







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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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.

LET'S STAY SAFE AND LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER.

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 28th Nov	6.00pm	Ann Somers, The Maudlins 1st Anniversary
Sun 29th Nov	10.00am	Special Intentions Godfrey Hill, Butlersland Julia Kavanagh, Fr. Cullen Terrace and her Daughter May O'Shea, Crona, Dunnamaggin. Margaret (Cissie) Kehoe, Ballybrazil 8th Anniversary Anniversaries Months Mind
Mon 30th Nov	10.00am	Irene O'Keefee, Cork Anne Doyle, Ard Mhicil & Ger St. Ledger, Tower Grove Anniversaries Anniversaries
Tues 1st Dec	10.00am	Kathleen & Laurence Kehoe, Newbawn John Bowe, Abbeyhall Anniversaries Anniversary
Wed 2nd Dec	10.00am	Mass for People of the Parish Alice Cullen, "Hillcrest" Anniversaries
Thur 3rd Dec	10.00am	Jimmy & Annie Kehoe, Church Lane John McNamara and his Parents John & Margaret Anniversaries Anniversaries
Fri 4th Dec	10.00am	John & Maryanne Cullen, Newbawn Eamon Byrne & his Parents Mary & Laurence Anniversaries Anniversaries
Sat 5th Dec	10.00am	Parish Mass Association



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Donations can be given to any Congress Member, your local SVP Shop, Quay Street or the New Ross Parish Office. Thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We remember in our prayers, Maureen Jefford (nee O'Neill), Hazeldean, Town Wall, Mary Doyle, New Ross & Ramsgrange, Bridget (Bunny) Butler, Late of Bewley Street & London, Fr. John Murphy, O.S.A. Augustinian Community & Ellen Mary Wickenheifer, USA who passed away recently. May They Rest in Peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We pray for the souls of Nano Kehoe, Ard Na Greine, Angus Walsh, Dungarvan & Detta Wilson, Robert Street 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.

Reflection for weekend 28th & 29th Nov. 2020 Fratelli Tutti..Pope Francis

Chapter 2 – A Stranger on the Road
After the lament of the first chapter, Pope Francis offers an extended reflection on Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan as a "ray of light in the midst of what we are experiencing" (56). The Holy Father sees in the parable a reminder that the natural love we experience for family members should be consciously extended to those who are strangers to us. This call to care for strangers in need has its roots in Judaism, and Pope Francis highlights that this care must be expressed both personally, case by case, and communally, united as a family. Each new day should be seen as an opportunity to "include, integrate, and lift up the fallen" rather than "an arena for [our] own power plays" (77).

Advent ...stay awake!

Clay can be made into many things (see Rom 9:21). How open am I to God's creativity in my own pilgrimage of faith?

PRAYER: God, our loving father, when we are absent from you and when you seem absent to us, come again, be close to us, and let us know your presence and action in our lives. We place ourselves in your hands: we are the clay, you the potter. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.(www.tarsus.ie)

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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: Second Sunday of Advent. Is 40: 1-5, 9-11. Ps 84: 9-14, R/ v8. 2 Pet 3:8-14. Mk 1: 1-8.

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 22nd of November 2020 @ € 1,135.10 (143 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: Next Tuesday the 1st of December we will be taking bookings up to and including May 2021.

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

Our Lady's (Left): Ellen Bowe RIP
Altar (Centre): Special Intentions
St. Josephs (Right): Special Intentions

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.



"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 at 4.30pm, 6.00pm, 7.30pm and 9.00pm.

Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Day in the Parish Church 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.