

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

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

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:

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

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

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, we pray, almighty God, that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day to the heavens, may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING Acts 1: 1-11**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked

him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 46:2-3. 6-9

**R. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
or Alleluia!**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High,
we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 4:1-13 (or*4:1-7.11-13)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

* I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it.* It was said that he would:

When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And **to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.**

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I 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.

Amen.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (World Communications Day) 16th May 2021

**Jesus has taken his place at the right hand of the Father.
His entry into glory is a cause of hope for us: that when our time comes, we too, will follow Jesus into the glory of heaven.**

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

We offer sacrifice now in supplication,
O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son:

grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms.

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.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
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

**Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who allow those on earth to celebrate
divine mysteries, grant, we pray,
that Christian hope may draw us onward
to where our nature is united with you.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.



*"I am with you always;
yes, to the end of time."*



I know some people whose work is never finished. They always seem to have something more to do – more tidying the house, more cleaning, more office work brought home. Sometimes we long for the day St John Newman talks of: 'when our work is done'.

Jesus was something like that. He says that 'the work you gave me is finished' and ascended to heaven. But the gospel around Ascension time shows that it is not finished. He will be with us all days, still helping, consoling, and the centre of our faith community.

Another way of the unfinished work is that he prays for us: he will pray for his apostles and later for 'all those who will believe through their work'. We are constantly in his thoughts and prayers, the one who is our lifelong companion.

Prayer is a work of Jesus now, and of the church. The apostles prayed after his going to his Father with Mary and several others. In bad times we have turned to prayer in confusion, almost going off the path of trusting in God. As we await the coming of the Spirit, we value prayer, the gift of the Spirit to us. If we have taught anyone to pray, or helped them to pray, we have given a great gift, as prayer is one of the sources of life of God and our neighbour.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Long ago there was no Radio, TV, Computers, Ipods or Skype. Today people can talk and see each other even though they are miles and miles away. Jesus promised to come to us in a new way, when HE was going home to The Father in Heaven. He would send us His Spirit, to be with us. His Spirit is in every human heart now, and in every breath of wind.

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 15th May	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	Patrick Merrigan, The Bungalows, Cross Street	25th Anniversary
Sun 16th May	9.00am	Larry Lyons, Longstone Drive	11th Anniversary
	10.00am	John & Josie Furlong, Wexford The Clarkin Family, Neville Street	Anniversaries Anniversaries
	11.00am		
	12.00 noon	Peggie Quigley, Butlersland	Months Mind
Mon 17th May	10.00am	Sr. Elizabeth Dromey, Newry (Carmelites) Matty, May & Francis Aspel, Mountross	Recently Deceased Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance
Tues 18th May	10.00am	Maryanne Daly, Loughrea Michael & Theresa (Tessie) Walsh, Charleton Hill	Recently Deceased 51st & 3rd Anniversaries
Wed 19th May	10.00am	Intention of the People Kathleen, Jimmy & Mary Evans, Mullingar	- Anniversaries
Thurs 20th May	10.00am	Maurice Doyle, Southknock	10th Anniversary
Fri 21st May	10.00am	Aisling Dolan, Stephens Court	3rd Anniversary
Sat 22nd 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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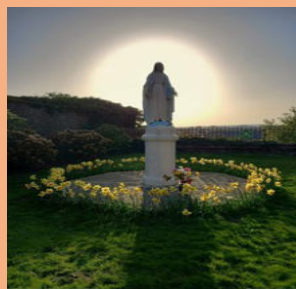
St. Josephs (Right):

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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.)



ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We pray for the souls of Annie (Nancy) Byrne, Cross Street who anniversary occurs around this time.

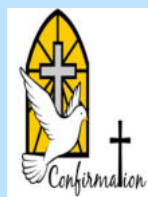
RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the souls of Martin Maddock, Hewitsland and formerly Bullawn, Nicholas Doyle, Chambersland & Oliver Geoghegan, Preston Lancashire and formerly of High St, Graignamanagh 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.



