






# 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 7th Nov	6.00pm	Deceased Parishioners Remembrance Mass
Sun 8th Nov	10.00am	Andy Roe, Southknock Annie Doyle, Carnagh Tom Kelly, Parkfield Joe O'Mahoney, Hospital Road
Mon 9th Nov	10.00am	November Pious 4 Michael Sidney and his Son Billy, Neville Street
Tues 10th Nov	10.00am	Thomas Galvin Tommy & Molly Connelly, Glenmore
Wed 11th Nov	10.00am	Mass for the People of the Parish November Pious 5
Thur 12th Nov	10.00am	November Pious 6 Deceased Members of the New Ross, Brandon & Viking Bridge Clubs
Fri 13th Nov	10.00am	Tom Murphy, Upper Mary Street Kathleen Kehoe, Follyhouse Lane
Sat 14th Nov	10.00am	Parish Mass Association

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We remember in our prayers JJ Whelan, Upper Mary Street, Bridie Fortune (Nee Doyle), Dublin, Michael Jordan, Mountross & Cork City & Fergus Foley, Ferrybank, Waterford & New Ross, who passed away recently. May They Rest in Peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We pray for the souls of Sheila Hickey & her Son Garrett, Victoria Place, Elizabeth & Michael Martin, Arnestown, Tony Ahern, Ard Mhicil, Andy Roe, Southknock (2nd Anniversary), Robbie Walsh, South Street, Sheila Moriarty, Late of Pinehurst, Mount Elliott, Tom Sutton, Dublin, Paddy Ryan, Mountross, Joe & Mary Bailey, Bridge Street, whose anniversaries occurs around this time.


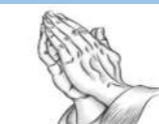
**REMEMBRANCE:** We remember in our prayers the Deceased Members of the New Ross Active Retirement Group and their families.

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to Laura Crowdle & Emmet Kent who celebrated their marriage recently.

- 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.

## 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.


**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.
 

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

**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 ANNOUNCEMENT!**  
 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 for order collections ONLY from 11.00 to 12.00 Noon daily Mon to Fri, should you wish to order Mass Cards, Christmas Cards & Gifts please do so by either email of telephone.**  
 Email: info@newrossparish.ie  
 Telephone: 051 421 348  
**STAY SAFE**

Dear God,  
 Help me spend today  
 with a *Smile* on my face,  
 Love in my heart,  
 Joy in His grace,  
 and my *thinking cap* on all day.  
 Amen

## PARISH INFORMATION.....

**Next Weeks Readings:** Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. Ps 127: 1-5, R/ v 1.1 Th 5: 1-6. Mt 25: 14-30.

**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:** 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 1st of November 2020 @ € 1,129.96 (101 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.




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

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

**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.

## FROM COVID TO CHRISTMAS..... A JOURNEY OF HOPE

The Book of Genesis portrays God's intended ideal world in terms of an idyllic garden, in which the human race would live healthy, happy, carefree, united lives. But God also endowed humans with free will, the use of which resulted in the creation of a different world, characterised to a large extent by toil, struggle, disunity, discord, pain and suffering.

But God did not give up. His rescue plan involved the extraordinary decision to send His Son to be "like us in all things but sin". In an astonishing act of humility Jesus "did not think equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant and being as all men are, He was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross." (Phil 2:8).

## FROM COVID TO CHRISTMAS..... A JOURNEY OF HOPE Continued.....

God's plan was launched when Mary agreed to become the Mother of God's Son. It became a reality in Bethlehem on the first Christmas Night. "A saviour is born to us in the city of David" (Lk2:11). HOPE entered our world. The carol rejoices that "Man (we) will live forevermore because of Christmas Day. That is our strong belief in the face of any adversity. We face one such adversity now.

The Corona Pandemic has stunned the world; a silent, unseen virus not only directly threatens health and ends lives, it has also seriously disturbed all aspects of modern living - socially, economically, spiritually and personally.

The words of St. Pope John Paul 11 come to mind: "NEVER EVER GIVE UP ON HOPE; NEVER DOUBT, NEVER TIRE AND NEVER BECOME DISCOURAGED. BE NOT AFRAID". He could offer that advice with confidence "BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS DAY"....a SAVIOUR was born that day... one who delivers from evil. He is as involved in our present crisis as in any other down through history. But He helps those who help themselves. He will not intervene in any miraculous or spectacular way. He will be there to aid our efforts. Those efforts must be directed towards the strict observance of the health guidelines. He will quietly use our good example to inspire others to follow suit; He will comfort those suffering, strengthen those nursing the sick and He will guide those seeking a cure.

We are wondering if we will have a Christmas at all this year. At the level and extent of a traditional celebration, probably not. But the basic reason for celebrating Christmas remains as central as ever and is to be all the more emphasised in times of crisis.

"A Saviour has been born to us". He is alive and active and available to us in these anxious times.

St. Ignatius of Loyola had a saying that might be our guide:

PRAY .... As if everything depended on God;

ACT ..... As if everything depended on you.

Jesus will be born again this Christmas in the hearts of those who accept Him as their saviour. His Christmas gifts will be PEACE in a time of anxiety, HOPE in uncertainty and CONFIDENCE in dealing with this unique situation.

St. Paul asks "If God is at our side, who can be against us?" (Rom 8:31)

HE IS AT OUR SIDE ALWAYS – EVEN TO THE END OF TIME.



Monsignor Joseph McGrath

## EXTRACT FROM PASTORAL LETTER



### It's not a time to lose heart.

An old adage, once often quoted about the Church itself, used to go – 'as the world gets darker, the Church must become brighter.'

The sentiments that underpin this adage are the spirit we need today as citizens and as Christians.

Now is not a time to lose heart.

The toll to date has been far reaching.

Even more worrying, there is – as of yet – no guaranteed or immediate solution. That said, we are not helpless.

Let's keep heart by doubling down and wearing the mask, practicing hand hygiene and keeping the required social distance.

The simple pieces of advice are our best weapons to reduce the spread of the virus – avoid close contact, and avoid closed and crowded spaces.

In saying this, let's do more than what is simply right at present.

Let us as church go the second mile.

In resolving to recommit to these good and necessary practices of hygiene and safety, let's dig deeper and draw on our Christian nature.

Let's share our hope of brighter days with others, especially those for whom this is a real struggle – the isolated, those for whom anxiety is a daily burden, the genuinely frightened, those who could do with a bit of cheering up, or motivating.

In short – 'Keep heart, Give heart, Be heart!'

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.*