

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

GREETING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us.... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

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

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 4: 8 - 12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
 Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you

the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29

R. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. or Alleluia!

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **(R)**

2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R)**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 John 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of St. John
 Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord;
I know my own sheep
and my own know me.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL John 10: 11 - 18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
 Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd;

I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy.
 Through Christ our Lord.



focus on sunday



Today is a day of prayer to deepen our own sense of vocation, and to pray to the Lord to call men and women into a life of ministry and service within religious life.



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.

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 Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
 Keep your family, we pray, O Lord, in your constant care, so that, under your protection, they may be free from all troubles and by good works show dedication to your name.
 Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And 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.



The gospel today is a sort of a summary of the life of Jesus. He is the one who will lay down his life, the one who will protect the sheep, who knows them well, and he knows where he comes from. He cares for people outside his own group or flock. He knows that humankind, his beloved people, is one, and there will be one flock and one Shepherd. When he gathers people, it is that we listen to him, in his word. All that he does in his life is to fulfill what his Father, God, wants of him.

That is the way he deals with all of us. Jesus is the caring friend, the caring brother, the one whose heart reaches out to us, especially when we are in trouble.

The mystery of Easter reminds us that this is true forever. Jesus is now raised from death and this risen life is for now and will welcome us into eternity. The good shepherd can be called the good protector, the good guide, the good carer. Maybe as we see in Jesus the full time carer, we make a prayer today for all carers, especially those who care for the sick at home.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

Jesus' Story *Fr. Liam Hickey*

Bernadette was a little girl from Lourdes. She minded sheep. Our Lady from Heaven brought her messages about helping sick people. Bernadette was a "good shepherd." She did her work well. The Lady asked her to find special water to bless sick and worried people. The water flows today from a big rock, called The Grotto, where people bless, pray and light candles. Lourdes, is a place where smiles are brighter, and hugs are tighter.

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 24th April	6.00pm	Patricia O'Neill, Charleton Hill	1st Anniversary
Sun 25th April	10.00am	Special Intention Peter & Annalee Connolly, Co. Monaghan Joseph Caulfield, Southknock & Pat Dunne Terrerath Clodagh Kehoe (nee Cleere), Brooklawn Bea Walsh (nee Whelan, Irishtown)	- Anniversaries Anniversaries - Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 26th April	10.00am	Joe Bowe, Watford UK, formerly Abbeyhall Jimmy Caulfield, Charleton Hill	Recently Deceased Anniversary
Tues 27th April	10.00am	Special Intentions Kathleen Delaney, Bawnmore	- Anniversary
Wed 28th April	10.00am	Intention of the People Mass for the Angel Delilah Clemons, UK	- Recently Deceased
Thurs 29th April	10.00am	Special Intentions Jack Ryan, Charleton Hill	- Anniversary
Fri 30th April	10.00am	Kieran O'Reilly, Mount Carmel Sheila Doyle, Chambersland	Anniversary Anniversary
Sat 1st May	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 John Gannon, Nunnery Lane, Dean O'Neill, Longmeadow (1st Anniversary) & Anne Hamilton, Ard Na Greine, whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the souls of Pat Hamilton, Cross Street (Months Mind), Sr. Elizabeth Dromey, Mount Carmel, Newry, Paddy Cummins, Campile & Ned Cash Junior, Hospital Road (Months Mind), 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 taking Mass Bookings up to and including September 2021.

Next Weeks Readings: FIFTHSUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 9: 26-31. Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32, R/ v 26. 1 Jn 3: 18-24. Jn 15: 1-8..

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: 18th Apr 2021 @ € 903.20 (106 No. Envelopes). 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.



Month of Our Lady

Monday to Friday Evening @ 7.00pm during the month of May the Rosary will be prayed via. Live stream on the parish website or Radio 104.7fm. All are welcome to join in.

(Photo by Geraldine O'Connor taken Easter Saturday 2021.)



Reflection for weekend 24th & 25th April 2021

Living our Vocation

How beautiful will be the day when all the baptized understand that their work, their job, is a priestly work, that just as I celebrate Mass at this altar, so each carpenter celebrates Mass at his workbench, and each metalworker, each professional, each doctor with the scalpel, the market woman at her stand, is performing a priestly office! How many cabdrivers, I know, listen to this message there in their cabs; you are a priest at the wheel, my friend, if you work with honesty, consecrating that taxi of yours to God, bearing a message of peace and love to the passengers who ride in your cab. — (Oscar Romero, Nov. 20, 1977)

Pope Francis about St Joseph wrote the Apostolic Letter **Patris Corde**, whose aim was "to increase our love for this great saint". Saint Joseph is an extraordinary figure, yet at the same time one "so close to our own human experience". He did not do astonishing things, he had no unique charisms, nor did he appear special in the eyes of those who met him. He was not famous or even noteworthy: the Gospels do not report even a single word of his. Still, through his ordinary life, he accomplished something extraordinary in the eyes of God. God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. (Pope Francis) "Happy the one who trusts in the Lord." Proverbs 16:20. **Brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council**

Mary's Meals, feeds almost 2 million hungry children every school day in a place of education. An Online Quiz, to support their efforts, takes place on the last Friday of EVERY month at 8pm. To join/donate go to www.bit.ly/QuizforMM or contact Martin Colfer on 087 2596159. Thank you.

The Diocese of Ferns Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes

9th to 13th May 2021

FERNS ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES This special event has been part of Diocesan life for over fifty years. Hundreds of our pilgrims - helpers, assisted people, youth, hospitality, musicians, nurses, doctors, clergy, led by our various Bishops- have journeyed in mid-May each year to Our Lady's Shrine and been uplifted spiritually, emotionally and physically by the experience; for many the pilgrimages has been the high- point in any year.

Sadly, for the second year, the actual pilgrimage will not take place- for reasons that are all too obvious and which need no repetition here.

However the Pilgrimage will take place VIRTUALLY this year. We thank the organisers for the effort they have made to provide us with the opportunity to come together in spirit. Together but apart we can celebrate all the various Masses and devotions that have traditionally formed the programme of the actual pilgrimage in Lourdes. Below you will find details of dates, times and events and you are cordially invited to take part each morning.

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



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.