

Jesus is the healer who gives hope to his people.



...to care for the people who cannot care for themselves...



You know what is in a person's heart by who they mix with or talk about. What is most important to them. Who did Jesus speak most about – spend most time with? Just spending time and helping. No sermons to them? It is the poor and the sick. The first person he visits in Galilee is a sick woman.

We need two things when we are sick – health and confidence. Someone asked me to pray for her: 'Pray that the peace will remain with me!' We do not know why some are cured after prayer – but we know that all prayer brings strength of mind and soul. Love means being with people not taking away troubles we cannot do anything about. That is what Jesus promised.

The Church goes further – it is committed to health care. We need more voices in society and in the church to care for the people who cannot care for themselves, and these are the sick. The covid pandemic brings that home to us at home and worldwide.

As a parish we want to care as best we can for the sick. We pay tribute to people caring for the sick at home, like Peter's family did, for nurses and doctors and staff in hospitals often working under awful circumstances.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus was always helping people with His Hands. Peter's mother in law was sick in bed. Jesus takes her by the hand and makes her well. Then, with her hands she makes a nice meal. Our mother and father, used their hands to hold us when we were small, to hug us, and care for us with food and clothes. Jesus tells us that when we help people with our hands, we praise God Our Father, who blesses the world through our hands.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters..... May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 146:1-6

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **(R)**
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken - hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **(R)**
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R)**

SECOND READING I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23. A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! He took our sicknesses away, and carried our diseases for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39

The Lord be with you **And with your spirit.** **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark Glory to you, O Lord.**

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** May almighty God have mercy on us.... **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father you take away the sins of the world:



have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father have mercy on us; For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Job 7:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of Job Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Date	Time		
Sat 6th Feb	6.00pm	Patrick Kehoe, Charleton Hill.	5th Anniversary
Sun 7th Feb	10.00am	Kevin Byrne, Irishtown Edward & Etta O'Neill, Abbey View Joan Kinsella, Knockmullen & Rita Rose Bailey, Knockmullen Ann Gardiner, JKL Margaret (Peggy) Henneberry, Charleton Hill	Months Mind Anniversaries Anniversaries Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 8th Feb	10.00am	Billy Foley, New Ross & Cork Ger Roche, Bewley Street	Anniversary Anniversary
Tues 9th Feb	10.00am	John Cullen, Pondfields Michael Cullen, Victoria Place.	Anniversary Anniversary
Wed 10th Feb	10.00am	Intentions of the People. Joe Tyrell, Mountgarrett	Anniversary
Thurs 11th Feb - Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.	10.00am	Robert Katus, William Street Michael Farrell & his Granddaughter Ruth, Camblin	42nd Anniversary Anniversaries
Fri 12th Feb	10.00am	The Foley & Brennan Families, New Ross & Castlecomer Margaret & Thomas Kielthy & Deceased Family Members	Anniversaries Anniversaries
Sat 13th Feb	10.00am	Parish Mass Association.	

PARISH INFORMATION.....

Next Weeks Readings: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Lev 13: 1—2, 44—46. Ps 31: 1—2, 5, 11, R/ v 7. 1 Cor 10: 31—11: 1. Mk 1: 40—45.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—NEW ROSS: 085 8313073

Radio & Live Stream Mass: 104.7FM & New Ross Parish Website Live Stream, 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.

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.

Bethany Bereavement Support: Bereavement Support available by telephone Please ring 087 3846577 if you need support.

Mass Bookings: We will be taking Mass bookings up to and including July 2021.

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.

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.

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

Collections: 31st Jan 2021 @ € 1,819.10 (114 No.). Alternatively you can donate via. The Ferns Diocesan Website www.ferns.ie by clicking the big pink button.

Thank you for the support.

Sanctuary Lamps

Intentions:

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

Our Lady's (Left):

Available

Altar (Centre):

Maureen & Joe Nixon RIP

St. Josephs (Right):

Jim & Molly Dunne RIP

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We pray for the souls of Aidan Maddock, The Bullawn, Phyllis Dolan, Riverview, Margaret & Joe Bennett, Pondfields & Josephine Connelly, Pondfields, whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the soul of Sean Sutton, Lower Southknock, who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

Should you wish to have a loved one included in this section, please contact the Parish Office with the details by the previous Wednesday before 2.00pm.



FEBRUARY:

Thurs 11th: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Prayers for the sick during 10.00am Mass

Tues 16th: Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Day

Wed 17th: Ash Wednesday beginning of Lent.

Ashes will not be distributed this year.

Ashes will be available in the Church for collection.

MARCH:

Wed 17th: St. Patrick's Day.
Sun 28th: Palm Sunday.

APRIL:

Thurs 1st: Holy Thursday, Evening Mass for The Lords Supper.

Fri 2nd: Good Friday.
Sat 3rd: Holy Saturday
Sun 4th: Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord.



