

Jesus was destined to die so that we would have life.  
We must die to sin, die to our selfish ways,  
if we are to be alive to Christ and alive for his kingdom.



“...but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.”



A few dozen times today she was asked “can we see the baby?”. Of course, with pride she showed the baby to all the relatives and friends who wanted to see. When a child paints a picture, we ask to see it not to hear about it. We wish to experience it first-hand.

In today's gospel, they say to Phillip ‘we want to see Jesus’ not just hear about him or read about him, but see him. They want to know what he looks like, when he is talking, when he is praying, they want to experience him first-hand to know him better.

What does this seeing Jesus mean? He gives a clue himself when he says immediately “a grain of wheat falls in the ground and dies”. He is saying that if we want to see him, we will see him eventually on the cross. We don't just hear about love on the cross, we see it. He said very little on Calvary, but we see him in the suffering he put up with at human hands because of God's love for us.

If we see Jesus, we will see his servants, we will see all his people. That means you and me, and also most particularly we will see the poor. We will see, if we want to, many who are crucified with him. Unfortunately, he is not crucified alone.

*Lord by your cross and resurrection you have set us free you are the savior of the world.*

Donal Neary SJ Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus talks about little seeds in the dark earth. The little seeds will be lonely and feel cold but the sunshine will come and warm them. They will grow into sheaves of golden corn and bring food and joy to the world. Jesus said ‘that He too would be lonely and in the dark and that God Our Father would be with Him and raise Him up to a wonderful new life. Sometimes, we are in the dark and lonely too. Jesus promises that His Spirit will always be with us.



### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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....

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

*The mystery of faith.*  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

### 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

**Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

### PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift. 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, glorifying the Lord by your life.

less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 50:3-4.12-15

**R. A pure heart create for me, O God.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **(R)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R)**
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **(R)**

### SECOND READING Hebrews 5: 7-9

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**  
During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**  
**If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too.**  
**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

### GOSPEL John 12:20 - 30

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’  
A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered,

‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

**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.**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God are my strength.**

### GREETING

In the name of the Father..... **Amen.**  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And with your spirit.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
May almighty God have mercy on us....  
**Amen.**

### OPENING PRAYER

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.  
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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**  
See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no

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## RADIO MASS 104.7FM MASS & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH WEBSITE.

Date	Time		
Sat 20th Mar	6.00pm	Patrick Cullen, Stafford, UK & Chrissie Malone, Riverview	1st Anniversaries
Sun 21st Mar	10.00am	Ned & Mona Walsh, William Street Claire & Tony O'Flynn, Hospital Road Sean Finn, Ard Na Greine	Anniversaries Anniversaries 3rd Anniversary
Mon 22nd Mar	10.00am	Tom Kirby Colin Barrett, Arklow & Athlone	Recently Deceased 16th Anniversary
Tues 23rd Mar	10.00am	Liz & Walter Dunne & the Cosgrove Family, The Maudlins Mary Power, Church Street	Anniversaries Anniversary
Wed 24th Mar	10.00am	Mass for People of the Parish Intentions Oliver & Michael Caulfield, Priesthaggard, Campile	Anniversaries
Thurs 25th Mar	10.00am	Nuala Benson, Loughrea, Galway Foley & Brennan Families, New Ross & Castlecomer, Kilkenny	Recently Deceased Anniversaries
Fri 26th Mar	10.00am	Foley & Brennan Families, New Ross & Castlecomer, Kilkenny Eamon Burns & his Parents	Anniversaries Anniversaries
Sat 27th Mar	10.00am	Parish Mass Association.	

### ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We pray for the souls of Colin Barrett, Arklow & Athlone, Brini Dolan, Riverview, Ned & Mona Walsh, William Street & Edward Larkin, Mary Street, whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the souls of Sr. Veronica (Felicity Cusack, Mount Carmel Monastery & Loughrea, Galway, Bridget Purcell (nee Tinch), JKL Place & Clodagh Kehoe (nee Cleere), Brooklawn, who passed away recently. May they 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.

### PARISH INFORMATION.....

**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 Funeral Masses.

**Mass Bookings:** We are currently taking mass bookings up to and including August 2021.

**Next Weeks Readings:** PALM SUNDAY Mk 11: 1-10. Alt Jn 12: 12-16. Is 50: 4-7. Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24, R/ v 2. Phil 2: 6-11. Mk 14: 1-15: 47.

**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.

**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. Collections: 14th Mar 2021@ €1,184.20 (143 No.). Alternatively you can donate via The Ferns Diocesan Website (www.ferns.ie) by clicking the big pink button. Thank you for the support. **Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.**

### Sanctuary Lamps

#### Intentions:

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

#### Our Lady's (Left):

Available

#### Altar (Centre):

Oliver & Michael Caulfield RIP

#### St. Josephs (Right):

Available

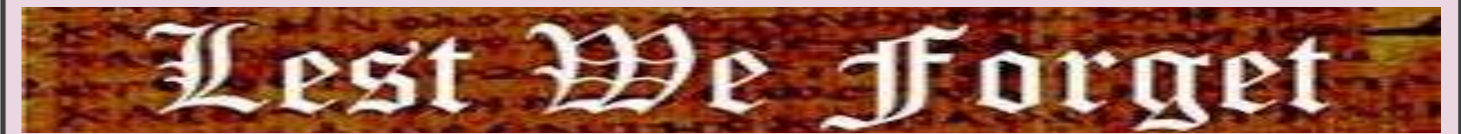


### MARCH:

**Stations of the Cross Live Stream Every Fri Evening during Lent @ 7.00PM**  
**Sun 28th: Palm Sunday.**  
**Mon 29th: Live Stream Penitential Service @ 7.00pm.**

### APRIL:

**Thurs 1st: Holy Thursday,**  
Evening Mass for The Lords  
Supper Live Stream @ 6.00pm.  
**Fri 2nd: Good Friday**  
Ceremonies of the Lords  
Passion Live Stream @ 3.00pm  
**Sat 3rd: Easter Saturday Vigil**  
Live Stream @ 6.00pm.  
**Sun 4th: Easter Sunday,** The  
Lord's Resurrection.



