

focus on sunday

The presence of God in our world is not always visible and his kingdom grows slowly. We are invited to grow in the confidence that God is always with us, even in the face of trials and evils.

“The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower...”



We recall at Mass the loved ones we pray for – we know that they planted seeds within us, the seed of conception, seeds of life and goodness. We may never fully know the good they have passed on just as we may never fully know the good that we pass on to others.

All of us can sit back in silence and give thanks for the good we have done. The little mustard seed that becomes a big tree. The love which has given life to children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, love for the extended family which has looked after nephews and nieces and many others. Our love, the ‘social love’ Pope Francis talks of, reaches out beyond our immediate circle to the world, especially the needy.

The call to be holy is the call to be helpers; we get the strength to be good people in our prayer also. Pope Francis says that love allows “social, cultural, and economic relationships to flourish, allowing us to construct a ‘civilization of love’” (September 9, 2020).

What mark can we leave on the world? Holiness leaves a mark. We remember what people said and did. The marks of the follower of Jesus are marks of true and self-sacrificing love. We want to leave a mark on the world – through prayer and the Mass God leaves his mark on you! He carves us on the palms of his hands; let us carve his name on everything we do in love, for all love comes from God.

May your kingdom come in me each day and be spread in my words and deeds among all I meet.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus liked looking at farmers sowing seeds. It reminded Him of all the different people that The Father will welcome to The Feast of Heaven. It will be like a birthday party that never ends. God has made us for love and friendship. When we show love and make friendships we are in God's Love and we help to make a better world.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** You will come in glory with salvation for your people: 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

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 17:22 - 24* **A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

The Lord says this:
‘From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

P.S. 91: 2-3.13-16

R. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R)**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6 -10

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds this seed will remain for ever. Alleluia!



GOSPEL *Mark 4:26 - 34*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap

because the harvest has come’. He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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 in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. 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

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Be near to those who call on you, O Lord, and graciously grant your protection to all who place their hope in your mercy, that they may remain faithful in holiness of life and, having enough for their needs in this world, they may be made full heirs of your promise for eternity.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**






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.



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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| Date | Time | | |
|-----------------|------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Sat 12th June | 5.00pm | | |
| | 6.00pm | Helen Birmingham, Southknock | Anniversary |
| Sun 13th June | 9.00am | Mary Butler, Mount Carmel | 4th Anniversary |
| | 10.00am | Michael & Jane Carthy, Newfarm, The Rower James (Jimmy) Henneberry, Charleton Hill | Anniversaries 2nd Anniversary |
| | 11.00am | | |
| | 12.00 Noon | Nicholas Doyle, Chambersland | Months Mind |
| Mon 14th June | 10.00am | Sr. Mary Anne Malone Carmelite, Delgany Paddy Quinn, Arnestown | Recently Deceased 10th Anniversary |
| Tues 15th June | 10.00am | Elizabeth & Patrick Kent, Cross Street | Anniversaries |
| Wed 16th June | 10.00am | Intentions of the People Lar Ronan, Lower Mount Carmel | Anniversary |
| Thurs 17th June | 10.00am | Carmelite Community & Benefactors Vincent O'Dwyer, Ard Ross | 36th Anniversary |
| Fri 18th June | 10.00am | Norah Barrett, Cork & London Aaron Lennane, Irishtown & Uk | 3rd Anniversary Anniversary |
| Sat 19th June | 10.00am | Parish Mass Association. | - |

Sanctuary Lamps

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

Our Lady's (Left):

Available

Altar (Centre):

Available

St. Joseph's (Right)

George Dalton



2021/2022 Contribution

Envelopes will be commencing Sunday the 4th July, which will be ready for collection by all our Parish distributors from the Parish Office within the coming weeks, who will be notified. Should you to become a new contributor, please contact the parish office to enrol.

Thank You

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the soul of Sr. Mary Anne Malone Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Wicklow who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We pray for the soul of Michael & Jane Carthy, Newfarm, The Rower & John Kearns, The Bullawn who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian community baby Noah Richard Roche, Bellevue Heights & Alex Wojciech Filipiak, Rosbercon. Baptisms will be celebrated every weekend during 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. Copy of Birth Certificates are required for the candidate. Photo ID also required for the person making / requesting the booking.

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.

