





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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PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: Wednesday 23rd December @ 2.00pm & Re-open Monday 4th January @ 10.30am.

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 19th Dec	5.00pm	
	1.00 to 4.00pm	Light Fever Event "Gloria in Excelsis Deo"
	6.00pm	Philip O' Kennedy, Marymount, & Betty Garty (nee O'Kennedy) and grandparents Gus & Eileen O'Kennedy
Sun 20th Dec	9.00am	Grace Lee, Mount Carmel
	10.00am	John J King, Mountgarrett John Joe Meehan, Charleton Hill
	11.00am	
	12.00 Noon	JJ Whelan, Mary Street
Mon 21st Dec	10.00am	Willie, Ann & Nicky Murphy Paddy & Margaret Flynn, Stokestown
	7.30pm	Penitential Service - On Line
Tues 22nd Dec	10.00am	Bernard & Bridget Rowe, The Bullawn Joe Doyle, Castlebridge
Wed 23rd Dec	10.00am	Mass for People of the Parish Anna Sheehan, Cross Street
Thur 24th Dec <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4.30pm	NOVENA 1 GREY TICKETS ONLY
	6.00pm	NOVENA 2 GREEN COLOUR TICKETS ONLY
	7.30am	NOVENA 3 Will they get home for Christmas Mass PINK COLOUR TICKETS ONLY
	9.00pm	NOVENA 4 ORANGE COLOUR TICKETS ONLY
Fri 25th Dec <i>Christmas Day</i>	7.00am	BLACK COLOUR TICKETS ONLY
	8.30am	NOVENA 5 PURPLE COLOUR TICKETS ONLY
	10.00am	Molly Crowdle, Irishtown YELLOW COLOUR TICKETS ONLY
	11.30am	NOVENA 6 BLUE COLOUR TICKETS ONLY
	1.00pm	NOVENA 7 RED COLOUR TICKETS ONLY
Sat 26th Dec	10.00am	Parish Mass Association

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

Available @ €10.00 per week.

Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.

Our Lady's (Left):

Nicky Murphy RIP, Rosbercon

Altar (Centre):

Nancy & Jimmy Martin RIP, Ard ná Greine

St. Josephs (Right):

Special Intentions

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We pray for the souls of James Maddock, The Bullawn, John King, Mountgarrett, Dawn Pyne, Mount Carmel, Maura Flynn, Rosbercon & Tramore, Tom Connors, Clonleigh, Palace East, Ned Cash, Alice Connors & her daughter Mary, Adamstown, Joe, Paddy, J.J. & Pat Kavanagh & Family, Bewley Street, Tomas & Anastasia Gantley & Family, Irishtown, Molly Crowdle, Irishtown, Joe Carroll, his wife Jo and their son Joe, late of Ard Mhichil & Michael O'Donnell, Mountgarrett whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the soul of Kieran O'Grady, Mountgarrett, who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:

We remember Billy Woods, The Maudlins, 90th Birthday, which occurs around this time.

WEDDING:

Congratulations to Sarah Treacy & Philip Kennedy who celebrated their marriage recently.

WILL THEY GET HOME FOR CHRISTMAS?

To acknowledge the 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 their lonely days with his presence.

CMT Radio Programme:

Sr. Ella McGuinness is in conversation with Margaret Rossiter on South East Radio on Tues 22nd Dec at 8.04pm, talking about her life and times.

Happy, Healthy & Peaceful

Christmas Blessings to all Our Parishioners

PARISH INFORMATION.....

Next Weeks Readings: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year B: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3. Ps 104:1-6, 8-9, R/ vv 7, 8. Heb 18:11-12, 17-19. Lk 2:22-40

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—NEW ROSS: 085 8313073

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 13th of December 2020 @ € 1586.10 (156 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.

On behalf of the Parish Office staff and Ourselves we wish volunteers who have helped throughout the year in any way, a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas.

As there are so many to mention individually, We have included you all in our Novena list during the Christmas Season.

