







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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Date	Time	Intention
Sat 26th Dec	5.00pm	
	6.00pm	NOVENA 8
Sun 27th Dec	9.00am	Martin & Jim O'Neil, Cross Lane
	10.00am	NOVENA 9 Michael & Annie Cleere, The Maudlins & their son Patrick
	11.00am	
	12.00 Noon	Mikey & Eveline Haslam & their Grandson Michael
Mon 28th Dec	10.00am	Thanksgiving Elsie Ronan & her granddaughter Dawn Doherty
Tues 29th Dec	10.00am	Jeremiah O'Rourke, Ballyrue James Howlett, William Street
Wed 30th Dec	10.00am	Matthew Aspel, Mountross Ita Meaney, Ballyanne
Thur 31st Dec New Year Eve	10.00am	Noel Merrnagh Richard, Anna, Val & Jimmy Reynolds, Kilkenny & USA
Fri 1st Jan New Years Day	10.00am	Johnny Roche, JKL Nicholas Cashin, William Street
Sat 2nd Jan	10.00am	Parish Mass Association

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We pray for the souls of Dawn Pyne, Mount Carmel, Francis Doyle, Priory Street & Thomas St. Ledger, Charleton Hill whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE: We remember Willie Reeves during this time.

Sudoku Corner

Easy					Hard				
7	6		4		8	3			
4		3	2						1
		5		7	4	2			
		4		9		3			
1		3		5					4
	3			2		1			
	2	7	4			8			
6					3	9			2
5	4			1			6	7	

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 Christmas
Eccles (Sir) 24:1-2, 8-12. Ps 147:12-15, 19-20, R/Jan 1:14.
Edh 1:3-6, 15-18. Jn 1:1-18.

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 20th of December 2020 @ € (No. Envelopes). Thank you for the support. Alternatively you can donate via The Ferns Diocesan Website by clicking the big pink button.

Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.

Mass Bookings: We will be taking bookings up to and including June 2021 from Monday 4th January 2021.

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

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

Our Lady's (Left):

Special Intentions

Altar (Centre):

The Reynolds Family RIP

St. Josephs (Right):

The Power Family RIP



PARISH OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2021 @ 10.30AM



Gardaí Operation "Faoisimh"

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

ALONE

Supporting older people to age at home

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

Happy, Healthy & Peaceful
Christmas Blessings
to all Our Parishioners

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 meals 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

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 O' Breda, Martha, John & Noreen

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

As we look at the Crib, we can see the Christmas story come to life. All the different characters who were so important that first Christmas are here, and each of us can be represented there too. If you have a Crib, you are invited to place the pieces into it one by one, using the following prayers to help you. Christmas reminds us that 'God is no longer hidden but visible, no longer distant but near, no longer a notion but a person'. May we grow closer to the person of Jesus who is at the heart of Christmas and who is very visible and very near if we only had the eyes to see.

The Manger:

Jesus was born in a stable and then laid in a manger which was used to feed animals. We pray for all those who are poor and don't have their own homes. We also pray for those who are hungry. Lord Jesus, help us to help us to help those who are most in need at Christmas time. Lord hear us.

The Donkey:

Mary was carried on a donkey as herself and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem. We pray for all those who carry us when we need to be carried through hard times in our lives and we pray that we may remember those who need to be carried and supported - the wounded, the sick, the homeless, the migrant and refugee. Lord hear us.

The Cow:

In the cold of the night, the cow breathed on the infant Jesus to keep him warm as he lay in the Manger. Lord, help us to keep others warm with our love and our care for them. Lord hear us.

The Star:

The Star led the way to the stable. We pray for all those who have been guiding lights for us in life - parents or teachers or priests and all who help us on the journey through life and find our way. We also remember those who are lonely or sad and those in darkness who need light and hope. Lord Jesus shine your light into their darkness. Lord hear us.

The Shepherds:

The shepherds came to visit the stable after Jesus was born and then returned to their people with news of great joy. Lord Jesus, help us to remember to visit those who might be alone at Christmas and help us share your joy with them. Lord hear us.

The Kings:

The three Kings brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Lord Jesus, may we be always grateful for the gifts we receive and remember those who didn't receive any gifts this year. Lord hear us.

The Angel:

The Angels came from heaven to be messengers of the good news that Jesus the Saviour was born. We pray for all those who have died in 2020. We pray also for those who are missing loved ones this Christmas. Lord hear us.

Joseph:

We see Joseph in the crib and we think of all men in our lives - our fathers, brothers, sons, nephews, uncles, husbands, boyfriends, grandfathers and godfathers. Joseph had the courage of his love for Mary to stand by her. We pray for all those who look after us and we thank them for all that they have done for us. Lord hear us.

Mary:

As we see Mary in the crib, we think of all women in our lives - our mothers, daughters, sisters, nieces, wives, girlfriends, grandmothers and godmothers. Mary was asked by God to bring Jesus into the world. She cared for him as a baby and looked after him as he grew up. We pray for all those who care for us and who show us the tender mercy of God. Lord hear us.

Child Jesus:

At the centre of the crib is the baby Jesus, born this Christmas. We remember all children. Each of our lives began as a small helpless baby, totally dependent on others. We pray for children all over the world, especially those who don't have loving families and are in danger. We pray to keep them safe and protected this Christmas. Lord hear us.