

New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael

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Date	Time		Intention
Sat 21st Nov	6.00pm	Paddy Merrigan, Mountgarret	1st Anniversary
Sun 22nd Nov	10.00am	The Leacy Family, Cross Street Ellen Merrigan, The Bungalows, Cross Street Aidan Byrne, Cross Street Julie Cullen, Convent Court	Anniversaries Anniversary Anniversary Months Mind
Mon 23rd Nov	10.00am	November Pious 9 Colin Bradley, Knockavilla & The Whelan Family, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
Tues 24th Nov	10.00am	Jimmy Somers, Charleton Hill Cissie Cullen, Church Street	Anniversary Anniversary
Wed 25th Nov	10.00am	Mass for People of the Parish Evelyn, Denis, Tony Hennessey & Mary Lou Fahy	Anniversaries
Thur 26th Nov	10.00am	Thanksgiving Edward & Mary Colfer, South Street	Anniversaries
Fri 27th Nov	10.00am	Catherine & William O'Rahilly, Bosheen Bob Power	Anniversaries Anniversary
Sat 28th Nov	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

RECENTLEY DECEASED: We remember in our prayers Seamus Carrick, UK & Ellen Hanlon, Hospital Road, Southknock and late of Killesk, Campile who passed away recently. May They Rest in Peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We pray for the souls of Thomas Power, Wexford Street, Matthew Aspel, Mountross, Deceased Members of the Hamilton Family, Ard Na Greine & Bill Seary whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

Should you wish to have a loved one included in these sections, please contact the Parish Office with the details by the previous Wednesday before 2.00pm. Thank you.

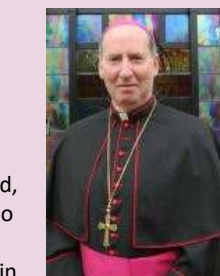
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Those Now in Difficulties

In recent weeks, I have been struck by the number of accounts – on local radio and in the local newspaper – of long standing businesses which are facing an uncertainty, that few would have thought imaginable, some short time ago. This uncertainty is also making its destructive way through many homes and smaller businesses now also – with overheads and fees still to be paid, weekly and annual payments looming, income down or disappeared, return to employment unsure – a future that is a worry to many. Solutions are not easily come by in this environment of reduced resources and additional borrowings. And pious platitudes will not pay bills. As disciples, we are called to a renewed leadership in this time of crisis – to give of what we have in abundance from within our store of faith – to resolutely be a light of hope, a herald of good news, a source of strength – to those whose nerves need steadying, and whose mental well being is threatened.

‘Keep heart, Give heart, Be heart!’

In particular, I would like to thank the members of the local branches of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. I thank them and the many other outreach organisations in the diocese who offer tangible support and advice, to those in difficulty. Particular concern must exist for those who live in situations of violence or abuse. Their plight is particularly distressing, as is the need for vigilance and attentiveness, to signs or signals of its existence. At the wider levels of local and national government, I would ask that policies continue to be shaped by patience and understanding, as many of our citizens face very severe and immediate financial, mental, domestic and existential challenges and some of the more vulnerable fall deeper into pre existing difficulties, now accentuated by the pandemic.



Bishop Denis Brennan

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: First Sunday of Advent. Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8. Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, R/v4. 1 Cor 1:3-9. Mk 13:33-37.

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 high quality meals available 5 days a week. To order just call 051-445711, St. Aidan Centre, Cross St.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: If you would like to register as a friend of New Ross Parish Church St. Mary & St. Michael and support the weekly envelope collection please call to the parish office for details. 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. Total for Weekend 15th of November 2020 @ € 1135.60 (149 No. Envelopes).

Thank you for the support. Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.

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

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Mass Bookings: We are taking bookings up to and including April 2020.

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

Our Lady's (Left):	Holy Souls
Altar (Centre):	Holy Souls
St. Josephs (Right):	Holy Souls

Intentions for the living: Intentions for the living will be announced as “Special Intentions” unless the person who the intention is for signs the GDPR Regulation Slip. Please advise at time of booking.

Certificate Requests: Certificate fees at €5 each. Photographic ID is required for the candidate including Photographic ID for the person who has been authorised by you to collect it. Request forms are available in the Parish Office via. Email at the moment in light of restrictions. Collection on Fridays only.



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.

“ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS.....”

Coronavirus has introduced an extraordinary degree of anxiety and uncertainty into our lives. When in the past did we ever think of worrying about whether Christmas would happen or not? The level of that worry might depend on what we consider to constitute the centre of the Christmas Feast. If “feast” means feasting, socialising, travelling etc., then maybe there is cause for anxiety about what type of Christmas we are going to have.

Such celebrations are good and healthy in themselves but will surely be curtailed this year. At all times, however, they serve to point to a greater celebration at the heart of this festive season- GOD BECAME A HUMAN BEING...“THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US”...thereby changing the course of history and the story of the human race. The carol states boldly the enormity of that event and its influence on our existence with the words “MAN (we) WILL LIVE FOREVERMORE BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS DAY”

The Church and the Crib naturally keep that message central. God’s people gather in God’s House to celebrate and welcome the birth of God’s Son.

We can’t be sure at this moment if such gatherings will even be possible come Christmas – a major source of anxiety and uncertainty for many people. We will know that closer to the time but it is surely unlikely that all restriction on numbers will be removed. We are planning Christmas Masses on the assumption that numbers allowed in Church will continue to be restricted. In order to ensure compliance with any such restrictions and to enable everyone who wishes to attend Mass on Christmas Eve and /or Christmas Day can do so safely and comfortably, the following plan has been devised:-

Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Eve in the Parish Church only at 4.30pm, 6.00pm, 7.30pm and 9.00pm.

Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Day in the Parish Church only at 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.30am and 1.00pm.

Numbers at each Mass will be strictly according to the guidelines in force at the time.

To ensure such compliance we will operate A TICKET SYSTEM for each Mass.

Each of the 8 Masses will have a different colour ticket assigned to it. Tickets will be made available from the Parish Office closer to Christmas.

Tickets can only be presented for the Mass of that colour. For example if the 4.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve is designated as GREEN, then only GREEN tickets will be accepted at the doors for that Mass.

This is not a new idea - people are well accustomed to following that procedure at other events. It is important to note that each family member needs an individual ticket (this will not apply to the youngest children -Under 12 Yrs.).

Unusual times call for unusual responses and these are unusual times.

We are satisfied that if this method is required and followed, there will be space, safety and comfort for all, who wish to celebrate Christmas 2020 in New Ross Parish Church.

That will go a long way to satisfying the wish of many of our people: ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS ...IS THE FREEDOM TO ATTEND MASS.

Monsignor Joseph McGrath.

NEW ROSS PARISH BETHANY BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions the Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group are providing Telephone Support only for all who are bereaved and needing support at this time. Our contact number is 087 3846577.

