our prayers Julie Cullen, Convent Court and late of Lower Mount Carmel, who passed away recently. May She Rest in Peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We pray for the soul of Matt Flannelly, Haughton Place & Martin Kielthy, Bosheen whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

## Mass Bookings

We will be taking Mass bookings up to and including April 2021 from Monday 2nd November 2020.



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 "Faoisimh"

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



#### 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

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: ALL SAINTS Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14. Ps 23:1-6, R/ cf v6. 1 Jn 3:1-3. Mt 5:1-12.

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.

Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross. Total for Weekends 17th/18th October 2020 @ € 833.20 ( 99 No. Envelopes). Thank you for the support.



#### **PASTORAL LETTER**

**BISHOP BRENNAN HAS ISSUED A PASTORAL** LETTER DEALING WITH THE CURRENT PANDEMIC SITUATION AND THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY

## 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

Parish Office will be open behind close doors with keeping with level 5 government guidelines

#### Services are available via

Email: info@newrossparish.ie Telephone: 051 421 348

Newsletters will be available at the rear of the Church in baskets.

## **DECEASED PARISHIONERS 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

### "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

- 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 as 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