Part II

In the year 2000 the Diocese of Ferns celebrated the 14th century anniversary of its founding by St. Aidan. To mark that important milestone the late Father John Gahan produced a major work entitled "THE SECULAR PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF FERNS". The book consists of pen pictures of all the priests who served in the Diocese from the early 19th century to the year 2000.

Over the next number of weeks the Newsletter will carry his accounts of all the Parish Priests and Curates who worked in New Ross Parish during that time. As it happens the first on the list is LUKE WADDING, who was mentioned in a recent edition of the Newsletter.

Rev. William Chapman was a native of Great Graigue and was appointed PP in 1786. He was made Dean of Ferns in 1801. He proved an able pastor, and laboured for thirty-two years, when he retired. At the close of the 18th century the old Catholic parochial church, situated on the site now occupied by the Augustinian Friary church, was falling into disrepair. In 1804 Dean Chapman obtained a plot of ground in South Street from Mr. Glascott, at a rent of £ 40.00 a year where he erected a parish church, opposite the residence of Mr. Tottenham, later the Convent of Mercy. The church was opened in 1806 and closed in September 1902, having served as a church for the people of New Ross for ninety-six years. It was later used as a public hall. The Carmelite Convent was opened in July 1817 and was one of the first Convents in the diocese of Ferns since the Reformation.

Dean Chapman gave up the pastoral care in November 1817 and went to reside in a cottage in the Carmelite Convent grounds and acted as chaplain there. After a short period as chaplain to the Carmelite nuns, whom he introduced in 1817, he retired to his nephew's home in Co. Kilkenny, where he died on 18th September 1828. He was buried at Churchtown with his own family, in the parish of The Hook. The celebrated Bishop James Doyle, Kildare & Leighlin, wrote a brief epitaph for the tomb of his friend, as follows "Sacred to the memory of the Very Rev. Dean Chapman, who dies on the 18th of September 1828, aged 70 years. May his soul rest in peace".

The Chapmans are one of the oldest families in the Barony of Shelburne, being in the Hook since the 13th Century. Fr. George Chapman was buried with Fr. William in Churchtown.

Rev. Thomas Doyle was transferred from Taghmon and was appointed PP in 1818. At this time Bishop Ryan had fallen into bad health and nominations were sought from the clergy of Ferns for the appointment of a Coadjutor. Although Fr. Doyle was voted "dignissimus"*, Rev. James Keating, curate in Camolin, was appointed Bishop. Fr. Doyle was subsequently made Dean of Ferns and VG. He died on 15th of August 1830, aged 74 years, and was buried in Courthoyle.

Rev. William Brennan was born in 1790 and was a native of Ballygarvan. His family, originally from Co. Kilkenny, lived beside Kilcowanmore churchyard, in parish of Bree. They were cousins of the Brennan's of Forrest, Taghmon.

He studied for the priesthood in Carlow College, 1808—1812. He was appointed CC New Ross in 1816, where he was also appointed PP in August 1830.

The people of New Ross remembered him for his great attention to the victims of cholera and fever during the epidemics in 1832, 1836 and 1839. He welcomed Father Matthew to New Ross in April 1840 and was a staunch supporter of the temperance movement. Being of the popular party, he opposed the Tottenham's as members for the New Ross Borough. Mr. Tottenham called him "tallow-faced Brennan", because of his complexion.

He passed away on 6th September 1846, aged 60 years, and was interred in the family grave at Ballybrennan. There is a fine cenotaph to his memory in the parish church at New Ross. He gave the name Brennan's Lane where he lived in South Street.

Rev. Patrick Murphy was a native of the parish of Templetown. He entered Maynooth in August 1819 and was ordained at Enniscorthy on 15th August 1824. He became a curate in the parish of Bree on 1st September 1824 and was transferred to the parish of Davidstown on 1st October 1826. On 8th of September 1827 he became CC New Ross, where he remained until he was appointed PP New Ross in September 1846. He had a short pastorate of three years. He died on 30th August 1849 and was buried with his own family, the Murphy's of Ralph, in Poulfur graveyard.

In the Outrage Papers for Co. Wexford, dated 11th October and 14th November 1836, there are accounts of stones being thrown at the windows of the house of Rev. Mr. Murphy, Mary St., New Ross. One of the stones came through the window of the room where he was sitting by the fire and another stuck the window sash and broke the glass. The constable who reported the incident remarked: "In justice to Rev. Mr. Murphy, I must add that he never interferes in political matters and is the last person I should suppose anyone would want to annoy."

Rev. James Walsh transferred from Newtownbarry, was appointed PP in 1849. He was a holy and deeply religious priest and collected £600.00 towards the building of a new parish church. On 25th September 1860 he was transferred to Lady's Island.

Monsignor Joseph McGrath

Dignissimus* - meaning most or very appropriate, fitting, worthy



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.