

Jesus describes his relation to us like the closeness of a branch to a tree. We are brought to life in him, grow in him as people who can love each other, and become in him a people of eternal hope.



I am the true vine...




Sometimes we have a good conversation; after it, and during it, we feel uplifted, alive, sometimes we have a good laugh, or a good cry. Different groups we meet with can give us this lift of the spirit. Jesus today in the gospel speaks about branches that do not remain part of the vine. They wither and they are thrown away. He is referring to himself and our relationship with him. Our relationship with Jesus can bring us to life because he is that sort of person. He appeals to the best in us and the real Jesus brings out the best in us.

When we come into relationship with Jesus, we are coming into new life. If the Jesus we experience is one who disapproves of us, keeps us down in ourselves, contributes to poor self-esteem, then this is not the real Jesus.

If we want to grow into good relationship with him, we notice how we feel with him and share that with him. Also, our relationship with him should reach out to others. 'Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty'. Someone once asked, how do I know I am praying right? The answer is not to get new methods of prayer, though these can help, but ask; what is your life like? Are you growing in compassion, justice, faith, good humour, and all the things that go to make up holiness?

The invitation today is to stay close to Jesus, as branches are close to the vine. We can do this by living the words of the Prophet: act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God. This is the following of Jesus.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger



Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus liked flowers, mountains, beautiful clouds and silvery water. Today Jesus is looking at the vine and its branches. The seed goes into dark, cold earth and it will be fed with sunshine and water. Jesus sees us like seeds of God. God Our Father gives us breath and life, and helps us to grow beautifully, like leaves on a tree. Every leaf is different. We learn to use our hands everyday. We hug, play games, do kind actions, help at home. We join our hands to say thanks to God.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness: 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

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord....



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took

him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 21:26-28. 30-32

R. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. or Alleluia!

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R)**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R)**
3. And my soul shall live for him,
my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St. John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!



GOSPEL John 15: 1-8

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away -he withers; - these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. 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.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

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 1st May - Feast of St. Joseph, the worker.	6.00pm	John Dreelan, Mountross	Anniversary
Sun 2nd May - Broadcast on South East Radio	10.00am	Sr. M. Joseph Huggard, Carmelites, Loughrea, Galway Seamus Burke, Chambersland Aaron Phillpot, Longmeadows Philomena (Phyllis) McLachlan Bridget Purcell, JKL Place	1st Anniversary - 12th Anniversary 2nd Anniversary Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 3rd May - Bank Holiday	10.00am	Special Intentions James & Elizabeth Fardy, Irishtown	- Anniversaries
Tues 4th May	10.00am	Deceased of Mount Carmel, Relatives & Friends Bill & May Coleman, Old Post Office Lane	Remembrance - Anniversaries
Wed 5th May	10.00am	Intention of the People Stephen O'Gorman, Charleton Hill	- Anniversary
Thurs 6th May	10.00am	Special Intentions Joe Bowe, Watford, UK formerly Abbey Hall	- Recently Deceased
Fri 7th May	10.00am	Ned Cash (Junior), Hospital Road Billy O'Connor, Kenwood, Lower Southknock	Months Mind 2nd Anniversary -
Sat 8th May	10.00am	Parish Mass Association.	-

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We pray for the souls of Michael & Theresa (Tessie) Walsh, Charleton Hill, whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the soul of Margaret (Peggy) Murphy (née Cody), Robinstown, Glenmore, Kilkenny, 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.

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.



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.

Mass Cards available:

Nugent's Newsagents, South Street, Ryan's Funeral Home, Michael Street & Cooney's Funeral Home, Robert Street.

Sanctuary Lamps

Intentions:

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

Our Lady's (Left):

Special Intention

Altar (Centre):

Aaron Phillpot RIP

St. Josephs (Right):

James Henneberry RIP

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.)



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: On Tuesday the 4th of May 2021 we will be taking mass bookings up to and including October 2021. Monday 3rd of May is a Bank Holiday, Parish Office is closed.

Next Weeks Readings: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Ps 97: 1-4, R/ cf. v 2. 1 Jn 4: 7-10. Jn 15: 9-17.

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.

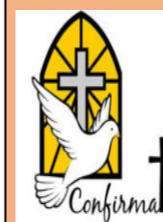
Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: If you would like to register as a friend of New Ross Parish Church St. Mary & St. Michael and support the weekly envelope collection please call to the parish office for details. During this unique period when normal services are not possible, we suggest 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: 25th Apr 2021 @ € 899.50 (115 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.



Anyone who may wish to report or discuss an incident of Domestic or Sexual Violence can contact 112/999 or their local Garda Station or for child abuse incidents contact the 24hr dedicated phone line for the reporting of child sexual abuse.

The phone line number is 1800 555 222. This confidential free- phone line is manned on a 24-hour basis, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.



Confirmations &

Communion 2021

No definitive dates can be provided until such time as the Government Restrictions have been confirmed / lifted.



Baptisms

Baptisms will be celebrated every weekend during May 2021 at the following times Saturday @ 1.00pm, 2.00pm & 3.00pm & Sunday @ 1.00pm, 2.00pm & 3.00pm. Max. 6 people can attend. Please contact the Parish Office to make your booking.



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.

The Diocese of Ferns Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes

9th to 13th May 2021

FERN'S 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

Sunday 1st of May—Feast of St. Joseph the worker.

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary and "adoptive father" of the Lord Jesus Christ, is well known to have been a carpenter who supported the holy family through his daily labours. Roman Catholic tradition hails him as a protector and as a model to all men who earn their own and their family's provisions through work. Joseph's example is used as an occasion for the Roman Catholic church to highlight the concept of work, and the fact that the holy family worked for a living is seen as a point of fellowship with most of the world's families. The holy day of Saint Joseph the Worker is of relatively recent origin, having been instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955. On or near 1st May, the sitting Pope will likely give a speech in Saint Peter's Square on the topic of Saint Joseph, the dignity of honest labour, and other similar subjects.