Monsignor Joseph McGrath, Fr. Tom Orr, Breda, Martha, John & Noreen

V.I.P NOTICE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Due to government restrictions, numbers permitted at masses are greatly reduced.

In order to meet those requirements and the needs of parishioners, we have devised a ticket system.

In order to avoid any difficulties at the doors, the following procedure will strictly apply:-

- Admission to each mass is by ticket only.
- There will be no exceptions
- A limited number of tickets have been allocated to and distributed for each mass
- Each mass has an individually coloured ticket.
- Tickets are valid only for the mass of that colour.
- Each ticket admits one adult only.

**Christmas Eve Masses: - 4.30pm, 6.00pm, 7.30pm, 9.00pm
Polish mass 10.00pm**

**Christmas Day Masses: - 7.00am, 8.30am, 10.00am
11.30am, 1.00pm**

WHAT ARE YOU GETTING FOR CHRISTMAS.....?



I bet that is the big question you are asking each other these days!

And that is fine...it is the natural thing to do... what we are really saying is 'I hope you get what you wish for'.

Yes, Christmas is a time when children GET gifts of all kinds.

It is a way for parents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, friends and grandparents of saying how special and loved children are.

GOD gave the very first Christmas present ever. It happened on the first Christmas night, when God's Son Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

So all the presents and gifts we receive at Christmas from the people who love us are a reminder of the gift God gave to us on the first Christmas because He loves us too.

So as we say THANKS to the people who give us these presents, we must also say THANKS to God.

And the way we say THANKS is by being GOOD- trying to be nice and kind and helpful.

That is also the THANKS that God wants from us- that we try to live like Jesus. Jesus spent His life GIVING -people said "HE WENT AROUND DOING GOOD."

We can do the same because Christmas is not all about GETTING; it is more about GIVING. God gave His Son. Jesus gave His life. We will be happier when we try to GIVE more than we hope to GET.

No matter how young we are we can all GIVE, even though we might think we have little or nothing to offer.

The shepherds were the first to be told of the birth of Jesus. But listening too were the sheep and the cattle and all the animals in the fields. So the cows and the sheep decided to go over to Bethlehem too and welcome Jesus. A little field mouse asked could he come too. But the cows and the sheep mocked the mouse saying;

"DON'T BE SO SILLY; WHAT HAVE YOU TO GIVE THE CHILD?"

The cows said we have our milk to feed him. The sheep said our wool will keep him warm.

Off they went, found the stable and as they promised the cows GAVE milk and the sheep GAVE wool to the little infant. Mary and Joseph were delighted and thanked them all.

The poor mouse arrived but was not allowed in. So he went around to the back of the stable and found a little hole he thought he could squeeze through. But to his horror he got stuck and could neither get in nor get out. He spent the whole night struggling and frozen with the cold.

Next morning St. Joseph came around to the back of the stable to see where the noise had been coming from all night. The mouse was terrified but Joseph smiled and said"-

"Ah, so you are one making all that noise all night. Well I want to thank you because when we arrived there was a terrible draught coming through that hole and onto the baby. Suddenly it stopped and Mary has sent me out now in the daylight to see how the draught disappeared. You stopped it even though you suffered doing it.

Yes the cows gave their milk and the sheep gave their wool but small as you are YOU GAVE YOURSELF."

The story of Christmas in a word...ENOUGH SAID!

What are you going TO GIVE for Christmas???

Monsignor Joseph McGrath,

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels will close for Christmas on **Thursday 24th December at 12 noon.**

We will reopen on Tuesday 29th December. Anyone wishing to order extra meal while were closed can do so Christmas week by letting a member of staff know or by phoning us on 051-445711.

We will close on New Years Eve,

Thursday 31st December at 12 noon and reopen on Monday 4th January.

We will also provide extra meals for New Years weekend.

Anne and all the staff wish all our clients a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. Stay Safe and Well with best wishes to you all for 2021

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.