

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!**

## 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 RITE

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

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things you have promised.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Deuteronomy 6: 2 - 6*

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.**  
Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the  
Lord your God all the days of your life and if  
you keep all his laws and commandments  
which I lay on you, you will have a long  
life, you and your son and your grandson.  
Listen then, Israel, keep and observe  
what will make you prosper and give you  
great increase, as the Lord God of your  
fathers has promised you, giving you a

land where milk and honey flow.  
'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the  
one Lord. You shall love the Lord your  
God with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your strength. Let these words  
I urge on you today be written on your  
heart.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps. 17:2-4,47,51**

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my  
stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **[R]**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Hebrews 7:23-28*

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.**

There used to be a great number of  
priests under the former covenant,  
because death put an end to each one  
of them; but this one, Christ, because  
he remains for ever, can never lose his  
priesthood. It follows then, that his power  
to save is utterly certain, since he is living  
for ever to intercede for all who come to  
God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have  
to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated,  
beyond the influence of sinners, and  
raised up above the heavens; one who  
would not need to offer sacrifices every  
day, as the other high priests do for their  
own sins and then for those of the people,  
because he has done this once and for  
all by offering himself. The Law appoints  
high priests who are men subject to  
weakness; but the promise on oath,  
which came after the Law, appointed the  
Son who is made perfect for ever.

**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 *Mark 12:28-34*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

One of the scribes came up to Jesus  
and put a question to him, 'Which is the  
first of all the commandments?' Jesus  
replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel,  
the Lord our God is the one Lord, and  
you must love the Lord your God with  
all your heart, with all your soul, with  
all your mind and with all your strength.  
The second is this: You must love your  
neighbour as yourself. There is no  
commandment greater than these.' The  
scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master;  
what you have said is true: that he is one

and there is no other. To love him with  
all your heart, with all your understanding  
and strength and to love your neighbour  
as yourself, this is far more important  
than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus,  
seeing how wisely he had spoken, said,  
'You are not far from the kingdom of God.'  
And after that no one dared to question  
him any more.

## 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.

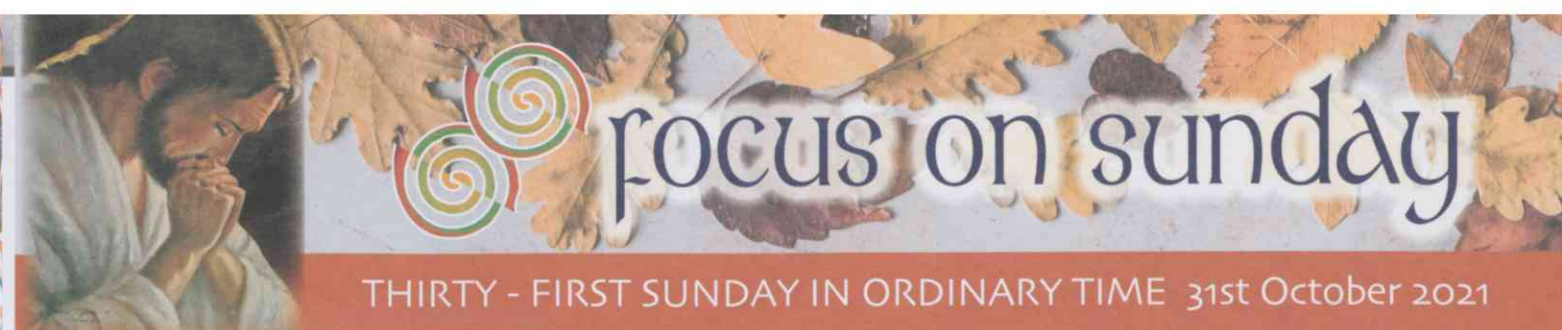
I believe in one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins and I look forward to the resurrection  
of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
**Amen.**

## 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.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,  
become for you a pure oblation,  
and for us a holy outpouring of your  
mercy. Through Christ our Lord.



THIRTY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 31st October 2021

The commandment of God is to love him and love people:  
both are so interlinked that in loving people we love God.

You shall  
**LOVE**  
the LORD your GOD  
with all your

**HEART**  
**SOUL**  
**MIND**  
**STRENGTH**



Many people asked Jesus about how they could enter the  
kingdom of God. Or they asked what is the greatest of the  
commandments. In Judaism, a religion that prided itself  
often on the observance of many rules and regulations this  
was quite a loaded question. The answer Jesus gave is  
the reason for all his teaching: 'love God and your neighbour'. This is simple  
to say and is a lifetime's joy. Love of those near and far is what can bring  
greatest joy to our lives.