### Part V.....

In the year 2000 the Diocese of Ferns celebrated the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Walter Rossiter** was born at Hill Castle, Ballymore, in South Wexford, in 1853. He was educated at St. Peter's College, Wexford, and at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, where he was ordained on 29th June 1880.

After a temporary mission in Liverpool, 1880—1881, he was appointed curate in Enniscorthy in September 1881, where he ministered for five years until he was sent to St. Peter's College in August 1886 to take up the position of Professor of Greek, of which he was a great master. Two years later, in August 1888, he was transferred to New Ross, and here he served for thirteen years, until his appointment as Parish Priest in Killaveny on 10th August 1901. As a curate in New Ross he lived with Dean Kavanagh in a house in South Street, until the new presbytery was built. He took an active part in helping Dean Kavanagh to build the church at New Ross, completed in 1902 for about £ 32,000.00.

On the death of Archdeacon John L. Furlong in January 1907, Fr. Rossiter was transferred to Gorey on the 20th of the following month. His work in Gorey continued for nine years. On the death of Dean Kavanagh, he was transferred to New Ross on 20th January 1916. He had a reputation of being much sought after as a confessor. He was appointed Dean of the Diocese of Ferns in August 1926, on the death of Dean O'Neill. He died at the Presbytery, New Ross, on 20th December 1928, aged 75 years. He was a great churchman, a distinguished scholar and an excellent preacher.

**REV. Thomas Cleary** was born at Askinvillar, Kiltale, in 1874. He came from a family which gave many of its members to the priesthood and religious life. He was educated at St. Peter's College, Wexford, where he was a prize-winner in all grades of the Intermediate Certificate Examinations. He then went to Maynooth for his ecclesiastical course and was ordained at St. Pater's College on 16th April 1899.

Shortly after his ordination he was appointed CC Ballyfad in June 1899. He was present at the ceremony of the dedication of Ballyfad Church, when Cardinal Logue attended to show his sympathy with the Coolgreany evicted tenants, in that year. He remained in Ballyfad for almost fifteen years. On 1st February 1914 he was transferred to Gorey, in succession of Fr James Redmond who was appointed PP Cushinstown. He spent eleven years in Gorey and, in 1925, when the parish of Newtownbarry (Bunclody) was divided into two, he was appointed first Parish Priest of Marshalstown. In December 1928 he was promoted to be PP New Ross, to succeed Dean Rossiter and he was appointed Vicar General.

He decorated the church in New Ross and installed electric light. On the death of Bishop Codd, he was appointed Vicar Capitular. He established a weekly Confraternity of the Holy Family to replace monthly Confraternity. Rt Rev. Monsignor Thomas Cleary PP, VG, New Ross, and the Dean of the Diocese died at the Houghton Hospital, New Ross on Wednesday, 14th December 1949.

**REV. Robert Hickey** was a native of Ambrosetown, Duncormack. He was educated at Duncormack National School & St. Peter's College, Wexford, and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, where he was ordained on 7th June 1917.

After his ordination he was appointed, on 19th July 1917, to the curacy of Monamolín, where he remained for eight months. He was then transferred to Kilmuckridge, where he ministered for eight years, after which he was appointed to Barntown on 21st February 1926, and where he remained until 1932. On 16th November 1923 he was appointed Bursar in St. Peter's College, Wexford. During the time he held this office, he showed great administrative ability, and he carried out many improvements, which were beneficial to the College. He made special effort to develop the sporting activities of the students and encouraged them to play their native games. He had a great desire to see St. Peter's College win a Leinster hurling or football title and, although he did not see his ambition achieved, he was pleased that so many of the boys represented their county in hurling and football.

He spent a great amount of energy in developing the College Farm and he was keenly interested in cattle breeding. He was a keen judge of livestock and was a very successful exhibitor at Dublin and other shows.

With the promotion of the Very Rev. James Doran to the pastorate of Ballyoughter on 12th December 1940, he succeeded as President of the College. On 3rd January 1950 he was appointed Parish Priest in New Ross and made Vicar General of the Diocese. Later that year he was made a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter and, shortly before his death, he was appointed Archdeacon of Ferns. He was the second President of St. Peter's College to go directly as Parish Priest of New Ross, his predecessor being Right Rev. Dean Kavanagh, DD, VG.

Archdeacon Hickey Died on 18th August 1957. The President of Ireland, Mr Sean T. O Ceallaigh and Bean Uí Cheallaigh were present at his funeral obsequies.

Extract from "The Secular Priests of the Diocese of Ferns" by Canon John V. Gahan



*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.*