



focus on sunday

Suffering was the way for Christ to enter his glory.
It was the way for him to show his love for God's people.
His risen life is our hope in face of sorrow, death and suffering.

Let him ...
take up his cross and
follow me.'



A good work today involves the world we live in! St James in the reading links faith and action. A good act involves many contexts. In his words on faith in action Pope Francis refers often to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

We are people with a love of creation. This week – try this, take a walk and try to experience the world as if you have never seen it before. Look at a forest, first see how green it is and then take time to enjoy all the different shades of green. A walk in a local park or even your garden will be the same. We must build our love of creation to keep us strong in our care for creation. We care for what we love.

Fisher folk will tell you about finding fish full of bits of plastic, plastic that can end up in us when we eat the fish! Huge islands of plastic on the surface of the ocean. The mess after gigs, concerts or even a few hours in the park. The earth cries to us for care. Maybe our storms and change of weather can serve as a reminder of our duty of care.

Maybe we can use fresh eyes when we look at our care of the poor, the marginalised and those least able to help themselves. Do our attitudes and actions reflect our Christian values? Most of the negatives of climate change effect the very poor with drought and storms and flooding. A water shortage in a poor country can have catastrophic effects.

What can I do? Individually we can only do a little but, together, a little means a lot. Recycling? Use of plastic? Waste of food? Some help each week for the poor here or abroad. It is care for creation and the poor – both are a very Christian thing to do.

Donal Neary S.J. (Editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus called Himself 'The Way'. He shows the way to happiness and He leads us. Jesus taught that our hearts grow bigger the more we give away. When we give a gift, or give a seat to someone on the bus we feel good. When we praise and admire others we feel good. Jesus calls it 'losing' to give time to others, like parents who lose sleep caring for children, the sick and lonely.

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
Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. 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
How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
Thanks be to God.



Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 114:1-6, 8-9
R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. or Alleluia!

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. [R]
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! [R]
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. [R]
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. [R]

SECOND READING James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St. James
Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

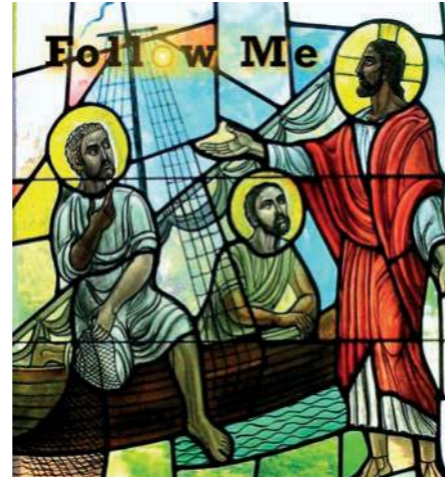
GOSPEL Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the

chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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... 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
Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:5-9
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me?

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

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10.30am to 2.00pm. Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays. Wide range in stock of Mass Cards, General Cards & Gift Ideas for all occasions. Mass Cards (signed) are also available in Cooney's & Ryan's Funeral Homes.

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| Date | Time | | |
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| Sat 11th Sept | 5.00pm | | |
| | 6.00pm | James Doyle, Ardross | Anniversary |
| Sun 12th Sept | 9.00am | Ann Nowlan, The Curragh, formally Michael Street | Anniversary |
| | 10.00am | Special Intentions Anastasia (Stasia) O'Brien, Mary Street & deceased members of O'Brien & Brennan Families | Intentions Anniversaries |
| | 11.00am | | |
| | 12.00 Noon | Carmel McGarr, Upper William Street Henry Pressman, Templenaboe, St. Mullins | Months Mind Months Mind |
| Mon 13th Sept | 10.00am | Mr & Mrs Thomas Cahill, Lower William Street Michael & Catherine O'Connor, JKL Place | Anniversaries 1st & 12th Anniversaries |
| Tues 14th Sept | 10.00am | Carmelites, Benefactors & Friends Matt & Catherine Foley & Family, Neville Street | Intentions Anniversaries |
| Wed 15th Sept | 10.00am | Intentions of the People Laurence Fortune, Shanbough | Anniversary |
| Thurs 16th Sept | 10.00am | Michael & Sean Duggan, Hugginstown, Co Kilkenny Patrick & Bridie O'Farrell, Southknock | Anniversaries Anniversaries |
| Fri 17th Sept | 10.00am | Martin Myler, Ovens Co. Cork Alicia Lennon & Cian Lennon, Mount Carmel | Anniversary 3rd & 2nd Anniversaries |
| Sat 18th Sept | 10.00am | Parish Mass Association | |

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

Our Lady's (Left):
Intentions

Altar (Centre):
Healing

St. Joseph's (Right)
Intentions

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg

Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday 12th, Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 26th September Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting.

The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km.

Advance booking is essential. For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0353719861518. www.loughderg.org Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289



Icon Classes

New Ross

This September

What do you know about religious Icons?

Well if you wish to find out more and have a chance to make your own, please contact Sr. Helen at the Carmelites Monastery. 087-218 1687.

Sr. Helen is starting new courses for both beginners and experienced artists alike, in New Ross on Wednesday 22nd September.

All brushes, paints, boards and tuition supplied. Spaces are limited, so book Early.

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 2:12, 17-20. Ps 53:3-6, 8 R/ v 6. Jas 3:16-4:3. Mk 9:30-37.

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: 5th September 2021 @ € 1,757 (179No. Envelopes). Alternatively you can donate via. The Ferns Diocesan Website (www.ferns.ie) by clicking the big pink button. **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.

First Holy Communion & Confirmations 2021

Confirmation & First Holy Communion will now go ahead as per scheduled below.

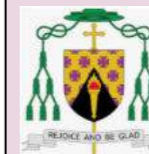
| | Confirmation | |
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| | Ms Foskin | Ms Brazil |
| Preparation Meeting Parish Church | Wed 22nd Sept | Thurs 23rd Sept |
| Meeting Time | 7.00pm | |
| Confirmation Date | Sat 25th Sept | |
| Confirmation Time | 11.15am | 12.30pm |

| | First Holy Communion | |
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| | Meetings @ 7.00pm in The Parish Church | First Communion Mass Saturday |
| | Date | Date |
| Mr Roche | Tues 29th September | 2nd October @11.00am |
| Ms Fitzpatrick | Wed 30th September | 2nd October @12.30pm |
| Ms Mahony | Wed 6th October | 9th October @ 11.00am |

Each child will be accompanied by ten family members only.

Seating will be allocated to each candidate and their family. This will be available on entering the Church.

Social Distancing and masks are required



CHANGING OF THE GUARD

With his ordination last Sunday, Bishop Ger has officially assumed governance of the diocese from Bishop Denis. We wish the new Bishop many years of healthy and fruitful service among us.



Our thanks to Bishop Denis who has led us in a quiet, unassuming manner for almost 16 years. He took over in a period when we were emerging from a difficult situation. He was the ideal choice. He knew the diocese intimately its places and its people. He spoke their language and they felt fully at home with him.



He hands the diocese over to Bishop Ger in sound condition. Bishop Denis has earned his rest from the burdens of office. May he enjoy his new found freedom and be blessed with many years of health and happiness.

Our thanks and prayers go with him. Bishop Ger will visit the Parish on the weekend of 18th/19th September. We look forward to welcoming here among us.

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.