

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

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 is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem; Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you,

he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Isaiah 12:2-6

R. Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **[R]**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **[R]**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **[R]**

SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3:10-18

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown

among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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

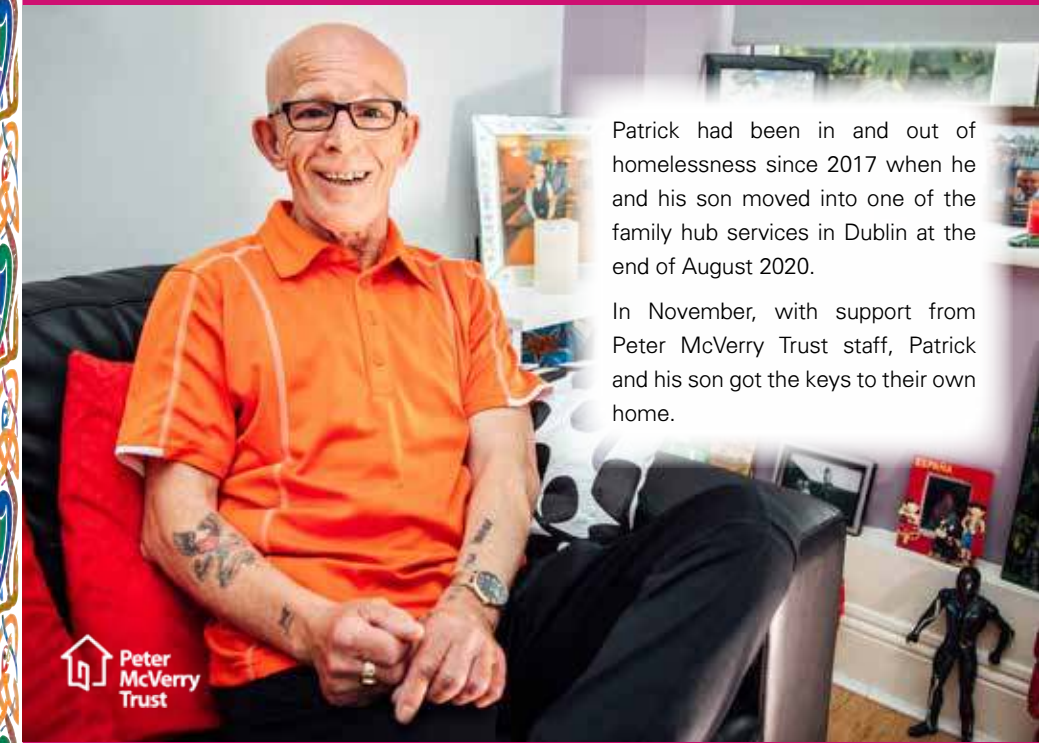
Pray brothers and sisters,
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.



focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE) 12th December 2021

The coming of Jesus is joyful news for all his people.
Our hope at Christmas is to be bearers of his joy.



Patrick had been in and out of homelessness since 2017 when he and his son moved into one of the family hub services in Dublin at the end of August 2020.

In November, with support from Peter McVerry Trust staff, Patrick and his son got the keys to their own home.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.
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

Say to the faint of heart:
Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come,
and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts.
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.



Today's gospel is just as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.

Today, millions live in poverty, die of hunger and have no place to call home, while some of us have more than we could ever need.

"What I have belongs to me and I can do what I like with it" is a widely accepted attitude.

But the fundamental value of the gospel is solidarity. Solidarity is a radical concept: it means doing whatever we can to lift the burdens from the shoulders of those less fortunate than ourselves, at whatever cost to ourselves. It calls us to love, not just those in our family, our friends or those who are "like us," but to have a special love for the poor and "the other."

Love for them is expressed in caring and sharing what we have. It calls us to recognise that what I have does not, in fact, belong to me; everything is a gift, and I am only a steward of the gifts, called to use them responsibly in the light of the needs of others. WE can experience the joy at the re-birth of Jesus in our lives at Christmas in the joy of giving. Perhaps today Jesus would say: "Live simply and share generously."

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ, Peter McVerry Trust.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus was always saying that people don't realise how good they are, getting up everyday for work for family, walking the floor at night minding children, having to watch what others want on TV, paying money for accommodation, clothes, food and books instead of buying fancy extras for themselves. All this is unselfishness. That is what Jesus noticed and praised in people. Lord, bless our preparations for Christmas. Help us to make home happy by working for each other.

