

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

## 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

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:4-8

**A reading from the first book of Kings** Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened

by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S. 33: 2-9

**R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **[R]**

2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **[R]**

3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **[R]**

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **[R]**

### SECOND READING Ephesians 4: 30-5:2

**A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians**

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

**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 John 6. 41-51

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.'

'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

**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.



# focus on sunday

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8th August 2021

## 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

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation.

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.*

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

## 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

**O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

**Thanks be to God.**



The companionship of Christ is "food for the journey". He is the one who strengthens us to live in his love and according to his gospel.

**When I give to another in love, I am giving communion.**

**I am a minister of the Eucharist.**



An aunt of mine left for England in the 50s with a large family. Looking back, she once said to me – 'if we didn't have the church in London what would we have had?' Another man said – 'over my life I have a lot to be thankful to the Sacred Heart for'. Prayer, Eucharist and the Christian community nourished their

faith and life.

Jesus gives us the bread of life, Himself! The love of Jesus is a self-sacrificing love. It reaches us in our lives now and promises us life forever.

Life is a precious gift. The most precious we have. So, we protect it by law. We are upset when life is devalued at beginning or end. We honour the body or ashes of our loved ones; consequently, the church is fussy about what we do with the ashes.

Jesus gave his life – so that we may live in the love of God.

This is the type of love we admire. The mother's love and the father's love which will do anything for the children. Siblings too. Mother and daughter used to fight a lot but visited each other every day! Why? Mother says, 'because we love each other!'

Love nourishes. This is the bread of the first reading.

What is his promise? Love and love always. Each time we receive the Eucharist we are gifted with this love and invited into it as the primary environment of our lives.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of yourself in the Eucharist at Mass and in the ordinary loves of our ordinary lives.

*Donal Neary SJ.(editor Sacred Heart Messenger)*

## Jesus' Story

*Fr. Liam Hickey*

Elijah was a friend of God. He was very sad and afraid. He wanted to die. He would not eat or drink. Then an angel came to him with food and said 'Elijah Get up and eat'. He got up, ate and became well and strong. Jesus invites us too, when we are sad, lonely and afraid to 'Come, take and eat'. That is the food of Holy Communion that we receive at Mass.



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

Date	Time		
Sat 7th Aug	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	John Cullen, Pondfields	1st Anniversary
Sun 8th Aug	9.00am	Gerry O'Leary, Achill Island	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Annie Reddy, Marsh Lane Marion Doran, High Hill	Anniversary 7th Anniversary
	11.00am		
	12.00 Noon	Bridget Holden, Brooklawn	Months Mind
Mon 9th Aug	10.00am	John Ryan, Charleton Hill Maisie O'Sullivan, Charleton Hill	Anniversary Anniversary
Tues 10th Aug	10.00am	Cathal Mooney & his son Eamon, Mountross Richard, Anna, Jimmy Reynolds, Kilkenny & USA	3rd Anniversary Anniversaries
Wed 11th Aug	10.00am	Intentions of the People Mary Haddie Richardson, Pondfields & Margaret Coleman, Michael Street	Anniversaries
Thurs 12th Aug	10.00am	Edward & Bridget Mc Donald, Ballinamona Newbawn Julie Anne Lee, Mount Carmel	Anniversaries Anniversary
Fri 13th Aug	10.00am	Deceased members of Mount Carmel & Benefactors Mary Guy, Ard na Greine	Anniversaries Anniversary
Sat 14th Aug	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

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

**Our Lady's (Left):**  
Available

**Altar (Centre):**  
Special Intentions

**St. Joseph's (Right)**  
Special Intentions



Would like to say a huge thank you to all people who generously donated over the past weekend.



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## Grandparents Day Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
you were born of the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.  
Look with love on grandparents the world over.  
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment  
for families, for the Church and for all of society.  
Support them! As they grow older,  
may they continue to be for their families  
strong pillars of Gospel faith,  
guardians of noble domestic ideals,  
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.  
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,  
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits  
of their mature human and spiritual experience.  
Lord Jesus,  
help families and society  
to value the presence and role of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded,  
but always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed  
in all the years of life which you give them.  
Mary, Mother of all the living,  
keep grandparents constantly in your care,  
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,  
and by your prayers, grant that all families  
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,  
where you await all humanity  
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!



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## 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  
January 2022.

**Next Weeks Readings:** THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
Apoc 11:19, 12: 1-6, 10. Ps 44: 10-12, 16, R/ v 10. 1 Cor 15:20-26. Lk 1:39-56.

**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:** 1st August 2021 @ €1515.16  
(201 No. 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.

**St. Michael's Pastoral Centre:** Available for Parish based activities, please  
contact the Parish office.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the souls of Joseph Ryan, Swindon,  
UK (Months Mind) & Billy McGrath, UK who passed away recently.  
May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We pray for the souls of Anne Nolan, Quay  
Street, Cathal Mooney & his son Eamon, Mountross, Maurice Power,  
Marley, St. Mullins & London, John Ryan, Charleton Hill, Pat Doyle, Old  
Charlton Hill & Henry Nugent, Mc Murrough (30th Anniversary) who's  
anniversaries occurs around this time.

