

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

GREETING

In the name of the Father Amen. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God have mercy on us.... Amen.

(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. [R]
2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. [R]

3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!



GOSPEL Luke 21:25-28.34-36

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.' 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

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. 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, When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The circle of evergreen leaves stands for God who is without beginning and without end. The purple ribbon and three purple candles stand for penance and sorrow for sin. The red candle stands for joy of living in God's way of love. Today the first purple candle is lit as we begin our preparations for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.



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.



focus on sunday



Advent calls on us, as we await the birth of Jesus to be a light for all who hunger for justice, peace and truth.



Trócaire

Abdul, 8 from Afar drinking water that his brother Mohammed has collected on a 5 hour round trip to the nearest river. Photo: Louise Norton/Trócaire.



As we begin the season of Advent our thoughts turn towards the wonderful mystery of God entering our world in the person of a helpless child. It is the mystery of God's love for each one of us. And St Paul prays in the second reading in today's Mass "May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race".

The Christian invitation and challenge is not just to love those who love me but to love all people. In this regard Christ has shown us the way in his special love for the poor and the broken. We live in a world where most of us have more than we need. Sadly in so many other parts of our world millions of people are poor and broken, living permanently in dire poverty. What better way to prepare for this Christmas than to make a serious contribution to Trócaire or other such charities which works for the relief of poverty and to promote human development helping people to live lives of dignity. The work of Trócaire depends to a great extent on our contributions and it has suffered a significant fall in these contributions this past year because of the Covid pandemic.

In recent times we have become aware of the urgency of the threat of climate change. We have also learned that it is these poorer countries who are suffering most from the fallout of climate change. We are called to listen to the voice of the poor.

"May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race".

Willie Walsh
Bishop Emeritus Killaloe

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey

A shop owner dreamt that Jesus was coming to his shop next day. The man got up very early to get everything ready. The first customer was a travelling woman looking for help for her children; next a man in bad humour complaining about everything; last, teenagers who came to look at things. The shopkeeper was disappointed. That night in a dream Jesus came back and said 'I came to your shop three times today. I was hidden in the travelling woman, the cranky man and teenagers'.

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 are also available in Cooney's & Ryan's Funeral Homes.

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

MOUNT CARMEL MONASTERY CHAPEL REMAINS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.
8.00AM MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN PRIVATE.
THESE INTENTIONS WILL ALSO BE REMEMBERED AT THE 10.00AM MASS IN THE PARISH CHURCH ON THE SAME DAY.

Date	Time		
Sat 27th Nov	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	Elizabeth & Michael Martin, Arnestown	Anniversaries
Sun 28th Nov	8.00am	Philomena Bruen, Dundalk	Anniversary
	9.00am	Aidan & Annie Byrne, Cross Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Godfrey Hill, Butlersland	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	John Sutton, Ballyrue & The Maudlins	Months Mind
Mon 29th Nov	8.00am	Pious 11	
	10.00am	Paddy, May & Maura Caulfield, Ballykerogue	Anniversaries
Live Stream ONLY	7.00pm	New Houghton Hospital, Deceased Memorial Service	Remembrance
Tues 30th Nov	8.00am	100th Birthday	Special Intention
	10.00am	Pious 12	
Wed 1st Dec	8.00am	Intentions of the People	
	10.00am	Julie Kavanagh & May O'Shea, Fr. Cullen Terrace	Anniversaries
Thurs 2nd Dec	8.00am	Alan Murphy, Bosheen	Birthday Remembrance
	10.00am	John Bowe, Abbeyhall	Anniversary
Fri 3rd Dec	8.00am	Jim & Kathleen Smith, Tramore, Waterford	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Alice Cullen, "Hillcrest", Cross Street	Anniversary
Sat 4th Dec	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the soul of Sinead Louise Cahill, London & New Ross, Peter O'Connor, Leeohy, Horsens, Denmark & Dexter Hofheimer, USA who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We pray for the souls of Monica Whitty, Glenbarra, Annette Ronan, Bosheen, Godfrey Hill, Butlersland, Nana Kehoe, Ard Na Greine, Phil O' Kennedy, Mary Mount, Detta Wilson, Roberts Street & Sigita Zakarauskiene who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian Community, Patrick Cullen, Riverview & Grace Comerford, Delgany, Co. Wicklow, who were Baptised recently. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to book your child's baptism. 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.

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

Available @ €10.00 per week.
Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.

