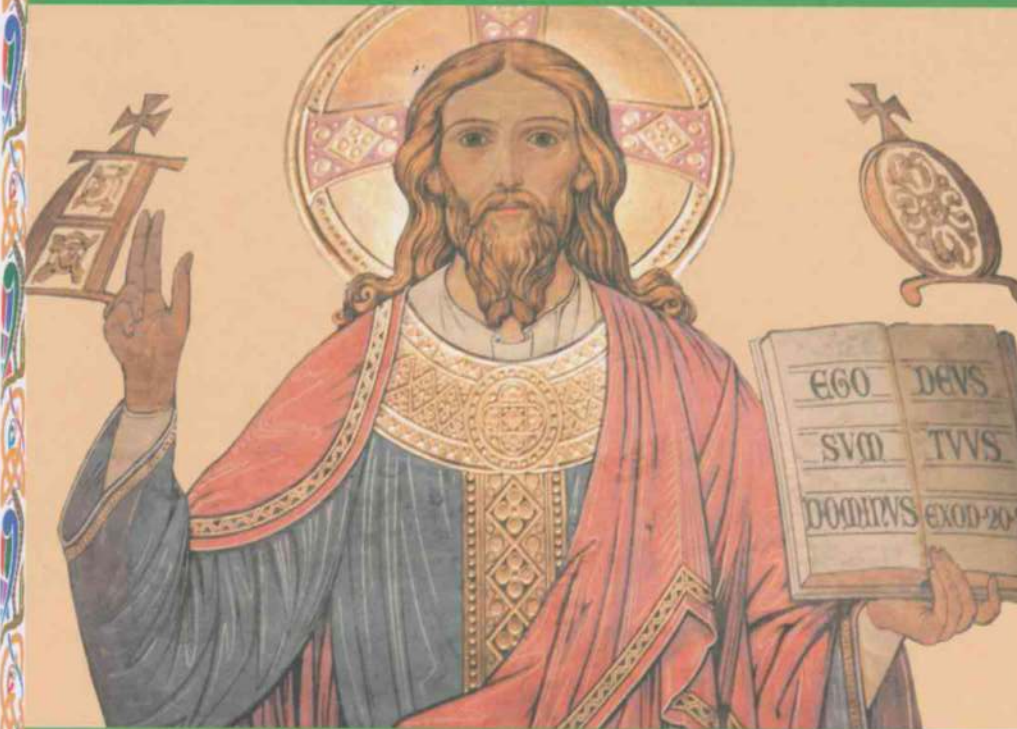


# focus on sunday

Jesus comes among us as one like us - his own people were surprised at his goodness and his powers. He comes among us today in the ordinariness of his people, in their needs and in their love.



Jesus is having a bit of trouble as he continues his ministry. He has had public praise for his healings and indeed his teaching, even in places he was well known. Now the opposition is beginning, and it would continue for the next months until his death in Jerusalem. His own people were gradually turning against him.

He was so ordinary. They knew he 'was one of their own'. A sure way of putting someone down! They could not imagine where he got the wisdom and could do the miracles that nobody else could do. They knew his family and they too were very ordinary.

It then went further. They could not accept him. Whatever happened Jesus felt despised. It is hard to be despised in your own hometown or school or family. In today's world many people are despised and abused because they are followers of Jesus. He still wanted to help them be compassionate to them, so 'he cured few people', maybe the few who did accept him.

His mission was to heal and teach, and their non-acceptance would not stop him. He would move on to other towns and villages, often to be despised in them also. Our own acceptance and welcome of his message and love in our lives will lead to great meaning and joy.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Some people didn't like Jesus because he was good and fair. Sometimes we don't like others because we think they have gifts that we haven't got. Jesus had gifts of friendliness and making people feel good that others didn't have. We always have to ask God to help us to praise others for their gifts, then we begin to see all the gifts that we have ourselves.



### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. 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

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.

### CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

May the God of all consolation order your days in his peace and grant you the gifts of his blessing. Amen.

