

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to  
you all the day long.

## 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.....  
**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 cause the minds of the  
faithful to unite in a single purpose,  
grant your people to love what you  
command and to desire what you promise,  
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed on that place  
where true gladness is found.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING *Joshua 24:1-2; 15-18*

**A reading from the book of Joshua**  
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel  
together at Shechem; then he called the  
elders, leaders, judges and scribes of  
Israel, and they presented themselves  
before God. Then Joshua said to all the  
people: 'If you will not serve the Lord,  
choose today whom you wish to serve,

whether the gods that your ancestors  
served beyond the River, or the gods of  
the Amorites in whose land you are now  
living. As for me and my House, we will  
serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no  
intention of deserting the Lord our God  
and serving other gods. Was it not the  
Lord our God who brought us and our  
ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the  
house of slavery, who worked those great  
wonders before our eyes and preserved  
us all along the way we travelled and  
among all the peoples through whom we  
journeyed? We too will serve the Lord, for he  
is our God.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**P.S. 33:2-3.16-23**

**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. The Lord turns his face against the  
wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the  
earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal. **[R]**
3. They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will  
save. **[R]**
4. Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken. **[R]**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his  
servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be  
condemned. **[R]**

## SECOND READING

**Ephesians 5:25-32 (shorter form)**

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

Husbands should love their wives just as  
Christ loved the Church and sacrificed  
himself for her to make her holy. He made  
her clean by washing her in water with a  
form of words, so that when he took her  
to himself she would be glorious, with  
no speck or wrinkle or anything like that,  
but holy and faultless. In the same way,  
husbands must love their wives as they  
love their own bodies; for a man to love  
his wife is for him to love himself. A man  
never hates his own body, but he feeds  
it and looks after it; and that is the way  
Christ treats the Church, because it is his  
body - and we are its living parts. For this  
reason, a man must leave his father and  
mother and be joined to his wife, and the  
two will become one body. This mystery  
has many implications; but I am saying it  
applies to Christ and the Church.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit,  
Lord, and they are life: you have the  
message of eternal life. Alleluia**

## GOSPEL *John 6:60-69*

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

After hearing his doctrine many of the  
followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable  
language. How could anyone accept it?'  
Jesus was aware that his followers were  
complaining about it and said, 'Does this  
upset you? What if you should see the  
Son of Man ascend to where he was  
before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.  
The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not  
believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset  
those who did not believe, and who it was  
that would betray him. He went on, 'This  
is why I told you that no one could come  
to me unless the Father allows him.' After  
this, many of his disciples left him and  
stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What  
about you, do you want to go away too?'  
Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall  
we go to? You have the message of  
eternal life, and we believe; we know that  
you are the Holy One of God.'

**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:

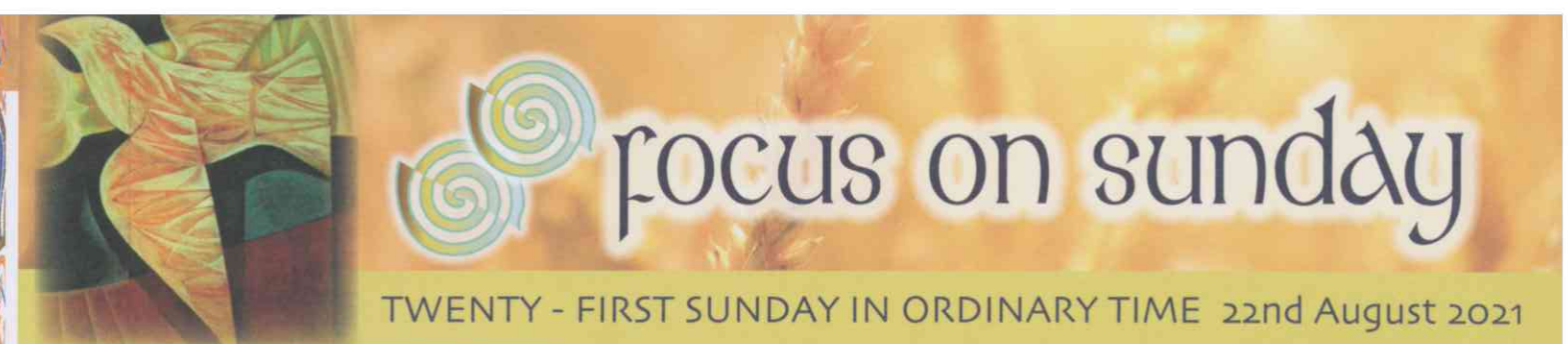
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God,  
the Father almighty;  
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.**



