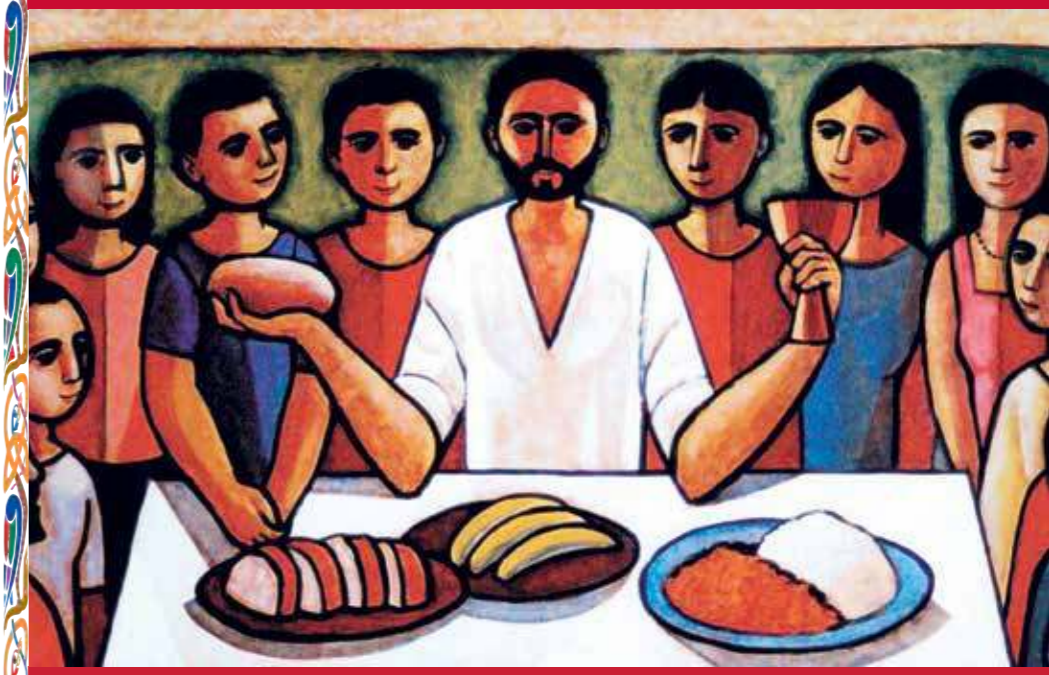


focus on sunday

Today is our celebration that Jesus is present always with us, in signs we can recognise but not understand. It is a feast of the mystery of his presence, always close to his people.



We are coming up to the feast of the Sacred Heart (Friday 11th), with its historical link to the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist and the devotion to the Sacred Heart have always been connected – many prayers in the old devotion linked our prayer to the prayer of the Mass.

In a sense the Mass is going on all the time. The mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus is now outside of time. We often reminded ourselves of that by saying 'every minute there is a Mass being celebrated somewhere in the world, and we can join our prayers to that Mass'. Like the devotion, the Eucharist is based on the love of God, seen particularly in Jesus our God assuming our humanity. The bread and wine of the Eucharist is the food of Jesus' humanity, the centre of the devotion to the Heart.

The devotion like many devotions in the Church has waned. Many of the prayers and hymns are in an outdated language, and the images often do not appeal today. But the Eucharist and Heart of Jesus will always be the centre of Christian faith. The heart of Jesus is a human heart beating with divine love. In Jesus humanity and divinity mingle, as we pray at Mass; 'by the mingling of this water and wine may we come to share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.'

Donal Neary SJ, editor, Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

God our Father wanted to give a special food to His people, so he decided to come Himself to our world, and live in bread and wine at Mass. Jesus invites everyone to "Come, Take and eat," and we sing "Come Lord Jesus. Come and be born in our hearts. Come Emmanuel, Come and be born in our hearts."

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. 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.
 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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.
 Who live and reign for ever and ever.

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.



observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 115:12-13,15-18
R. The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. or Alleluia!

