

focus on sunday

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20th June 2021

The gospel is an invitation to faith; to believe in the presence of Christ even when he seems far away. This is part of the darkness of our relationship with God; faith in him is the dawn that follows darkness.



At times we may feel that our church is not as vibrant as it was in the past. Today the apostles feared that they would be overwhelmed by the storm. Like us, they wondered when would Jesus come to their aid?

The multiple challenges we face as a church; lack of faith in Jesus, the shortage of priests and religious, lack of respect for God's creation and the effects of Covid may all weaken our faith today. There can be a harking back to what seems now to have been better times. We look for hope, needing hope. Our hope is in Christ, even as he was sleeping on the boat. No matter what the fear, the apostles seemed to know he would care as they said, 'Master we are going down'.

Their faith was both challenged and rewarded. Jesus is letting them know in the crises of their lives and of the persecution of the Church at the time, that he can help them overcome fear. The storm at the sea was the storm of persecution. The way forward was to trust in him. It is the same for us; the future of the Church is in our closeness and faith in Jesus. We are the Church; our faith is its strength. As Jesus found hope in his life so can we. Good words from Archbishop Desmond Tutu: *Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.*

Donal Neary SJ, editor, Sacred Heart Messenger,

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Our life at times is like being in a small boat, and suddenly a great storm happens. We are afraid, and Jesus seems to be asleep. Then He awakens and makes the waves calm down, and the sea is quiet again. Our fear is taken away. When Jesus died it was like a raging storm that killed Him, but God Our Loving Father gave Him New Life, and rescued Him, and now His Spirit is with us all the time, everyday, everywhere. So we ask Jesus to let His Spirit of Love shine through our hearts, when we help others at home, share with others, and never to forget to say Thanks, Please and Sorry, and have a smile for people.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. 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.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

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

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son, we ask of your mercy, O Lord, that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption.
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,
Thanks be to God.



him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

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 confess 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

P.S. 106:23-26, 28-31

R. O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever. or Alleluia!

- Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. [R]
- For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. [R]
- Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. [R]
- They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. [R]

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:14 - 17

A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul's to the Corinthians

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!



GOSPEL Mark 4: 35 - 41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us.. Amen.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....






LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Job 3: 1. 8 - 11

A reading from the Book of Job
From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther; here your proud waves shall break.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

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

Date	Time		
Sat 19th June	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	Lil O'Brien, Mary Street	30th Anniversary
Sun 20th June	9.00am	Matthew & Bridget Cahill, Ard Mhicil, Matthew & Annie Cahill, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Paddy Murphy, Ballyrue	Anniversary
	11.00am		
	12.00 Noon	Beatrice Boland, Charleton Hill	Months Mind
Mon 21st June	10.00am	Kathleen Devereux, Begerin Loftus	2nd Anniversary
Tues 22nd June	10.00am	Kate & Laurence Murphy, Mary Street	Anniversaries
Wed 23rd June	10.00am	Intentions of the People Mona & Ted Walshe, William Street	Anniversaries
Thurs 24th June	10.00am	Mary & Edward Joyce, Marley, St. Mullins Jim Merrigan, The Bullawn	Anniversaries Anniversary
Fri 25th June	10.00am	Eileen French, St. Raphaels, Victoria Place	Anniversary
Sat 26th June	10.00am	Parish Mass Association.	-

Sanctuary Lamps

Intentions:

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

Our Lady's (Left):

Seamus Hughes

Altar (Centre):

Get Well

St. Joseph's (Right)

Available



2021/2022 Contribution

Envelopes will be commencing Sunday the 4th July.