**BAPTISMS:** Resumption of Baptisms will be celebrated every weekend  
at the following times **Saturday @ 1.00pm, 2.00pm & 3.00pm & Sunday  
@ 1.00pm, 2.00pm & 3.00pm.** 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.**

## THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

John Lennon's famous song 'Imagine' was played at the opening ceremony  
at the Tokyo Olympics. But are the lyrics appropriate? Does the vision they  
describe really have the power to unite humanity? Bishop Robert Barron  
investigates. The homily for this Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time is given  
by Fr Lar O'Connor where Jesus teaches that the Eucharist is his flesh given  
for the life of the world. Bishop Barron gives a talk on the real presence of  
Christ in the Eucharist to explore what this means. We have the usual  
newsletter insert and the ninth part in the series 'A New Irish Catholicism'.  
We highlight the heroic witness of Edith Stein or St Teresa Benedicta of the  
Cross and St Maximilian Kolbe, both who died during World War II. Check  
out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

## 15TH AUGUST - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY—REFLECTION

If you lived on or near the Hook peninsula in the South West corner of County  
Wexford, your life would be dominated by the imposing 13<sup>th</sup> century Norman  
structure – the Hook Lighthouse.  
The tower was built by William Marschal, Earl of Pembroke, as part of the  
development of his Lordship of Leinster.  
It is the oldest operational Lighthouse in the world.  
Long before its construction the local monks would have kept fires lighting on the  
spot to warn shipping of the treacherous under-water rocks off the Hook. While still  
fulfilling that vital function, it has added a new and exciting dimension to its role with  
the recent establishment of a thriving Visitor Centre.  
The LIGHT of the lighthouse of course is the essential function of the building. The  
surrounding sea and land are lit every 3 seconds by three flashes of light as a  
warning to shipping of the dangers lurking around that part of the coast.  
Light by its nature attracts attention to itself. The light from a lighthouse has the  
opposite function. It is there to warn shipping to give the coastline a wide berth. In  
issuing the warning, the light also directs ships to the safety of the harbour.  
So a lighthouse is a simple and suitable image of the function Our Lady performs in  
our lives. Unlike light, she does not attract us to herself but like the lighthouse, she  
directs us to the heart of Her Son. As the Old Testament recorded in the time of a  
famine, the Israelites were told to GO TO JOSEPH in Egypt, Mary's direction to us  
is GO TO JESUS. Being true to her own promise at the time of the Annunciation,  
when she said BE IT DONE UNTO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD, she says  
to us what she said to the servants at the Wedding Feast of Cana  
DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.

At the opposite end of the Country we have the majestic MOUNT LEINSTER.  
Mountains are places of mystery. They remove us from our normal view of the  
world and present us with a wider, deeper, panoramic picture of life. They lift us  
spiritually above the mundane and nearer to the heavens and to Heaven and  
therefore to God.  
Mount Carmel is a range of mountains in Israel, celebrated in Scripture for its  
beauty. It was there that the prophet Elijah defended the faith of Israel in the true  
God.  
It was there in the 12th century that a group of hermits set up home and founded a  
monastery devoted to the contemplative way of life, under the patronage of Our  
Lady, Mother of God. This was the origin of the Carmelite Order we know it today.  
That way of life is devoted to living life as Mary did. Their associate members wear  
the Brown Scapular as a sign that they too want to form the habit of living as Mary  
did.  
Pope St. John Paul II, who also wore the scapular said that following Jesus  
through Mary must not be confined to tributes at certain times of the year but must  
become a habit- a constant orientation of our conduct to the Christian way of living.  
The Christian way of living can be summed up in the word RELATIONSHIP. Our  
God is RELATIONAL, creating the Blessed Trinity-the relationship between the  
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. For His own reasons, God wished to share that  
life with us- to invite us in to that perfect community! St. Paul described this deci-  
sion in gloriously poetic language:  
" HE CHOSE US IN HIM (Jesus) before the foundation of the world, that we should  
be holy and blameless before Him. He predestined us in love to be his children....  
to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth through Jesus Christ.  
The Catechism taught us that GOD MADE US TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE HIM  
IN THIS LIFE AND TO BE HAPPY WITH HIM FOREVER IN THE NEXT.  
Our Lady is the model of loving, knowing and serving. Jesus stated that from the  
Cross-BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER. In other words-look to her, study her and follow  
her example and then you will be my followers.

Her method was very simple and therefore within the ability of anyone who wants to  
follow Her Son seriously.  
Her way can be summed up in two words- SILENCE and SERVICE.  
She was the strong silent type apparently.  
I think I am correct in saying that she speaks only 6 times in the New Testament-  
twice to the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation; once to her cousin Elizabeth; once  
when she found Jesus after He had been lost for three days following their visit to  
Jerusalem and the Temple and twice at the Wedding Feast of Cana.  
And most of these statements led TO SERVICE:-  
She said YES to the Angel Gabriel and GAVE HER LIFE TO GOD'S PLAN.  
She went to assist her elderly cousin Elizabeth immediately afterwards.  
She took control as Mother when Jesus was lost.  
She noticed the shortage of wine before anyone else and quietly took steps to  
solve a very embarrassing situation for the family.  
She was at the foot of the Cross to attend to her Son in His final moments

**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.*