May he free you always from every distress and confirm your hearts in his love. Amen.

And 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.

too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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.

say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 122

R. Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

- To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R)
- Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mercy. (R)
- Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (R)

### SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12 :7 - 10 A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness'. So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Mark 6. 1 - 6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters,

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### 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

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 forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. 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

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...






### LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Ezekiel 2: 2 - 5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to

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

Date	Time		
Sat 3rd July	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	James Cleary, Neville Street	1st Anniversary
Sun 4th July	9.00am	Bobby Rochford & deceased members of the Ryan family, Abbey Hall	Anniversaries
	10.00am	John Connors, Palace East Teresa Murphy, Cross Street	7th Anniversary Anniversary
	11.00am		
	12.00 Noon	Aine O'Mahony, Victoria Place	Months Mind
Mon 5th July	10.00am	Deceased members of Mount Carmel & Benefactors Marian O'Brien, Lower William Street	Anniversaries Anniversary
Tues 6th July	10.00am	Michael Patrick Murphy, Clonmel James Caulfield, Charleton Hill	Recently Deceased 8th Anniversary
Wed 7th July	10.00am	Intentions of the People Special Intentions	Intentions
Thurs 8th July	10.00am	Oliver Darby, Barrow View Heights	7th Anniversary
Fri 9th July	10.00am	Sr. Marie Anne Travers, Arnestown Thomas (Tommy) Guy, New Ross & Scotland	1st Anniversary Recently Deceased
Sat 10th July	10.00am	Parish Mass Association.	-

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

### Our Lady's (Left):

John Bowe

### Altar (Centre):

Ellen Bowe

### St. Joseph's (Right)

Bowe Family

### 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

### New Ross Parks Tennis

Tennis Summer Camp in St Mary's Secondary School Running from the 5th to the 30th of July



Caters for children from ages of 6 to 16  
Equipment can be supplied.

Contact - Emily 0864493703

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the soul of Johnny O'Leary, Nunnery Lane, Thomas (Tommy) Guy, New Ross & Scotland & Michael Patrick Murphy, Clonmel who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We pray for the soul of Lena & Bernard Furlong, Mountgarrett, Anthony Bradley, Knockavilla (12th Anniversary) & John Connors, Palace East (7th Anniversary) who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:** We pray for the soul of Teresa Murphy, Cross street & James Caulfield, Charleton Hill who's birthday occurs around this time.

**BAPTISMS:** 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.



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](http://www.marian.ie) or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159



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](mailto:contact.John@0863200630) or email [info@sepagency.com](mailto:info@sepagency.com).

## Communion 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.

## 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 now taking mass bookings up to and including December 2021.

**Next Weeks Readings:** FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Amos 7:12-15. Ps 84: 9-14 R/ v 8 Eph 1: 3-14. Mk 6:7-13

**Confessions:** Saturdays after 10.00am Holy Mass & before 6.00pm Holy Mass. Mon — Fri on request after 10.00am Holy Mass. Please notify the priest before Mass in the Sacristy.

**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: 27th June 2021 @ €1468.45 (161No. Envelopes). Alternatively you can donate via. The Ferns Diocesan Website ([www.ferns.ie](http://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:

	Group allocation will be notified through School				
	Ms Raftice	Mr Kehoe	Ms Whelan	Ms Foskin	Ms Brazil
Preparation	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Wed	Thurs
Meeting Parish Church	7th Sept	8th Sept	9th Sept	22nd Sept	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.

## 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/](http://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.

## REFLECTION

WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD was an American motivational writer and speaker. He produced many uplifting and insightful comments. For example talking about three sailors having trouble in a difficult wind- the PESSIMIST among them just sat there and saw no hope ; the OPTIMIST lay back comfortably expecting things to improve and the REALIST did something .he adjusted the sails to meet their situation.