TWENTY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22nd August 2021

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by  
adoption through the one sacrifice offered  
once for all,  
bestow graciously on us, we pray,  
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.  
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

**The earth is replete with the fruits of your  
work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.**

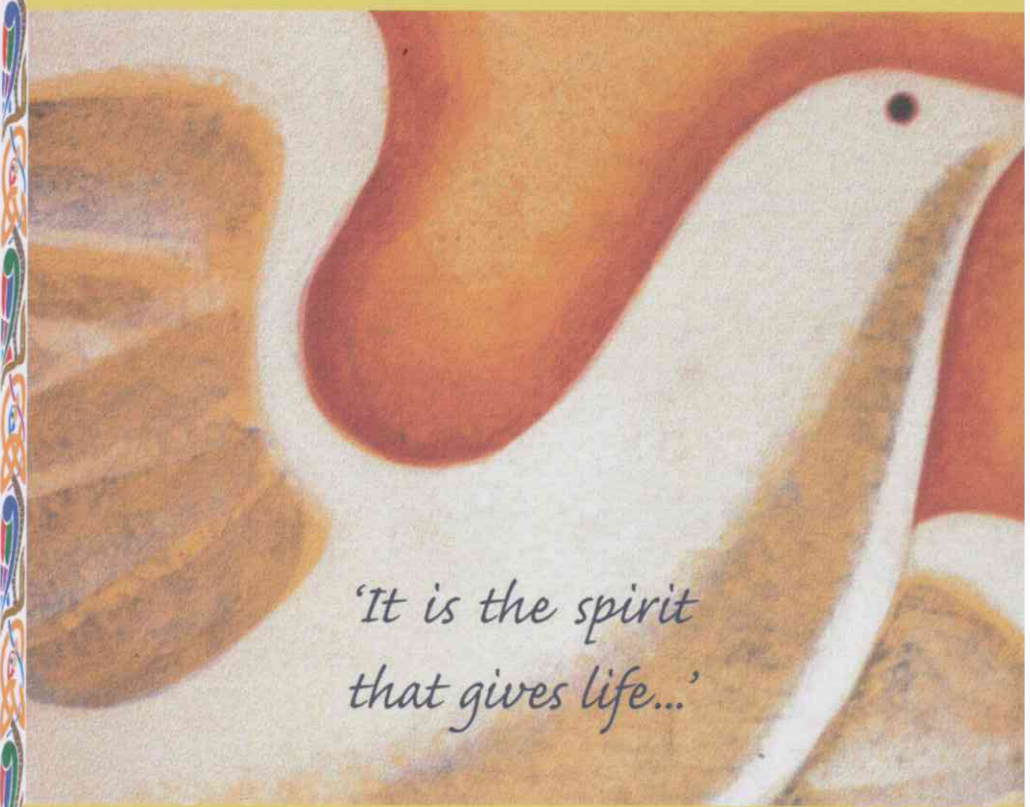
## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,  
the healing work of your mercy  
and graciously perfect and sustain us,  
so that in all things we may please you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
Keep your family safe, O Lord, and grant  
them the abundance of your mercies, that  
they may find growth through your teachings  
and the gifts of heaven. **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 forth, the Mass is ended.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**God gives us the freedom of choice. He forces no one to obey him.  
He leaves us free. Our world is full of contradictory voices and false  
prophets. May we not be led astray. Only Jesus can give us eternal life.**



*'It is the spirit  
that gives life...'*



The deepest loves are the loves which say 'forever', as in  
marriage and many other relationships. Jesus in the gospel  
today is saying that his gift is forever. His love shown in death  
and resurrection is for all time, for all of us. This can be said to  
be the meaning of the Eucharist.

Each time we take part in the Mass we are 'present' at the death and resurrection  
of the Lord. Mass is not just a social gathering, or an ordinary prayer meeting.  
It is the highest point of Christian prayer, as we join in this love of God in Jesus,  
given for all time.

This gift of love is received or rejected. Jesus was in a way testing his disciples  
by asking them 'will you too go away?' knowing that they would stay even though  
there would be unfaithfulness and one would leave him. They would find out that  
staying with him would mean trying to share and live out love like he did.

The 'Holy One of God' is the One who loves all God's people to the end. Our  
Mass is also our thanks to God for this love and for God's call to be part of this  
love, sharing in his death and resurrection.

