

The joy that Jesus promises is the joy that we find in the type of love which is his. This is the deepest desire of the human heart: Jesus gives meaning to all our hopes for loving and being loved in our lives with others.




The love affair of God and God's people fill the mind and heart of Jesus in the gospels after the resurrection. The motivation for all his meetings with the apostles and disciples after the resurrection was to love them in an active way – consoling them, forgiving them, teaching them and assuring them of his presence always.

It is easier to 'see' this love of Jesus in his death and resurrection. It is easier to 'see' this love than to see the love of the Father. Jesus' words now engage us in love – that the love we find in him is the same love he shares with his Father.

That is for the apostles and for us. He asks us to look no further than ourselves to know the love of God; it is 'marked' on us like a tattoo – engraved on the palm of his hand, as God says 'I have carved you on the palm of my hand'. Carving would be painful, and the love of God for us can cause God pain in whatever way we can understand his pain at our unfaithfulness, our injustices and violence in the world and the sin of the world. No matter how deep the sin, the love of God is deeper. That's why Jesus lived his life and mission the way he did: that love conquers all. That was behind his mission of consolation after the first Easter.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.



Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus liked telling people that God's Name is Love. Whenever there is love, that is a sign of God's Spirit. God's Love is like the sunshine...for everybody and everywhere, like the breath we take. That is why we respect other people, especially people who are in pain or hungry. We try to be friends because God tells us that we are special friends of God. We show friendship when we put others first, when we are shopping, cycling, playing games.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. 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, glorifying the Lord by your life.
 Thanks be to God.



This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

**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.

Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-4

R. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations. or Alleluia

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R)

SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St. John
 My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.
**The word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
 Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.'

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

GREETING

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
 The Lord be with you.
 And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: 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

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48


A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
 As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'


Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise', he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'


While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied


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

Date	Time		
Sat 8th May	6.00pm	Willie Reeves, Mount Carmel	1st Anniversary
Sun 9th May	10.00am	Imelda O'Rourke, Hewitsland Dixie & Bidy Brazil, Abbeyview Ciss & John Wall, Charleton Hill Martin Wickham, Pondfields Bozena Jastrzebska, Ballyrue Lower	Anniversary Anniversaries Anniversaries Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 10th May	10.00am	Teri Liker, USA William O'Farrell, The Mews, Mountgarrett	Recently Deceased Anniversary
Tues 11th May	10.00am	Benefactors, Families & Friends of Mount Carmel Paddy Power Junior, JKL Place	- Anniversary
Wed 12th May	10.00am	Intention of the People Margaret Hickey (nee Cleere), The Maudlins	- Anniversary
Thurs 13th May	10.00am	Philip McGrath, formerly of Cross Street & UK Carmel Hunt, Pondfields	1st Anniversary 4th Anniversary
Fri 14th May	10.00am	Brendan Reidy, Kilkenny Kathleen O'Connor, Mountross	Recently Deceased 2nd Anniversary
Sat 15th May	10.00am	Parish Mass Association.	-

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We pray for the souls of John Dreelan, Mountross, Rose & Robert Bennett, Pondfields, Nellie & Jimmy Brazil, Bewley Street, whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the souls of Kitty Whelan (nee Doyle), Neville Street & Margaret Malone (nee Murphy), Lower Michael 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.

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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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: We are currently taking mass bookings up to and including October 2021.

Next Weeks Readings: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Acts 1: 1-11. Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9, R/ v 6. Eph 1: 17-23 or Eph 4: 1-13. Mk 16: 15-20.

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: 2nd May 2021 @ € 1,743.90 (199 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.

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

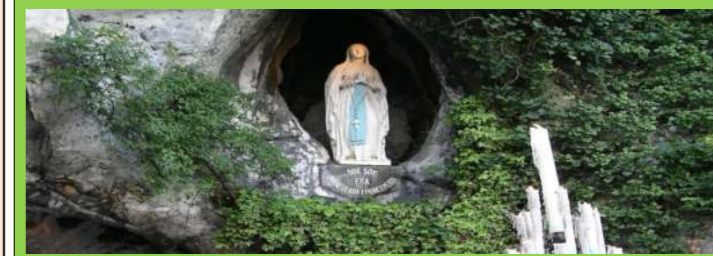
7pm: Fr Billy Swan will pray us around the Stations of the Cross

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



Re-Opening of Churches for Public Worship

As from Monday 10th of May our church will open for Masses with congregations.

This is a very happy occasion for all & we gladly welcome everyone back.

Numbers will be strictly limited for the foreseeable future. We ask all to co-operate with the stewards in keeping everyone safe.

The church will be divided into three (3) pods of fifty (50) people.

You are asked to remain in your area all through Mass.

The stewards will direct you on entering and leaving.

Holy Communion will be distributed after each Mass.

You are asked to remain sitting all during Mass.

Masses will be celebrated as follows:

Monday to Saturday @ 10.00am

Saturday Vigils @ 5.00 & 6.00pm

Sunday @ 9.00, 10.00, 11.00am & 12.00 Noon.

You are requested to choose the less attended Masses as far as possible.



Doors will be closed when numbers are reached.

Thank You.




Confirmations & Communion 2021

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

 Confirmation  First Communion

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.

 Holy Baptism

My Angel

I have an angel all of my own, and I will never be alone.

When I sit & stand & play, she is beside me all the day.

I never feel or never hear, her gentle whisper in my ear.

I never feel her take my arm, to keep me safe from hurt or harm.

But still I know that she is there, watching me always everywhere.

My angel knows me well no doubt, my angel knows me inside out.

And so I pray that God will send, more grace to his little friend

And someday in a far, far place, I'll meet my angel face to face.

She will still be all my own, as we both stand before God's throne. Amen.

Taught in the Mount Carmel to Maggie Blanche (nee Meaney) in the early 1900's and retold by Mollie St. Ledger (nee Blanche) taught to her by her mother Maggie as a small child in the 1930's:



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.