Baptisms

Baptisms will be celebrated every weekend
during May & June 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 booking.

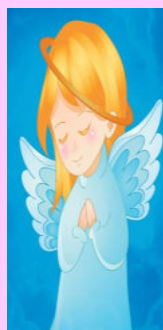


Confirmations & Communions 2021

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



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 al-
ways 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:

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: PENTECOST SUNDAY Year B
Acts 2: 1-11. Ps 103:1, 24, 29—31, 34, R/ cf. v 30. Gal 5: 16-25.
Jn 15: 26—27, 16: 12-15. 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: 9th May 2021 @ € 1170.60 (107 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.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

DELIGHT best describes our feelings Monday morning as we
gathered for the first time in almost five months for public Mass.
May we never have to experience such a deprivation again.
We seldom miss what we have until it is taken from us. May its
return increase our appreciation of the wonders of God's
Presence in us and among us.

Psalms 122 comes to mind at the lifting of such a restriction:

*"I rejoiced when I heard them say;—LET US GO TO GOD'S
HOUSE!" Indeed - May we all have MANY HAPPY RETURNS.!*



*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.*



DIOCESAN VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2021



WILL THE REAL MARY STAND
UP?

OUR LADY is seldom mentioned
in the Gospels and far less
frequently is she quoted as
saying anything. She seemed to
have been a lady of few words-
a strong silent type.

Yet she is the only woman in history who has been featured on the
front cover of TIME magazine 11 times. The editor referred to her as
the most celebrated woman in history. She has more titles than any
one else and almost every writer and artist have honoured her in some
shape or form.

Unfortunately some of those shapes and forms have served to distance
her from us. A plaster statue or picture with white flowing garments, a
blue cape and halo over her head are very artistic but don't help us to
identify with her as human being who could empathise with and
appreciate the struggles of daily life.

But the reality of her life is so much different and very much in tune
with the up and down of modern life. So what is the REAL MARY like?

She was pregnant at an early age; an unmarried mother; homeless at
the birth of her child; driven into Africa as a refugee; a widow probably
at an early stage in her marriage and no social services to make up for
the loss of a husband's income.

Added to all that she had to rear a son, who acted strangely at times,
who stayed at home up to his 30's and then went off as a homeless
preacher. She seemed to have followed Him, saw to his needs,
witnessed Him praised and rejected, his arrest, trial and execution.
The full cycle of his life - from having Him in her arms at birth to receive
his body into the same arms from the cross. And after his Ascension she
was more-or-less alone again in the world.

Let's have no doubt- OUR LADY LIVED A VERY REAL LIFE, WHICH FULLY
QUALIFIES HER TO APPRECIATE OUR PROBLEMS AND IDENTIFY WITH
OUR NEEDS. She has been through more trials than any of us will ever
encounter. Being Mother of God didn't shield her from life's harsh
realities.

She is our Mother too as interested in us and supportive of us as she
was of Jesus.

We said she was a woman of few words. When such people speak,
what they have to say is always worthwhile.

At the annunciation she said BE IT DONE UNTO ME ACCORDING TO
THEY WORD.

At the wedding at Cana she said DO WHAT EVER HE TELLS YOU.

SO TO ACCEPT GOD'S WORD AND TO FOLLOW HIS DIRECTIONS IN LIFE
IS THE ADVICE TO US FROM A LOVING MOTHER, WHO DID JUST THAT-
TO FOLLOW HIS WAY; TO ACCEPT HIS TRUTH.

BOTH WILL LEAD US TO LIFE WITH HIM AND HER FOREVER.



Bunscoil Nic Amhlaidh

Catherine McAuley Junior School

Congratulations to all the boys and girls in the
Catherine McAuley Junior School who made their first
confession recently in preparation for their
1st Holy Communion this year.

**Thank you to all teachers, Parents and
guardians for all their help**