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 11th Dec	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	Paschal Murphy, Hewittsland	1st Anniversary
Sun 12th Dec	8.00am	Patrick Hamilton, Pondfields	Anniversary
	9.00am	Eoghan Brennan, Tower Grove	2nd Anniversary
	10.00am	Kieran O'Grady, Mountgarrett	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Michael Hamilton, Ballyverogue Maureen Flemming, Chambersland	Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 13th Dec	8.00am	Thomas St Ledger & deceased members of the St Ledger Family, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Patrick & Bridget Coady, Dungarvan, Waterford	Anniversaries
Tues 14th Dec	8.00am	Sr. Mary Bridget, Mount Carmel Monastery	Months Mind
	10.00am	Grace Lee, Mount Carmel	Anniversary
Wed 15th Dec	8.00am	Intentions of the People	
	10.00am	Pearl Kehoe, William Street	Anniversary
Thurs 16th Dec	8.00am	Kitty & Pat Mc Donald, William Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Patrick Purcell, Mount Carmel	Anniversary
Fri 17th Dec	8.00am	Ned & Eileen Larkin	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Rita & Pat Reidy, Limerick	Anniversaries
Sat 18th Dec	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the soul of Craig Tracey, Parkfield, Lorraine Bolger, Ballynagrallagh, Adamstown & Henryk Laufer, Brooklawn who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We pray for the souls of Dolores Sutton, Southknock, Bridget & Jimmy Goggins, The Maudlins, Ellen Larkin, Mary Street, Ger St Ledger, late of Tower Grove, Thomas St. Ledger, Charleton Hill & Anne Doyle Ard Mhicil who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: 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):

Nancy & Jimmy Martin, Ard na Greine, RIP

Altar (Centre):

Ned & Mona Walsh, RIP

St. Joseph's (Right)

The Reynolds Family, RIP



ST.AIDAN DIOCESE OF FERNS 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

Christmas Collection



Collections will take place **before** every
Mass over the Weekend of the
11th/12th December

Thank you so much for your kindness



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



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

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.

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 currently taking Mass bookings up to and including May 2022.

Next Weeks Readings: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Zeph 3:14-18. Ps Is 12:2-6, R/ v6. Phil 4:4-7. Lk 3:10-18.

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 5th Dec 2021 @ € 1,608.65 (206 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.

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: On sale in Parish Office @ €2.50 each.

PRIEST ON DUTY (051) 421214: Visitation of Sick / Housebound (First Friday Calls): We are anxious to visit those who cannot celebrate Mass with us due to illness, aged or infirm. Arrangements can be made to receive the sacraments at home by calling the Parish Office.

Please note there will be no first Friday calls taking place under the current pandemic restrictions.

Lectio Divina: Every Wednesday morning at 10.45am for one hour in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre.

Legion of Mary: Meetings every Thursday afternoon @ 12.00 noon in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre. Contact: Alex Doyle, Tel: 087 273 8703.

Home Visitation Team (Suspended for the Interim): Tel 083 474 5789 to avail of this service or to volunteer.



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St. Mary's & St. Michael's Parish Church

Christmas Masses & Services

Advent Service of Reflection
Monday 20th December @ 7.00pm (Live Stream Only)

Christmas Eve
Friday 24th December 2021
5.00pm, 6.30pm, 8.00pm & Polish Mass 9.30pm

Christmas Day
Saturday 25th December 2021
9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00 noon

St. Stephen's Day
Sunday 26th December 2021
9.00am, 10.00am & 12 noon

Christmas Confessions
Monday 20th to Friday 24th December 2021
after every 10.00am Mass
Tuesday 21st December
5.00pm until 8.00pm

NEW ROSS SONG BOOK

Look out for Michael Fottrell's Latest Publication
RUNES 'N' TUNE 'N' WORDY DOIN'S
Now available at Nugent's & HUBB 16 at South Street.

The contents cover events, people, places & carols
both comic and heroic.
Also available from the author
69 Michael Street, New Ross, 051 422918



THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

A recent report on drug abuse in the Dublin area was alarming. Why are people hurting and what is the pain we are trying to numb? An article explores how the Gospel can speak a message of hope at this time of year. The Homily for the Third Sunday of Advent is offered by Fr Roger O'Neill. It is Gaudete Sunday which celebrates the gift of joy and also Bambinelli Sunday when figures of the infant Christ are blessed at Mass in preparation for Christmas. We feature the latest Pro-Life developments in the US and have the usual newsletter insert. Tuesday 14th December is the feast of St John of the Cross and we have an article that explores the spirituality of this extraordinary saint. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com



THE HOOK OF FAITH



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.

