

Jesus will die but will be raised to new life.  
He will rebuild the sanctuary in three days.

## What is the Temple for?



There are many themes in the gospel today. and one is the theme of greed; the people buying and selling at the temple were overcharging the people who had to buy the temple currency to make their offering. This drove Jesus mad to put it very simply. We see a new side to him. Using scripture, he showed the real meaning of the temple, a place of God and where the poor are

most welcome. Many of our social problems of poverty, migrancy, homelessness and the inequality in our world are the result of greed. Weapons of war are generating huge profits for big corporations. Pope Francis refers to greed in family life: 'How many families have we seen destroyed by the problem of money? Brother against brother, father against son. This is the first result that this attitude of being attached to money does: it destroys! When a person is attached to money, he destroys himself, he destroys the family.' Greed can destroy the earth. To quote Pope Francis again: "May the relationship between humanity and nature not be driven by greed, to manipulate and exploit, but may the divine harmony between beings and creation be conserved in the logic of respect and care." It would take forty-six years to rebuild the temple. It takes many lifetimes and civilisations to create God's world of justice, peace and love.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger

### Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus' Story today tells us that every temple and church is a sign of God's Love and reminds us that God is The Giver of all gifts and you and I are His Best Gifts. Every church is a sign that God wants us to care and share with each other. When we forget God, we forget God's people and God does not want us to be mean or greedy because that does not make us happy.



### 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.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**  
Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**EUCHARISTIC 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.

**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**  
**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**  
Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands.  
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.**

he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

**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.

*\*Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'*

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 18:8-11

**R. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

- The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R)
- The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R)
- The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R)
- They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (R)

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:22- 25 A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**  
**God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.**  
**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

### GOSPEL John 2:13-25

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

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.**

### 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

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Exodus 20:1-17 (or shorter version in italics\*20:1-3. 7-8.12-17) A reading from the book of Exodus

*\* God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.*

*'You shall have no gods except me.\* 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

*\* 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.*

*'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.\* For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.*



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

Date	Time		
Sat 6th Mar	6.00pm	Ruth Roche, late of Lower Michael Street & Swindon, UK	1st Anniversary
Sun 7th Mar	10.00am	John Ronan, Irishtown Mary Knight & Family, Charleton Hill Kieran & Kathleen Moloney, Mount Elliott Sean Sutton, Lower Southknock Jenny Kavanagh, late of McMurrrough Court, Bosheen, Cross Lane & Neville Street	Anniversary Anniversaries Anniversaries Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 8th Mar	10.00am	Mary Meaney, Nunnery Lane Seanie Byrne, Charleton Hill	Anniversary Anniversary
Tues 9th Mar	10.00am	Sr. Joseph Hutton ODC, Carmelites, Tullow Sarah Power, JKL Place	Recently Deceased Anniversary
Wed 10th Mar	10.00am	Mass for People of the Parish Intentions Pat O'Gorman, Pondfields	Anniversary
Thurs 11th Mar	10.00am	Peg Cleary, Priory Street Flynn & Goodwin Families	Anniversary Anniversaries
Fri 12th Mar	10.00am	Birthday Kent & Cullen Families, Campile	Special Intention Anniversaries
Sat 13th Mar	10.00am	Parish Mass Association.	

**Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:**  
Available @ €10.00 per week. Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.

**Our Lady's (Left):**  
Available

**Altar (Centre):**  
Available

**St. Josephs (Right):**  
Available



**MARCH:**  
Stations of the Cross Live Stream Every Fri Evening during Lent @ 7.00PM  
Wed 17th: St. Patrick's Day.  
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.

### ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We pray for the souls of Stephen Mullett, Charleton Hill, Flynn & Goodwin Families & Ailbhe McCormack, Tinnerath Foulksmills, whose anniversary occurs around this time.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the souls of Larry Carrodan, late of Mary Street & Swindon, Ernie Bailey, Arnestown, Stasia Ryan (nee Bolger) Bosheen, Annie (Nanny) Doherty (nee Gardiner), Lacken Valley, Erica Duffin Waterford, Denis North, Brandon Park & Rosbercon & Thomas Kirby, Upper William Street, 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:** FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2 Chron 36: 14-16, 19-23. Ps 136, R/ v 6. Eph 2: 4-10. Jn 3: 14-21. **ST. PATRICKS DAY** Year B: Jer 1: 4-9. Ps 116, R/ Mk 16: 15. Rm 10: 9-18. Mk 16: 15-2— or Eccles (Sir) 39: 6-10. Ps 115: 12-19, R/ v 12. 2 Tm 4: 1-8. Mt 13: 24-32.

