




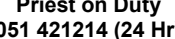


New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael

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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Please follow HSE Guidelines & Stay Safe when entering all Parochial Premises

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Re-opening of the Church.

We are relieved that we have resumed public Masses. Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Church as follows:
 Daily Monday to Saturday @ 10.00am
 Saturday Vigils @ 5.00pm & 6.00pm
 Sundays @ 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am & 12.00 noon.

The usual guidelines continue to apply - Hand Sanitising, Face Coverings & Social Distancing. We acknowledge that these have been fully compiled by all attending the church over the period of the pandemic.

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 12th Dec	5.00pm	
	6.00pm	Shelia Browne, Cross Street
Sun 13th Dec	9.00am	Patrick & John Mc Carthy, Ryleen
	10.00am	James & Catherine Murphy, Ballyrue Patrick Richardson, Fairgate
	11.00am	
	12.00 Noon	Seanie Monohan, Lower William Street
Mon 14th Dec	10.00am	Helen & Joseph Mullins, Cork Patrick & Bridget Coady, Dungarvan, Waterford
Tues 15th Dec	10.00am	Pat Hamilton, Pondfields Elizabeth & John Cooney, Robert Street
Wed 16th Dec	10.00am	Mass for People of the Parish Patrick & Delia Purcell, Fr Cullen Terrace
Thur 17th Dec	10.00am	John Joe Sheehan & deceased family members, Wexford Street. Mary Reynolds & deceased family members, Wexford Street. Pearl Kehoe, William Street.
Fri 18th Dec	10.00am	Mary & Daniel Corcoran, Cork Rita & Pat Reidy, Limerick
Sat 19th Dec	10.00am	Parish Mass Association

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We pray for the souls of Ellen Larkin, Mary Street, Pat Hamilton, Pondfields, Laurence Ryan, Dowsley's Barn, Mrs Joan Kearney, Castleisland (3rd Anniversary) Anne Doyle, Ard Mhicil, and Ger St. Ledger, Tower Grove, whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We remember in our prayers Mr. Jackie (John) Curtis, late of Robert Street & Ryleen New Ross, Peggie Tetley (née Malone), UK & late of Cross Lane & Paschal Murphy, Hewittsland. May they Rest In Peace.

BAPTISMS: We are taking no Baptism bookings until further notice. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. 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.

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

Available @ €10.00 per week.
Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.

Our Lady's (Left):

Arron Phillpot RIP, Long Meadow

Altar (Centre):

The Callaghan Family RIP,
Mountgarrett

St. Josephs (Right):

Special Intentions



**PLEASE SUPPORT NEW ROSS SVP
BY DONATION TO THEIR
ANNUAL COLLECTION WHICH
WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 12th DEC
&
SUNDAY 13th DEC 2020**

THANK YOU.



**Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of
the month the boys and girls
from 2nd class in the Junior
School join us through the
livestreaming@10.00am Mass.**

**This is part of their
preparation for
1st Confession &
1st Holy Communion**

PARISH INFORMATION.....

Next Weeks Readings: Fourth Sunday of Advent.

2Sm 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16.Ps 88:2-5,27,29,R/cf. v2. Rm 16:25-27. Lk 1:26-38

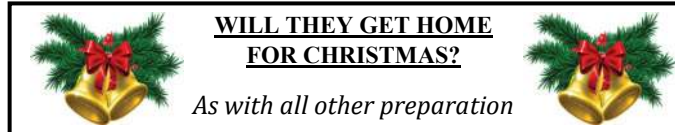
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—NEW ROSS: 085 8313073

Radio & Live Stream Mass: 104.7FM & New Ross Parish Website, Saturday Vigil @ 6.00pm & 10.00am Daily including Funerals Masses.

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 5th of December 2020 @ € 3246.00 (258 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 currently taking bookings up to and including May 2021.



Travel is one area that is uncertain. Family members living away will be especially disturbed by any restrictions preventing overseas journeys.

To acknowledge that disappointment we will remember those unable to get home in the 7.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

Their names can be placed in a special box near the Altar to ask God's protection on them and to fill there lonely days with his presence.



Christmas Mass Arrangements

As numbers are limited we have devised a ticket system - each mass will have a different colour ticket. This will ensure space, safety & comfort for all wishing to attend.
Thank you and stay safe.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve	4.30PM(FULL)
	6.00PM (FULL)
	7.30PM (FULL)
Christmas Day	9.00PM (FULL)
	8.30AM (FULL)
	10.00AM (FULL)
	11.30AM (FULL)
	1.00PM (FULL)



"I CONFESS TO....."

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION has been always an important element in the religious practice of Catholics - more especially nowadays in the lives of the older generations.

Like all other aspects of life, Covid 19 has stepped in disrupt that tradition.

For many years the Parish has catered for Christmas Confessions in two ways:- a Penitential Service during Christmas Week and Individual Confessions on Christmas Eve.

NEITHER OF THESE METHODS CAN BE OFFERED THIS YEAR.

There has always been provision in our Church for a third method of confessing sins in times of emergency - through GENERAL ABSOLUTION. The request has been made to allow that method this year in view of the present virus. The reply has been that PANDEMICS do not qualify, so General Absolution is not an option.

Therefore we are not in a position to offer any form of organised public gatherings for Confessions this Christmas.

However, we will, as always, be available for individual Confession on request.

In the absence of Confession and in an emergency, it has always been the teaching of the Church that an ACT OF CONTRITION suffices on condition that Confession will be sought as soon as possible afterwards. The sadness at failure and the strong intention to change have always been the essential and basic requirements for any form of Confession.

Confession was never intended to be - nor should it ever be a judgemental experience or a sentencing hearing. It is the occasion of returning to the God who loves, accepts and forgives. It is a celebration of His receiving us back and giving us the help to stay close to Him in the future.

If you decide to use the ACT OF CONTRITION method, I suggest that you do so in the context of the story of the **PRODIGAL SON (Chapter 15 St. Luke's Gospel)** as follows:-

1. Find a quiet spot.
2. Read the story, picturing the scene, the characters and hear the conversations.
3. Place **YOURSELF** in the story as the son (daughter) returning home.
4. Tell your story to God in front of you.
5. Listen to what He has to say. Expect to be amazed for our God is truly amazing.
6. Be in no hurry to leave His Presence.

IT WILL BE THE GREATEST AND MOST LASTING CHRISTMAS BOX YOU WILL EVER GIVE YOURSELF!.....TRY IT.

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.