Love is in the ordinary. We visit someone in hospital, we oblige others, we go  
without so that we can help someone worse off than ourselves. It is in giving  
time to people – not just Facebook time but real presence. Trying to live in  
peace with others.

A lot of life calls the best out of us. We fail sometimes, other times we succeed.  
Love gives a lot in ordinary family life. Parents and grandparents give us an  
example of steadfast love, the word used in the Bible for the love of God.  
From God's love for us we can reach out to others, knowing we are loved so  
much. The love of God and love of the neighbour are the one love.

We know then we are not far from the kingdom God, the kingdom where love  
is the foundation of all that we do. To spread this love is the heartfelt desire  
and mission of Jesus.

*Give me the grace Lord of knowing your love for me and reach out in love this  
as best I can.*

*Donal Neary S.J. (editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)*

## Jesus' Story

*Fr. Liam Hickey*



Our hearts and our heads are blessed with perfume oil when we celebrate  
Baptism. Jesus tells us that our hearts that love, are more important than  
our minds that think. We can know all the rules in a good manners book,  
but it is our heart that makes us help others, be polite, respect people and  
nature, smile, be kind, put others first, say 'sorry and thank you.' The Spirit  
warms the heart, and enlightens the mind.

## EUCHARISTIC 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

**Just as the living Father sent me  
and I have life because of the Father,  
so whoever feeds on me  
shall have life because of me,  
says the Lord.**



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of your power, O Lord,  
increase in us, we pray, so that,  
renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,  
we may be prepared by your gift  
for receiving what they promise.  
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.

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**





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

Date	Time		
Sat 30th Oct	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	Pious 1 & 2	
Sun 31st Oct	9.00am	Michael Sidney & his son Billy Sidney, Neville Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Hugo French, St Raphael's Paddy Allen, Michael Street	Anniversary Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	JJ Whelan, Upper Mary Street & his sister Mary B O'Sullivan (nee Whelan), Mary Street & Cork	1st Anniversary & Months Mind
Mon 1st Nov (All Saints Day)	10.00am	Pious 3 Jim Walsh, Mountross	Anniversary
	1.05pm	Mary & Frankie Doyle, Priory Street	Anniversaries
Tues 2nd Nov (All Souls Day)	10.00am	Tom Galvin Stasia & Toddy O'Brien, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon	Anniversary Anniversaries
Wed 3rd Nov	10.00am	Intentions of the People Arron Philpot, Cluain Fada	Birthday Remembrance
Thurs 4th Nov	10.00am	Jim, Breda & Fiona Mackey, The Rower Pious 4	Anniversaries
Fri 5th Nov	10.00am	Paddy & Kathleen Gaffney, Michael O'Brien & Michael Doyle Sadie O'Gorman, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries Anniversary
Sat 6th Nov	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

## Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

Available @ €10.00 per week.  
Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.  
**Our Lady's (Left):**  
Arron Philpot, RIP

**Altar (Centre):**  
Intentions

**St. Joseph's (Right)**  
Mena Sinnott

*All Saints' Day*

**Monday 1st November**  
No Vigil Mass.  
Masses @ 10.00am & 1.05pm  
in Parish Church.

**All Souls Day**  
Tuesday 2nd November  
Graveside Blessings after 10.00am  
Mass in Priests Graveyard,  
11.00am in St. Stephen Cemetery &  
11.15am in St. Marys Cemetery.



**Deceased Parishioners Remembrance Mass**  
Saturday 6th November  
@ 6.00pm

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the soul of Nora Murphy (née Kissane) Parkfields, Séamus Ó Cualáin, Ballynagrallagh, Adamstown & John Sutton, Ballyrue and late of The Maudlins, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We pray for the souls of Stasia Purcell, Maiden Lane, Paddy Ryan, Mountross, Patrick Merrigan, Mount Garrett & Phil Fortune, Shanbough (1st Anniversary) who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our Christian community Nevaeh Amelia Rose Browne & James Patrick Christopher Rose Browne, Bullawn who were baptised recently. Please contact the Parish Office to make a 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

'The Rise and Fall of Christian Ireland' is a new and insightful book by author Crawford Gribben. David Quinn interviews him about this important study. Sr Louise O'Rourke again offers a reflection for the Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time where Jesus brings us back to the heart of the Gospel as loving God and our neighbour. We have the usual newsletter insert this week on adoration of God and an article that names four key foundations to a missionary parish of the future. We highlight the work of Vicky Wall, founder of 'Every Life Counts' and offer reflections for the upcoming feast days of All Saints and All Souls.

Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

## DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY & PARISH INFORMATION.....

**Monday 1st November:** All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation (**Parish Office Closed**). No Vigil Mass. Masses @ 10.00am & 1.05pm in Parish Church.

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**Saturday 6th November:** Deceased Parishioners Remembrance Mass @ 6.00pm

**Saturday 4th December:** Parish Ministries Mass @ 6.00pm.

**Wednesday 8th December:** Holy Day Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Parish Office Closed) Masses Tue 2nd December @ 6.00pm Vigil and Wed 8th December @ 10.00am & 1.05pm.

**Christmas Holidays:** Parish Office will be closing Thursday 23rd December 2021 @ 2.00pm and will re open, Tuesday 4th January 2022 @ 10.30am

**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:** From Friday 1st October we will be taking mass bookings up to and including March 2022.

**Next Weeks Readings:** THIRTY– THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Dn 12:1-3. Ps 15:5, 8-11, R/ v 1. Heb 10:11-14, 18. Mk 13:24-32.

**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:**

+Alternatively you can donate via. The Ferns Diocesan Website ([www.ferns.ie](http://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.

**Intentions for the living:** Intentions for the living will be announced as "Special Intentions" unless the person who the intention is for signs the GDPR Regulation Slip. Please advise at time of booking.



**The New Ross Active Retirement will hold their general meeting on**

**Friday 5th November @ 10.30 am at the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane**

**New members always welcome**



Last weekend parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. The kindness shown will help overseas missionaries to continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember it is more

than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries also need spiritual support. On World Mission Sunday missionaries take great strength in knowing that the faithful of the world are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers.

On behalf of Pope Francis, thank you for supporting World Mission Sunday. Your kindness means that overseas missionaries can continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. If you value the work of overseas missionaries, you can donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more go to [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) \*

## BUILDING PEACE IN NIGERIA



Nigeria is one of the most diverse countries in the world. Nowhere else on the planet do so many Christians and Muslims live side-by-side. Although being one of the largest oil producers in Africa, most Nigerians live in abject poverty. Centuries of inter-religious conflict means that violence is a fact of life. All these injustices have caused deep cracks

when it comes to communities of different faiths trying to coexist. But resistance is stirring. Many Christians and Muslims no longer want to be pitted against each other. Instead, they are choosing to join forces for peaceful change.

### Time to count on what unites us

To break the vicious cycles of inter-religious intolerance, the missionary sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles (the OLA sisters) founded the Women's Interfaith Council (WIC). Since its formation, it has brought over 11,500 Christian and Muslim women together with a vision of a society where both faiths can live in peace. Before its formation, reconciliation talks between Christians and Muslims were taking place. However, they were male dominated. The belief of the WIC is that if coexistence among different faiths is to be achieved, both women and men need to be involved. 'Women have a lot to contribute to peace building', says OLA sister, Sr Veronica Onyeannis. Women's Interfaith Council Executive Director, 'In African culture women are pushed behind. Most of the time, women are neglected. Society sees women as only the victim.'

### Lost forever

One woman who has been horrifically affected by the inter-religious conflict is 23-year-old Rahila. In the early hours of March 2019 her whole life fell apart. She woke to shouts and screams. Attackers were coming towards her village - over 300 men carrying sticks, machetes, and guns. It's suspected that the attackers may have been neighbouring herdsman. The moments that ensued were blind chaos. The attackers swung out against anyone in their path. It was then a flash of pain sent her crashing to the ground. When she woke, she was lying in a pool of blood. That flash of pain had been a machete cutting through her arm. Rahila now lives everyday with the debilitating reminder of that gruesome morning - she lost the lower part of her arm. Most painfully she lost her son, her mother, and her mother-in-law. All murdered. Her little daughter Peace was so traumatised by the events that she lost her laughter.

### Hope for the future

In her darkest hour, Rahila turned to missionary sister, Sr Veronica and the WIC. Beyond their work towards peace, the WIC offers victims of inter-religious violence the practical and psychological support they need to recover. Over several months Sr Veronica worked closely with Rahila; organising safe shelter, counselling, and physiotherapy. With encouragement Rahila has found the strength to move forward, setting up a stall to earn a small income. Today, her daughter Peace attends school. Here she learns and plays with other children. Her laughter has returned, filling Rahila with hope for the future. Sr Veronica is just one example of the thousands of missionaries who are living and working with some of the most marginalised and vulnerable communities in the world. Generosity and prayers for World Mission Sunday means missionaries like her, and organisations like the Women's Interfaith Council, can keep loving, serving, and sharing God's peace with others.



*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.*