*Donal Neary SJ (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)*

## Jesus' Story *Fr. Liam Hickey*



At Mass we thank God for loving us and being our companion in Holy  
Communion. We ask to be filled with the joy of The Holy Spirit. We pray  
that God may bless the Pope, leaders of the Church and State and all  
God's people. We include also all who have died that they may be in  
the company of Mary and all the saints, full of joy. We promise to be a  
blessing of peace to others.



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

Date	Time		
Sat 21st Aug	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	Sophie Walsh, Lacken Valley	1st Anniversary
Sun 22nd Aug	9.00am	Martin T Kennedy, Southknock	Anniversary
	10.00am	Ann & John Dwyer, New Ross Mary Byrne, Carrigbyrne & Charleton Hill	Anniversaries 1st Anniversary
	11.00am		
	12.00 Noon		
Mon 23rd Aug	10.00am	Pat Doyle, Old Charleton Hill Bridget & Bernard Rowe, Bullawn	Anniversary Anniversaries
Tues 24th Aug	10.00am	Deceased members of the Mc Guinness Family, Crossabeg John Flynn, Mount Elliott	Anniversaries 2nd Anniversary
Wed 25th Aug	10.00am	Intentions of the People Nicky Murphy	Birthday Remembrance
Thurs 26th Aug	10.00am	Sean & Philomena  Thomas O' Donoghue, Waterford	Golden Wedding Anniversary 30th Anniversary
Fri 27th Aug	10.00am	Nicholas Murphy, Mc Murrough Vincent & Olive Doran, Church Street	Anniversary Anniversaries
Sat 28th Aug	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the soul of Andy Berry, Riverside, Waterford Road, New Ross & Carmel, Ann Mc Garr, (nee Barnes) Upper William Street, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We pray for the souls of Betty Dwyer, late of Fr Cullen Terrace, Maggie Nolan, Charleton Hill & Patrick Long, Árd Mhicil, who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our Christian community Sofia Lily Bennett, Brooklawn & Kathleen Connors, Mount Carmel.

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.**

### Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage

The traditional pilgrimage season for Lady's Island began  
**Sunday 15th August and continues until the 8th September.**

This year, because of Covid regulations, all services will be held in the Church, with restricted numbers. Visitors are still welcome to come on pilgrimage and walk the Island with the usual catering and Gift Shop facilities still available.

**All services will be broadcast on line and on local radio 106FM. Daily masses will be at 3pm and 8pm.**

A variety of musicians and speakers have been invited each week with many parishes having their own smaller gatherings.

**New Ross Parish will be leading the Mass on Wednesday 25th August @ 8.00pm**

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

**Our Lady's (Left):**  
Beatrice & James Boland, RIP

**Altar (Centre):**  
Nicky Murphy, RIP

**St. Joseph's (Right)**  
Ryan Luke Family, RIP

**CHRISTIAN MEDIA TRUST**  
**PROGRAMMES on South East Radio**  
**95.2-96.4fm Saturday 21st Aug -**  
**Tuesday 24th Aug**

☞Simply Divine Saturday 21st Aug  
**10.04am - 10.30am** Maria Colfer speaks with Anne Barron, Director of East Coast Samaritans about the listening and support service they provide to people in times of need and how Covid 19 has impacted their work.  
☞Sounds For Sunday 22nd Aug  
**9.04am - 10.00am** Sounds for Sunday, is presented by Patricia McNally, with reflection from Reverend Canon Ian Cruickshank, and includes requests, hymns and sacred songs.

\* Text/ what's app birthday, Anniversary, requests etc. to 089 2700688 by Wednesday before\*

☞ **Sunday Mass 22nd August 10.00am**  
Church of the Immaculate Conception Rowe Street.

☞☞**Sunday Reflection 22nd Aug 8.30pm - 9pm** Carla Maria Corless shares reflection and music on the topic of uplifting humour and Joy.

**Music Box Mon 23rd Aug 8.04pm - 8.30pm**, Anne Cousins shares a selection of musical favourites.

☞**Faith Matters Mon 24th Aug 8.30pm - 9pm** Presented by Fr Billy Swan, who focuses on the elderly and on the impact that the pandemic has had on them.

☞**Schools Corner Aug 24th 8.04pm - 8.30pm** Martin Colfer speaks to Retired Principal Alice Doyle about her schooldays and teaching days.

## 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:** TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8. Ps 14:2-5, R/ v 1. Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27. Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

**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:** 15th August 2021 @ €1,426.50 (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.

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

## THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

As Mgr. Ger Nash prepares for his ordination as Bishop of Ferns, we begin a novena of prayer for him and our diocese.