- How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
 The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. (R)
- O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
 Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. (R)
- A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
 I will call on the Lord's name.
 My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. (R)

SECOND READING Hebrews 9: 11 - 15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
 Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringing the earlier covenant.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!



GOSPEL Mark 14: 12-16. 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.'
 Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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.



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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
 Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 May almighty God 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 in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.
 Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.






LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 24: 3 - 8

A reading from the book of Exodus
 Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will

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

Date	Time		
Sat 5th June	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	Gerard Fox, Carrig on Bannow	1st Anniversary
Sun 6th June	9.00am	Margaret Sinnott, Wexford Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Special Intentions Gary & Margaret Maher, Southknock	- Anniversaries
	11.00am		
	12.00 Noon	Margaret Malone, Lower Michael Street Martin Maddock, Hewittsland	Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 7th June	10.00am	Maire Proinseas O' Cathain, formerly Charleton Hill, Cork & Dublin Mattie Brazil, Charleton Hill	Recently Deceased - Anniversary
Tues 8th June	10.00am	The deceased of Mount Carmel, Benefactors, Relatives & Friends Patrick & Mary Bennett, Irishtown	Remembrance - Anniversary
Wed 9th June	10.00am	Intentions of the People John & Bridie Furlong, William Street	- Anniversary
Thurs 10th June	10.00am	Breda O'Byrne, Mons Terrace Peggy & Sheila Gunning, Kinnegad	Anniversary Anniversaries
Fri 11th June	10.00am	Tom Connors, Palace East, Clonleigh	Anniversary
Sat 12th June	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):

Special Intentions

St. Joseph's (Right)

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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

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: ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ez17: 22-24. Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16, R/ cf. v 2. 2 Cor 5: 6-10. Mk 4: 26-34.

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: 30th May 2021 @ €1872.60 (179 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.

Reflection for weekend 5th & 6th June 2021

"I am because you are".

I recently learned about the African philosophy of *ubuntu* by watching a video of Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, sent to me by a church leader from Brazil where I served as a missionary for 38 years. However,

The basic messages describe *ubuntu*, an African philosophy that proclaims: "I am, because you are." *Ubuntu* is a word from a Zulu proverb: "*Umntu ngumuntu ngabantu*," expressing the belief that a person is a person through others, meaning that we as humans share a common humanity.

Thus, the philosophy includes values of respect for human dignity, compassion, solidarity and consensus, and expectations of commitment and loyalty within and for the group. A deep sense of community is one of the important building blocks of Zulu society, according to Tutu in his book *No Future Without Forgiveness*. It is a pan-African building block.

The *ubuntu* philosophy, besides calling for compassion and solidarity, also requires commitment to justice so that dignity for all is possible. Archbishop Tutu reminds us in his book: "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."

Throughout the world we have seen and heard many stories on the internet and television of people who are in fact discovering these deeply held values of our "oneness" with others and creation as well. The BBC, for example, spoke of *ubuntu* at the end of its famous podcast on January 1, 2021. It is amazing that this beautiful philosophy is and will be truly relevant today and hopefully spreading into the future. May this beautiful philosophy spread everywhere and give us hope that all will be well.

(Margaret (Margie) Buttitta is a member of the Sisters of St. Louis from the Los Angeles)

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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 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 INFACT 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.

EXCITING NEWS

The Parish Office will be Re-Opening
Tuesday 8th June @10.30 am

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the soul of Aine O'Mahony, Victoria Place who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We pray for the soul of Deborah Fitzgibbon, Chambersland who's anniversary occurs around this time.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE: We pray for the soul of Cian Lennon (21st), Mount Carmel who's birthday occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian community baby Ceira Dwyer, Brooklawn. 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.

Confirmations & Communions 2021

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

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

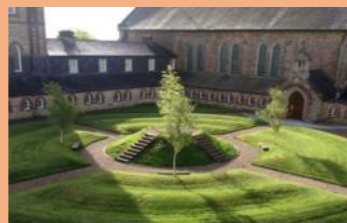
4th Prize € 250

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



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.

