

A day of hope: of flowers and candles, new colour and new light.
A day of smiles and of friendship, new joy and new companionship
in Christ. A day of hope for those who suffer and who are sad.
A day which promises the victory of God's love over sin and death.



They must have got quite a shock, Peter and John. What did they expect coming to the tomb? They had got news from Mary that it was empty. That was the first shock and then the second shock when they saw that the tomb was just empty – there were no signs of robbery or violence to explain the empty tomb.

Like the shock of losing a child in town, of losing money, of being let down by someone we trust. The shock for the apostles stopped them for a while; then, on looking at the empty tomb they remembered he said he would rise from the dead.


Let the resurrection shock us! The Jesus who was killed has been proved the Victor.

But it's ordinary. He said to them later he would just go ahead of them to Galilee. Back to normal but all would be different now. They would realize that the same Jesus who died will be with them forever. He will be with us forever in whatever crises or difficulties we face.

Mary said 'we don't know where they have put him'. But we know where they have put him - right into the middle of his people. Where we gather the risen Lord is with us -encouraging us, forgiving us, calling us into his loving service.

Lord Jesus risen from the dead, be our way our truth and our life.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.



Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Let us look at The Christ Candle. It is studded with nails, full of colours, with a lighted flame. It tells us that Jesus died and is alive again through His Spirit. He is full of light, with blessing for us, and all the world. When we light a candle, the Risen Spirit of Jesus is with us, helping us through all that happens, in our lives.



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

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. 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.

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

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the 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, alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL John 20: 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

- P. Do you renounce Satan? C. I do.
- P. And all his works? C. I do.
- P. And all his empty show? C. I do.
- P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? C. I do.
- P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? C. I do.
- P. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? C. I do.
- P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. Amen.

The priest may sprinkle the people with the blessed water, while all sing:

Antiphon
I saw water flowing from the Temple, from its right-hand side, alleluia; and all to whom this water came were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.

but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 117:1-2.16-17.22-23

R. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

- 1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R)
- 2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R)
- 3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R)

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia

GREETING

The Lord be with you. *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, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

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

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...


LITURGY OF THE WORD


FIRST READING Acts 10:34. 37-43.


A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people


New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael


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| Date | Time | | |
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| Sat 3rd April  | 6.00pm | No 10.00am Mass — Only 6.00pm Vigil Willie & Margaret Rochford, Old Charleton Hill. Helen O'Kennedy, Marymount. | - Anniversaries - Anniversary |
| Sun 4th April  | 10.00am | Kathleen T. Kennedy, "Lisheen", Southknock. Jimmy Martin, Ard Na Greine. Malachy Tully, Mountgarrett. Deceased Members of the Old IRA, LDA, LSF, FCA & RDF. Sr. Perpetua Kilroy, Sisters of Mercy, Southknock. | Anniversary 6th Anniversary Anniversary Remembrance - Months Mind |
| Mon 5th April | 10.00am | Deceased Members of Mount Carmel and Benefactors. Seamus Ryan, The Maudlins. | Remembrance - 1st Anniversary |
| Tues 6th April | 10.00am | Nickey Murphy, Millbank Grove & Priory Street. Jack Power, Church Street. | 2nd Anniversary - Anniversary |
| Wed 7th April | 10.00am | Intention of the People Frances Kennedy, Pondfields. | - 3rd Anniversary |
| Thurs 8th April | 10.00am | Bridie & Maurice Clarke, Chapel Lane & UK Alice Caulfield, Pondfields. | Anniversaries 4th Anniversary |
| Fri 9th April | 10.00am | Ann Metcalfe & Bridget Roche. John Kehoe, Fr. Cullen Terrace. | Anniversaries Anniversary |
| Sat 10th April | 10.00am | Parish Mass Association. | |

Sanctuary Lamps

Intentions:

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

Our Lady's (Left):

Pauline McCarthy RIP

Altar (Centre):

Nicky Murphy RIP

St. Josephs (Right):

COVID-19 Support Line for

Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

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: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 4: 32-35. Ps 117: 2-4, 15-18, 22-24, R/ v 1. 1 Jn 5: 1-6. Jn 20: 19-31.

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: 28h Mar 2021 @ € 1466.00 (132 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 HALL: 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.

Divine Mercy Sunday 11th of April 2021

Devotions @ 3.00pm Via. Radio 104.7fm or
Live Stream on New Ross Parish Website.



House Blessing with Easter Holy Water

Let us now pray that the Lord will enter our home and bless it with His presence.

May the Lord always be here among us,
deepen our love for each other,
share in our joys,
and comfort us in our sorrows and protect us from the
Coronavirus and all harm,
May our home be a place of love,
Filled with the goodness of the Lord.
Amen



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Covid-19 crisis **1800 341 900**

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We pray for the souls of Frances Kennedy, Pondfields (3rd Anniversary), Christina Boland, Grange Road formerly Charleton Hill, Annabelle Kehoe, Tower Grove (6th Anniversary), Mark Grace, Windmill Lane, Seamus Ryan, The Maudlins (1st Anniversary), Pauline McCarthy, Carlow (1st Anniversary), Thomas & Mary Davis, Emo, Laoighis & Tadhg Shine, whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the souls of Bea Walsh (nee Whelan), Irishtown & Ned Cash Junior, Hospital Road, Southknock, 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.

TIME TABLE OF EASTER CEREMONIES

Ceremonies will be celebrated in keeping with the government regulations at that time. As you know our Church is open from 10.30am to 6.00pm daily.

Please drop in to light a candle for a loved one or simply for some quiet prayer time.

ALL LIVE STREAMED EVENTS - APRIL:

Sat 3rd Easter Saturday: No 10.00am Morning Mass. Vigil @ 6.00pm.

Sun 4th Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord Mass @ 10.00am

Mon 5th Bank Holiday: Parish Office Closed.

Easter Water will be available for collection from the Church on Easter Sunday 4th of April.

We hope this Easter that you will experience the mercy, compassion and inner peace that the Risen Lord promises.
From **Monsignor Joseph McGrath, Fr. Tom Orr & Parish Staff.**



Reflection for weekend 3rd & 4th April 2021

"The great gift of Easter is hope." (Basil Hume)

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn." (Hal Borland)

"Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life." (Jenne de Giovanni)

"For I remember it is Easter Morn and life and love and peace are all new born." (Alice Freeman Palmer)

All creation sings God's praise but people are silencing it. If we approach nature and the environment without... openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously. (#11) (Pope Francis)

Let the peace and confidence in Christ encourage us, like the first disciples, to announce and live out the Good News that Christ is alive. In our present situation we have seen the light of the risen Christ shine out in the devotion and care shown by healthcare workers and others on the frontline reaching out to help the sick; in the kindness shown by neighbour to neighbour and in gentle and simple acts of compassion carried out by countless 'Good Samaritans'. We must never give up hope. His spirit is with us as sons and daughters of the Resurrection. "Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord" (John 20:20) - Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia. (Dr Eamon Martin Archbishop of Armagh)

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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.