**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: 28th Feb 2021@ € 667.00 (75 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.**

## Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"



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Joseph's spiritual path "is not one that explains, but accepts" — which does not mean that he is "resigned." Instead, he is "courageously and firmly proactive," because with "Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude," and full of hope, he is able "to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments." In practice, through St. Joseph, it is as if God were to repeat to us: "Do not be afraid!" because "faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad," and makes us aware that "God can make flowers spring up from stony ground." Joseph "did not look for shortcuts but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it." For this reason, "he encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak" A creatively courageous father, example of love Patris corde highlights "the creative courage" of St. Joseph, which "emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties." "The carpenter of Nazareth," explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence. He had to deal with "the concrete problems" his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants. In this sense, St. Joseph is "the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty." As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot "be other than the guardian of the Church," of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ. "Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, and every infirm person is 'the child' whom Joseph continues to protect." From St Joseph, writes Pope Francis, "we must learn... to love the Church and the poor"

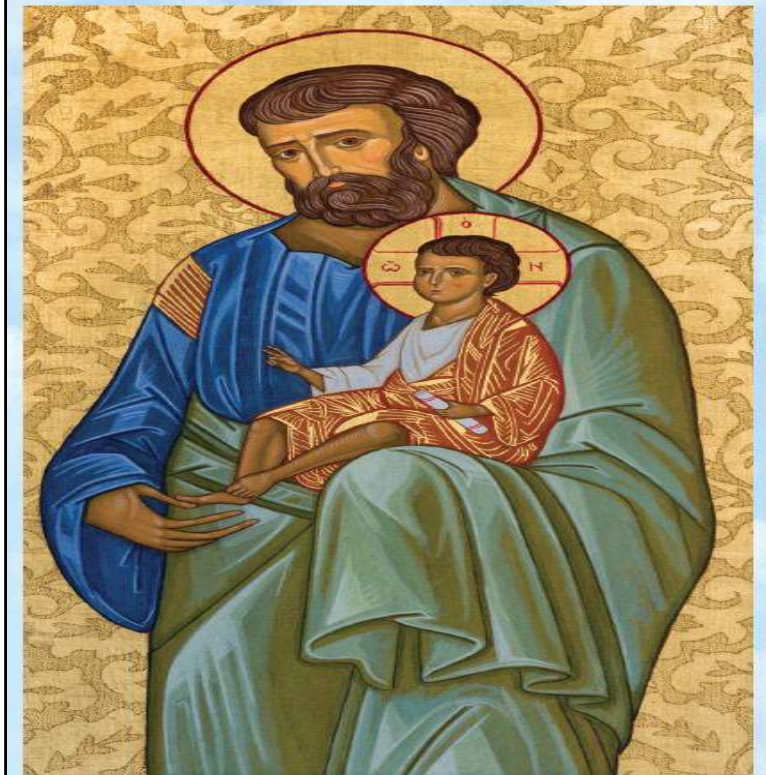
A father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work "A carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family," St Joseph also teaches us "the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour." This aspect of Joseph's character provides Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favour of work, which has become "a burning social issue" even in countries with a certain level of well-being. "There is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron," the Pope writes.

A father "in the shadows," centred on Mary and Jesus Taking a cue from The Shadow of the Father — a book by Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński — Pope Francis describes Joseph's fatherhood of Jesus as "the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father."

"Fathers are not born, but made," says Pope Francis. "A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child." Unfortunately, in today's society, children "often seem orphans, lacking fathers" who are able to introduce them "to life and reality." Children, the Pope says, need fathers who will not try to dominate them, but instead raise them to be "capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities."

A daily prayer to St Joseph... and a challenge In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, "Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer] he has "recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary." This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph," on account of its closing words: "My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power."

# YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



2021



**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**FIRST CONFESSIONS & FIRST COMMUNIONS & CONFIRMATIONS 2021**



First Confession, First Holy Communion & Confirmation Ceremonies will NOT take place until Restrictions on Church Openings are lifted.

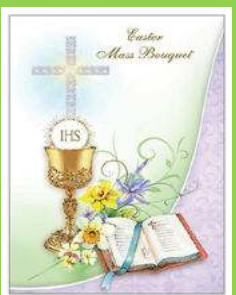
- Sun 14th March Communion Preparation Mass @ 10.00am Live Stream.

## St. Patrick's Day & Easter Mass Bouquet Cards

(New Ross Parish Mass Association)



available @ € 6.00 each from Cooney's & Ryan's Funeral Homes and Nugent's Newsagents.



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.