Our Lady's (Left):

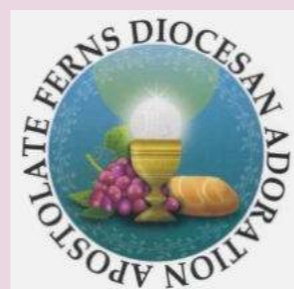
Ellen Bowe RIP

Altar (Centre):

John Bowe RIP

St. Joseph's (Right)

The Bowe Family RIP



Adoration Commences

Tuesday 30th November after 10.00am

Mass and will finish with
Solmn Benediction @ 8.00pm

We unite our prayer to that of the Diocesan Adoration Prayer team, so that, with one voice, we claim your mighty intervention.

As this weekend of outreach approaches, for new people to come into Adoration, we ask you to break down every obstacle. For You are the same God that Joshua, Davis, Peter and all saints prayed to, and were victorious.

Bless all who help at this weekend. Bless the priests of the Parish. Draw many people to the masses, people of all ages, especially those You intend to call to adoration.

Send the Holy Spirit down upon the presenter at the masses, and upon the people who listen. Open their ears to hear and their hearts to respond.

Father God, grant this Parish a strengthened team of adorers, to intercede for the conversion of the Parish and for the ministry of its Priests.

We ask all this in Jesus name, Amen.

O Sacrament Most Holy
O Sacrament Divine

All praise and all thanksgiving,
Be every moment thine.

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

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

Wednesday 8th December: Holy Day Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Parish Office Closed) Masses Tue 7th 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

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Tuesday from 10.00am Mass to 8.00pm finishing with Solemn Benediction. Holy Hour @ 3.00pm followed by the Rosary.

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: On Wednesday the 1st of December 2021 we will be starting mass bookings up to and including May 2022.

Next Weeks Readings: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Bar 5:1-9. Ps 125, R/ 3. Phil 1:3-6, 8-11. Lk 3:1-6.

Confessions: Saturdays after 10.00am Mass & before 6.00pm Mass. Mon — Fri on request after 10.00am 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: Collections 21st Nov 2021 @ €1, 378.90 (152 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.

Certificate Requests: Certificate fees at €5.00 each. Photographic ID is required for the candidate including Photographic ID for the person who has been authorised by you to collect it. Request forms are available in the Parish Office. Collection on Fridays only.



CHRISTMAS STOCK NOW AVAILABLE IN

NEW ROSS PARISH OFFICE

Christmas Parish Mass Association,
New Ross Parish Novena,
New Ross Parish Christmas Cards & many other gifts



Prayer for Vocation

God our father
We trust in Your
loving kindness.
Bless our Diocese of Ferns
With many priestly and
Religious vocations.
Give the men and women
You call the light to
understand your gift and
the love to follow always
in the footsteps of
Your Son.
Amen



Synodal- A Church that Walks Together

When we walk with someone, we listen to them. How much easier it is to share someone's story when we both walk together in conversation. At the moment Pope Francis is asking the Church throughout the world to become better at this. The Church in Ireland, in the diocese, and in each parish is being asked to think about what this might mean. We will try to find new ways to walk with one another in faith. We will consider how to walk and listen to those who may not have been heard before. This "walking together" is what the Pope has called a Synodal Pathway. It is simply a call to listen, and to discover ways to participate fully in the life of the Church.

The process has begun in our diocese and will reach out into parishes more in the new year. But it is more than a process. We hope it will be a way of living in the Church into the future. We ask for your prayers that our parish and diocese will be led by the Holy Spirit on this journey.

Extract from SCHOOLS' FOLKLORE COLLECTION(1932)- written by a pupil of Michael Street School

THE GREAT STORM

Many years ago, in the town of New Ross, a great storm broke out over the town. At that time there was a Mission on in the Parish Church, which had just been completed. The Missioner was preaching and there was dead silence in the Church. The thunder could be heard rumbling and roaring overhead and the lightning was flashing through the windows. Suddenly a flash of lightning hit the roof and tore a large portion of it away. The people inside were terror stricken and began to say prayers and bless themselves. Many of the people ran out of the Church. This great storm occurred in the year 1902 in the month of February. (Look up FOLKLORE SCHOOLS' COLLECTION for more interesting accounts of past school events)



The New Ross Active Retirement: General meeting will be held on Friday December 3rd at the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane New Ross at 10.30 am All welcome.



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.