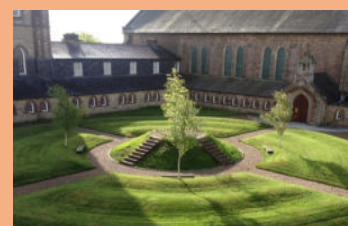
PATRON'S 2021 CANCELLED

Due to the on going COVID restrictions we are unable to hold our annual patron in the traditional manner. The Priests of the Parish will privately bless the graves in the Parish Cemeteries in the days leading up to the traditional dates. However we will be live streaming from the Parish Church, Prayers for our deceased loved ones on Sunday June 27th 2021 @ 3.00pm.

St Peter's College Past Pupils Union School Sports Development fund

Ticket Draw – Tickets €10 each
1st Prize € 2000
2nd Prize € 500
3rd Prize € 250
4th Prize € 250

All proceeds go to Astro Pitch Development Fund



Draw will take place in St. Peter's College on July 30th 2021 Tickets can be purchased by phoning SPC PPU PRO, Tel: 0877971077 or www.idonate.ie/raffle/stpetersppu



Families required with school going children to host foreign students attending local schools for the school term or a school year, excellent rates paid, if interested contact John at 0863200630 or email info@sepagency.com.

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 November 2021.

Next Weeks Readings: TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Job 38: 1, 8-11. Ps 106:23-26, 28-31., R/ cf. v 1. 2 Cor 5: 14-17. Mk 4: 35-41 .

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: 5th/6th June 2021 @ €1561.50 (180 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 new re-furbished Parish Office

will be officially opened on

Monday 14th June @10.30 am

All are Welcome

URGENT APPEAL

NEW ROSS "MEALS ON WHEELS" MAKES AN URGENT APPEAL FOR PEOPLE TO ASSIST ON ITS SERVICE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. THE SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME HAS PROVIDED SUCH HELP FOR MANY YEARS AND WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ASSISTED THE PERMANENT STAFF IN PREPARING AND DELIVERING UPWARDS TO 70 MEALS FIVE DAYS A WEEK. THREE OF THE CURRENT CE SCHEME MEMBERS ARE DUE TO COMPLETE THEIR STINT SHORTLY AND THEY ARE NOT BEING REPLACED AT THE MOMENT. THIS CREATES A MAJOR DIFFICULTY FOR THE PERMANENT STAFF AND INFANT ENDANGERS THE WHOLE PROJECT. HENCE THIS APPEAL TO ANYONE WHO MIGHT HAVE A FEW HOURS FREE ANY MORNING TO ASSIST. PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTRE ON 051 445711. THANKING YOU IN ANTICIPATION.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

On the Hook of Faith, we begin a new series this week on 'A New Irish Catholicism'. In this series, we explore in what ways the Lord is renewing his Church. The homily for this Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time is offered by Fr Brian Broaders who unpacks a series of Jesus' parables on the seed that grows. We have the usual newsletter insert and a reflection by Bro. Solanus from the Friary in Wexford. We feature a video by Pope Francis on his intention for the month of June – that urges young people not to give up on the dream of married love. Finally, we have updated statistics from Holland that show the numbers dying from euthanasia are increasing rapidly – a fact that challenges its proposed legalisation here. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

Confirmations 2021

Parents Meeting & Confirmations will be celebrated on two weekends in September according to the following plan detailed below:

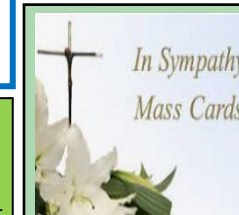
Programme of events in Church:

| | Group allocation will be notified through School | | | | |
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| | Ms Raftice | Mr Kehoe | Ms Brazil | Ms Foskin | Mr Whelan |
| Preparation Meeting Parish Church | Tues 7th Sept | Wed 8th Sept | Thurs 9th Sept | Wed 22nd Sept | Thurs 23rd Sept |
| Meeting Time | 7.00pm | | | | |
| Confirmation Date | Sat 11th Sept | | Sat 25th Sept | | |
| Confirmation Time | 10.00am | 11.15am | 12.30pm | 11.15am | 12.30pm |

We will be in contact with parents regarding preparations that can be made at home. Each child will be accompanied by four family members only (this number will be increased if restrictions are lifted). Seating will be allocated by lottery and social distancing arrangements must be strictly followed.



Marian Pilgrimages have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 & 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy & Holy Land For more information or to register your interest please visit www.marian.ie or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159



Mass Cards Available:

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

CHY's Tax Forms

Thank you to anyone who has already returned your CHY forms to the Parish Office to date. If you are not tax eligible, we would be most grateful if you could confirm same in writing or via. email stating your contribution envelope number. For those who have not done CHY's or notified us, we would be most grateful if you could do so as soon as possible. Thank you.



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.