The Homily for the Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time is offered by Fr Lar O'Connor where many of Jesus' disciples walk away over his teaching about the Eucharist.

Bishop Robert Barron comments on an article entitled 'The Fading of Forgiveness' that suggests that society has become colder and harsher because of a dearth of forgiveness and mercy.

For the feast of St Augustine, we feature some of his most famous quotes and Ibar Quirke introduces us to a younger and less known person of holiness – Little Nellie of Holy God. Finally, a recorded webinar by young people and for young people on the theme of vocations.

**Check out these and other resources available at**  
**www.thehookoffaith.com**



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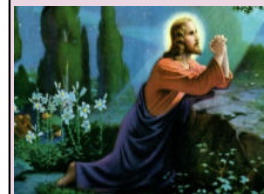
An Online Quiz, to support their efforts, takes place on the last Friday of EVERY month at 8pm.

**The next one is this coming Friday (27th) at 8pm.**

To join/donate go to [www.bit.ly/QuizforMM](http://www.bit.ly/QuizforMM) or contact Martin Colfer on 087 2596159. Thank you.

## 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST- BROADCAST 3

In this final section I suggest some simple ways of getting to know Jesus so that He becomes a daily part of our lives. To get to know someone; to form a friendship, to develop a skill, to form a habit TIME is the first thing we have to devote to the project. There is no substitute for time spent. The same applies if we want a close friendship with Jesus- to spend time silently in His company.



But He needs to get to know us. Was there ever a more chilling, desperate plea for company when in the Agony in the Garden. He cried out- CAN YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME? His pain was added to by the failure of His friends to stay with Him. He was deserted long before He was betrayed by Judas and denied by Peter.

We don't find it easy to sit silently anywhere. The French Philosopher PASCHAL wrote--ALL THE TROUBLES IN THE WORLD ARE CAUSED BY THE INABILITY OF PEOPLE TO SIT SILENTLY IN A ROOM FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. I suggest the following three scenes from the Gospel to use on a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament or just sitting with Him in some quiet spot:

- The Agony in the Garden
- The woman at the well
- The woman taken in adultery.

Picture their scene in your mind, see yourself there, listening, watching, responding to the conversations.

A) Let's imagine we are in the Garden of Getsemani and we hear the same call from Jesus CAN YOU WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME? The same Jesus is present. An Atheist said if I could believe that I would never leave this building. Just sit silently- in sympathy, in awe, in thanksgiving. Resist the temptation to ask for anything. An old man was asked what he did all the time he spends in the church. He said I LOOK AT HIM AND HE LOOKS AT ME. SILENCE among friends is communication/ silence among strangers is embarrassing.

B) Imagine the meeting of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well. By all the rules of the time neither should have spoken to the other. Yet Jesus was so free in Himself that He was never cowed down or limited by shallow, social restrictions. He ask her for a drink of water and then offered her His life-giving grace. He offers that invitation to us too. Meeting Him changed her life. This woman is our hope and our guide. Unable to keep it to herself she immediately ran back to tell her neighbours of her good fortune. Meeting Him will change our lives too.

C) Woman accused of adultery.



Rembrandt's paintings are noted for his use of light and colour but also by the reduced size of the human characters in inserts into his pictures. His painting of this scene departs from this custom. The figure of Jesus is exaggerated in comparison to the other characters in the picture It is the artist's way of showing that Jesus is morally superior to those trying to trick Him. The Law is clear. They have lobbed a granade into His lap. If He agrees that the law should take its course, He will be accused of departing from His well-known compassionate attitude to wrong doers. If He suggests the law should be set aside, He will be accused of advocating rebellion. Solomon was presented with a similar dilemma previously. But there is a greater than Solomon here- as Scripture says. Jesus deftly lobs the granade back to them, saying FINE, LET THE ONE AMONG YOU WITH NO SIN CAST THE FIRST STONE.

Let us reflect on where we might stand in this situation. There are three roles illustrated here. Which do we fill?

- \* That of the self-righteous religious leaders- when we judge and condemn those who fail to reach the heights of our moral standards, while continuing to fail ourselves.
- \* That of the woman in her situation- in our own weaknesses when we seek understanding, acceptance, support, forgiveness and hope for a future and a new beginning.
- \* That of Jesus- acknowledges her fault but refuses to condemn, gives her hope, restores her dignity and gives her her place again in society. Everything He offers her, He offers to us too/ Everything He offers us, we must offer to others.

**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.***

