

focus on sunday



Jesus assures his disciples that he is risen from the dead and sends them to preach the gospel in his name. He assures us of this too, and we are sent to be his people in our family, among our friends, in all parts of the world.



There is something very ordinary about how Jesus appears after the resurrection. As the apostles were preparing a meal, Jesus comes into the room. We may wonder how he got in; they were surprised. Earlier the two disciples from Emmaus had said they recognized him in the breaking of bread. Now he would come and have a meal of grilled fish—maybe Saint Peter's fish, popular in Galilee. Later he would share another meal with them, breakfast on the lakeshore. At meals we share conversation, memories, friendship as well as food. Jesus liked that!

Jesus spent a lot of time in what we call table fellowship. It seems he spent more time having meals with people than in the temple. You can go through the gospel and find him at many meals especially the supper before he died. These are the ordinary ways people gather and meet. That is how he meets us today. The Eucharist, whether online or present with the community, is a privileged meeting with the Lord where he speaks to us, first with words and also with food. It is an example of how he is with us all the time; in fact, he is the hidden presence at every meal we have. Where we gather at a table for food, the Lord is present.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.



Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Easter Eggs are good. When we break the outside shell, we find a sweet surprise inside. On Good Friday, the body of Jesus was broken on the outside, but a "New Spirit" came to Him inside. He rose from the dead. He is present and alive now, in a different way, through His Spirit. His Spirit is with every person. His Spirit is with those who died too and will be with us when we die.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 May almighty God have mercy on us.....

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

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 3:13 - 15. 17 - 19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
 Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 4:2 4.7.9.

R. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. or Alleluia !

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **(R)**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him **(R)**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R)**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 John 2:1 - 5

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.
 We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24:35 - 48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see

I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. 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.

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.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION


Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. 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.**


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Date	Time		
Sat 17th April	6.00pm	Brigid Roche, Bosheen	12th Anniversary
Sun 18th April— Communion Preparation Program Mass	10.00am	Patricia Rowsome, Mountross Ger O' Connor, Barrett's Park Patrick & Ultan Warren, Nunnery Lane & Michael Street Pat Hamilton, Cross Street Martin O'Neil, Pondfields	Anniversary Anniversary Anniversaries - Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 19th April	10.00am	Edward & Mary Joyce, Marley, UK Paddy Cleary, Priory Street	Anniversaries Anniversary
Tues 20th April	10.00am	Intention of the People Alfred Place & deceased members pf the Place & Roche Families, Rosemount	- Anniversaries -
Wed 21st April	10.00am	Intention of the People Nick Grace, Irishtown	- 7th Anniversary
Thurs 22nd April	10.00am	Ann Metcalfe & Brigid Roche Michael & Johanna Cullen, Wexford Town	Anniversaries Anniversaries
Fri 23rd April	10.00am	Special Intentions Charles & Kathleen Dalton, Monaghan	- Anniversaries
Sat 24th April	10.00am	Parish Mass Association.	

Sanctuary Lamps

Intentions:

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

Our Lady's (Left):

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Altar (Centre):

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St. Josephs (Right):

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Mass Cards available:

**Nugent's Newsagents
South Street.**

**Ryan's Funeral Home,
Michael Street.**

**Cooney's Funeral
Home, Robert Street.**

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We pray for the souls of Billy Foley, Ballyculane (1st Anniversary), Patricia Rowsome, Mountross, Elizabeth Maureen Morris, Dunbrody Wharf & Mary Walsh, Mary Street (3rd Anniversary), whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the soul of Catherine Carroll (nee Waters), Rossmount, Shanboe, Borris-in-Ossory, Laois, formerly Rosbercon, who passed away recently. May she 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 September 2021.

Next Weeks Readings: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 4: 8-12. Ps 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29, R/ v 22. 1 Jn 3: 1-2. Jn 10: 11-18.

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: 11th Apr 2021 @ € 1,849.00 (113 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.** Thank you for the support.

Users of the Legion of Mary Pastoral Centre: The Parish Pastoral Centre in Michael Street will be the venue for all bookings previously accommodated in the Legion of Mary Hall. This arrangement will commence if and when all restrictions on internal gatherings are lifted. The hall in Michael Street School affords the space for greater 'social distancing'. We hope all groups will adjust to the new location without too much difficulty.

New Home Required.

A large selection of Children's Classroom Furniture is available for free as per the photos below, should you wish to take them please contact the Parish Office on Tel: (051) 421348 or email: info@newrossparish.ie for further details.



The Diocese of Ferns Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes

9th to 13th May 2021

The Masses and ceremonies will be on-line only and will come from St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy.

Join us at www.churchservices.tv/enniscorthycathedral.

Lourdes: a place of grace, peace and resilience

Sunday 9th May @ 10am: Bishop Brennan will celebrate Mass launching the virtual pilgrimage and light the Lourdes Candle.

7pm: Fr Jim Doyle will guide us through a time of gentle prayer and adoration, recalling our quiet times at the grotto.

Monday 10th May @ 10am: Fr Odhrán Furlong will celebrate Mass and short reflection

7pm: Fr Matt Boggan guides us through the mysteries of the Rosary

Tuesday 11th May @ 10am: Fr Ricky O'Connor will celebrate Mass and share a short reflection

7pm: Fr Billy Swan will pray us around the Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 12th May @ 10am: Msgr Joe McGrath will celebrate Mass and share a short reflection

7pm: Fr Billy Caulfield will lead our evening prayer on God's healing grace

Thursday 13th May @ 10am: Fr Brian Broaders celebrates Mass and share a short reflection

7pm: Fr Aodhán Marken will bring the Virtual Pilgrimage to a close with a ceremony of Light

Reflection for weekend 17th & 18th April 2021

The Pope's appeal to the world: we all must work together

Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technical solutions. We require a new and universal solidarity. [...] All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents. (14) {Pope Francis}

Easter blessing

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear. And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide. Lord we lift our hearts to you.

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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.