Envelopes are now ready for collection at the Parish Office by all our Parish distributors for their areas

Thank You

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the soul of Albert McGrath, The Faythe, Wexford Town, Margarita Rossiter, Michael Street, Breda Hardy (nee O'Connor), Craigavon, Armagh, formally Old Pondfields, Gerry Cash, Hewittsland & Wayne Smith, Bellevue Heights who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We pray for the soul of Phyllis Nestor (12th) and her son Andrew Nestor (2nd), formerly Southknock, Paddy Murphy, Ballyrue, Paddy Henneberry, Lower William Street (10th), Mona & Ned Walsh, Rena & Joe McGowan, Wexford, Michael & Bridget Newport, Wexford Town, Molly & Denis Mc Loughlin, Haughton Place & Nelly Freaney who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE: We pray for the soul of Stella Katus & Margaret Rawson, Ard na Greine (100th), who's birthdays occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian community baby Paul Robert Walsh, Charleton Hill & Brandon Jordan, Priory Court. 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.

WEDDINGS: We congratulate Elizabeth Connors, An Caislean Maol & John O'Brien, Ballintekin, Wicklow who were Married recently in our Parish.

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.



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

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.

Online Quiz for Mary's Meals, which feeds almost 2 million hungry children every school day, will take place next **Friday, June 25th at 8pm.**

To enter/donate go to www.bit.ly/QuizforMM or ring Martin Colfer 087 2596159. Thank you very much to all who have helped to date.



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: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24. Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13, R/ cf. v 2. 2 Cor 8: 17, 9, 13-15. Mk 5: 21-43.

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: 13th June 2021 @ € 1154.00 (164 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.

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				
	Ms Raftice	Mr Kehoe	Ms Whelan	Ms Foskin	Ms Brazil
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

A Prayer for Our Bishop – Elect

God, eternal shepherd, you tend your Church in many ways and rule us with love.

You have chosen your servant, Ger to be shepherd of your flock in the Diocese of Ferns.

Give him a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he build your Church.

As a sign of salvation for the world.

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, Pray for us. Amen

JOGGING MY MEMORY: 'THE MONKS' SCHOOL',

NEW ROSS, IN THE 1860S

Very Rev. Mark Canon O' Byrne

The paucity of amateur entertainments was due to the want of a suitable hall. Concerts, lecture, dances, bazaars etc. Had to be held in the so –called Large Room of the Tholsel. It was only when disused Protestant Church in Robert Street was acquired, choral and dramatic classes began to flourish, though, indeed, that dilapidated structure left much to be desired. Nevertheless, we had many enjoyable nights there, listening to a varied programme of glees, trios, duets and solos by our own celebrities. Their repertoire, to be sure, was not very Classical, but neither were hard to please. The old Ditties, 'Sweet Chiming Bells', 'The Maid of the Mill', 'Good News from Home', 'Juanita', 'The Gipsy Maid', Etc., did not sound silly or mid-Victorian in our eyes; if we did not give away to sentimentality, at any rate we observed respectful silence, in the hope that the item would be comic song by John Browne or Jim Crowley, our two outstanding comedians. Their favourite piece included 'Dr Quack', 'Miss Hooligan's Christmas Cake', 'Father O' Flynn', 'Demetrius O' Flanagan McCarthy', etc. And how we did laugh!

Communions 2021

	Sacraments	
	Meetings @ 7.00pm in The Parish Church	First Communion Mass Saturday
	Date	Date
Mr. Roche	Tuesday 17th August	21st August @11.00am
Ms. Fitzpatrick	Wednesday 18th August	21st August @ 12.30pm
Ms. Mahony	Wednesday 25th August	28th August @ 11.00am

Please note that this plan is subject to the Public Health Guidance at the time of the planned ceremonies. The Numbers attending will probably be the same as last year, i.e. the candidate and four family members.

FERNS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 4TH JULY 2021

As you know, with current restrictions, capacity at Mass is very restricted and Knock Basilica is limited to a capacity of 200 people at present. Therefore, the Pilgrimage for this year will follow the same format as last year with a virtual pilgrimage for the diocese. The Pilgrimage Mass will be streamed online on the website www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live and on the Knock Shrine Facebook page. Ceremonies will begin at 2.30pm. Bishop Brennan, Bishop elect Ger Nash and myself will be present for the ceremonies in Knock Gerry O'Leary, Knock Pilgrimage Director.



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.