In another context he suggested the following approach to life

DO MORE THAN BELONG—PARTICIPATE

DO MORE THAN CARE——HELP

DO MORE THAN BELIEVE—PRACTISE

As regards our reflection to night, he described teachers as follows

He wrote:-

The MEDIOCRE teacher---tells

The GOOD teacher.....explains

The GREAT teacher.....demonstrates

The EXCELLENT teacher...inspires.

JESUS CHRIST was the teacher par excellence. He inspired total strangers to follow Him and others to leave everything to be His special friends.

He also employed a very basic principle of teaching – you go from what you know to what you don't know. In other words you build on the experience of the audience. He always pitched His teachings within the daily experience of His hearers.

For example when getting across the difference He would make to their lives, He suggested the contrast between LIGHT and DARKNESS.

They appreciated that difference far more readily than we would today. We are seldom in total darkness, though we can appreciate how helpless we are in an electrical outage. Even in those circumstances we have solar and battery light. So we seldom if ever experience total darkness.

In those times, the day began and ended with the rising and the setting of the sun. They knew well how helpless and vulnerable they were in the darkness. Into that experience He announced I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. He proceeded then to show them HOW by His life style. Even His enemies were forced to admit that "HE WENT AROUND DOING GOOD." The hungry were fed, the sick healed and the poor were given shown respect and dignity and given hope and help.

There was a lot of darkness in lives then (as now) in the form of sickness, poverty, disrespect, greed, selfishness and a lack of dignity and freedom. His presence, His words and His actions lifted that darkness and brightened lives.

You might say His light is struggling in our world to lift the darkness of sick minds, destructive words and evil deeds. We - His present day followers must ask ourselves - are we doing enough to shed His light into the dark areas of our own lives and of society. We must begin with ourselves. We cannot give what we have not got. His good news story was given flesh through his deeds.

After a shaky start His early followers realised the power of His word and gave their lives in introducing others to His life-giving gift.

BASIL HUME was an unknown Benedictine monk in an English monastery. In 1976 he was the surprise choice as Archbishop of Westminster and Cardinal. He frequently told a story of an experience he had on a trip to Ethiopia during a terrible famine in 1984.

He was taken by helicopter to a mountain village. As soon as he landed a little boy ran up and took hold of his hand and never let it go for the duration of the visit. The child never spoke but he did two simple things each time they met a group on their way through the village.

He raised his free to ask for food and with the other he raised the Cardinal's hand to rub against his own face. The Cardinal never tired of telling that in those two simple gestures the boy showed that the human being's two greatest needs are FOOD and LOVE. The provision of both sums up the essentials of the Christian religion.

MAHATMA GANDHI was an admirer of Jesus Christ and held His teachings in high regard. However his assessment of their influence is interesting and should give us cause to examine how faithful we are in living them. He stated that CHRISTIANITY HASN'T FAILED, IT SIMPLY HAS NEVER BEEN TRIED SERIOUSLY.

Today people are attracted by what they see in action rather than by what they hear in words. They follow witnesses rather than preachers. There can be no contradiction between words and actions.

Both must shed His light on the darkness of our world, for He is the Light of the World...WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.

He made that statement in the context of the woman, whose life style placed her in danger of losing her life by stoning. Jesus knew the law in this regard. So did the woman, as did the people who dragged her to Him for comment. They stoutly reminded Him of the legal situation. But He neatly boxed out of the corner in which the accusers of the woman through they had trapped, by calmly invited anyone among them without sin to throw the first stone. In fact the only one present who was without sin and therefore entitled to throw a stone, was Himself.

Since no one in the group could meet that standard, the Gospel says that when Jesus stood up and asked innocently "HAS NO ONE CONDEMNED YOU?" - He assured her He would not be throwing any stones or condemning her either and suggested that she change her life style. It was at this point that He declared I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. He wanted His followers to know that they didn't have to live in darkness, hopelessness or captives to sin. If they follow Him, He would bring His "light of life" into their lives and change them by His power.

In the words of Saint John Henry Newman we pray  
"Lead kindly light..."

Monsignor Joseph McGrath



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.

