

focus on sunday

TWENTY - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3rd October 2021
(Day for Life)

God has created us to live in love with and for each other. We pray today for a strengthening in our society of the value of the bond of marriage and family.



LIVE IN LOVE



The right to life is the first and foundational human right; the gospel and church value human life from its first beginnings to its end. The day for life each year highlights the way the Church can value life. Not just at the beginning and end, but in the years in between.


This valuing of life was behind the Church's traditional commitment to health care, to hospitals and hospices in a time when otherwise medical care would not have been provided. Even pilgrims on their journeys found hospices along the way to care for physical illness.

It can be seen in our personal care of the sick at all times of life, and in our commitment to the gospel and teachings of the Lord in different issues of conflict regarding life issues, such as abortion and the end of life. How we speak of life, how we vote for politicians in this area and how we give good care to our bodies is part of our care for life.

It also reaches into our care for all creation; that we are 'stewards' of creation, given the joyful task by God to care for all creation.

Donal Neary SJ. (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey



God Our Father made a beautiful world first. Then, God made man to enjoy the world, but the man wasn't happy. He longed for a companion. God gave him a companion. Her name was woman. That was the first Marriage in all the world. We thank God for the great blessing, of love.

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
Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. 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.
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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 Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. 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 in peace, **Thanks be to God.**

enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:
'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 127
R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **[R]**
- Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **[R]**
- Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **[R]**

SECOND READING Hebrews 2: 9-11
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.
As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
As long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 10: 2-16
(*Shorter form 10: 2-12)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
**Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they*

*said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'**

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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
Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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
Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned against you. Show us, O Lord, your mercy. **And grant us your salvation.**
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
Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 2: 18 - 24
A reading from the book of Genesis
The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and

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

Date	Time		
Sat 2nd Oct	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	Julie Cullen, Convent Court	1st Anniversary
Sun 3rd Oct	9.00am	Catherine Doyle, Old Charlton Hill	Anniversary
Live on South East Radio	10.00am	Doris & Michael Murphy, Charlton Hill Carmel Dwyer, Ard Na Gréine	Anniversaries 1st Anniversary
	11.00am		
	12.00 Noon	Ollie O'Brien, Lower Michael Street	Months Mind
Mon 4th Oct	10.00am	Anna Flynn, Barrack Lane Mary Browne, Chapel Lane	Anniversary Anniversary
Tues 5th Oct	10.00am	Honor Kavanagh Martin, Parkfield Ellen Bowe, Abbey Hall	Anniversary Anniversary
Wed 6th Oct	10.00am	Intentions of the People Toddy Brothers, Michael Street	Anniversary
Thurs 7th Oct	10.00am	Fr. Philip Sinnott, Chapel Lane John Gaffney & deceased members of the Gaffney Family	Anniversary Anniversaries
Fri 8th Oct	10.00am	Edward Kehoe, The Rower Village Andy Cass, Charlton Hill	Anniversary Anniversary
Sat 9th Oct	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

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

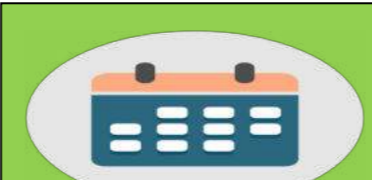
Our Lady's (Left):
Special Intentions

Altar (Centre):
Special Intentions

St. Joseph's (Right)
John Whelan, RIP



Congratulations to all the children in Mr Roches & Ms Fitzpatrick class, who made their First Holy Communion. May Jesus be their special friend always.



Parish Rota

All Rotas' for Envelope Counters, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers for the Parish Church, Community & New Houghton Hospitals (commencing November 2021) have been updated and are ready for collection in the Parish Office. Thank You.

PARISH OF NEW ROSS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adorers Needed!

Sign Up for
Adoration

Will you consider becoming an Adorer at Eucharistic Adoration? Will you make a commitment to attend for one hour each Tuesday? If so, please leave your name and number at the Parish Office or call on Tel: 051 421348



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

Communion Dates & Times: Sat 9th October @ 11.00am.

Monday 25th October: Bank Holiday (Parish Office Closed).

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

Tuesday 2nd November: All Souls Day. Graveside Blessings after 8.00am Mass in Mount Carmel, after 10.00am Mass in Priests Graveyard, 11.00am in St. Stephen Cemetery & 11.15am in St. Marys Cemetery.

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: TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis 7:7-11. Ps 89:12-17, R/ v 14. Heb 4:12-13. Mk 10:17-30.

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: 25th September @ € 1,123.70 (173 No. 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.

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.

New Ross Active Retirement Group: General meeting will be held on Friday 8th October @ 10.30am at the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane. All Welcome.

NEW ROSS PARISH OFFICE & GIFT SHOP
Come and see the many gifts available for children receiving the sacrament of Baptism, Holy Communion & Confirmation All available in Parish Office, Legion of Mary Pastoral Centre.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BETTY RAFTER RECEIVING THE BENEMERENTI MEDAL



One of the highest honours the pope can bestow on a lay person was presented to New Ross woman Betty Rafter by Bishop of Ferns Ger Nash at the New Houghton Hospital recently. Betty from Charlton Hill was visited by newly ordained Bishop Nash and Monsignor Joe McGrath for the presentation of the Benemerenti Medal which is a medal awarded by

the Pope to members of the clergy and laity for service to the Catholic Church.

Originally established as an award for soldiers in the Papal Army, it is now a civil decoration but may still be awarded to members of the Pontifical Swiss Guards.

Betty was saying her rosary when contacted by this newspaper and said she has served the church since after her Confirmation.

"I helped out at the church every Monday."

Sunday 3rd October – Day for Life 2021

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'The Good Samaritan:
A Model of Compassion'



This year's Day for Life is celebrated today, Sunday 3rd October on the theme 'The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion'. In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, this year's Day for Life message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life.

You can download this year's message from www.councilforlife.ie

Day for Life – 3rd Oct. 2021 – Prayers of Intercession

On this Day for Life, we give thanks for the gift of life. We bring before God in prayer, in particular, all who are in the final stages of life and those who care for them.

1. For all who are trying to come to terms with a decline in their physical or mental capacity and who may be anxious or frustrated – that their distress may be met with understanding and with the kind of care that respects them as persons. **Lord hear us.**

2. For nurses and doctors and, especially, for all who work in end-of-life care – that God's Spirit may be upon them, directing their words and actions, their decisions and their reactions, so that the healing power of Christ may work through them. **Lord hear us.**

3. For all who are afraid in the face of approaching death, and especially for those who may be inclined to lose hope – that they may be renewed in confidence and courage. **Lord hear us.**

4. For all who work in residential care centres for the elderly – that they may see in each resident the face of Christ. **Lord hear us.**

5. For our legislators and for all who are involved in the development and implementation of public policy – that their decisions and actions may always demonstrate respect for every human life and that they may never use their position to promote or to allow the taking of human life for any reason. **Lord hear us.**

6. For all our family members, friends and neighbours who have died, and for all who have died as a result of COVID-19 – that they may find peace and fulfilment in the company of Mary and of all the saints. **Lord hear us.**

Father, these are the prayers which we make to you, together with the unspoken prayers of our own hearts. We ask you to hear and answer them through Christ our Lord.

First Holy Communion 2021

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

First Holy Communion	
Meetings @ 7.00pm in The Parish Church	First Communion Mass Saturday
Date	Date
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.

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.