

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**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.**  
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 is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)*

**OPENING PRAYER**

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Micah 5:1 - 4**

**A reading from the prophet Micah**  
The Lord says this:  
You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.  
The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.  
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps.79:2-3.15-16.18-19**  
**R. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

- O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **[R]**
- God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **[R]**
- May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **[R]**

**SECOND READING Hebrews 10:5-10**

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**  
This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:  
You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.  
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'  
Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Luke 1:39 - 44**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**  
Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?'

For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

**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.

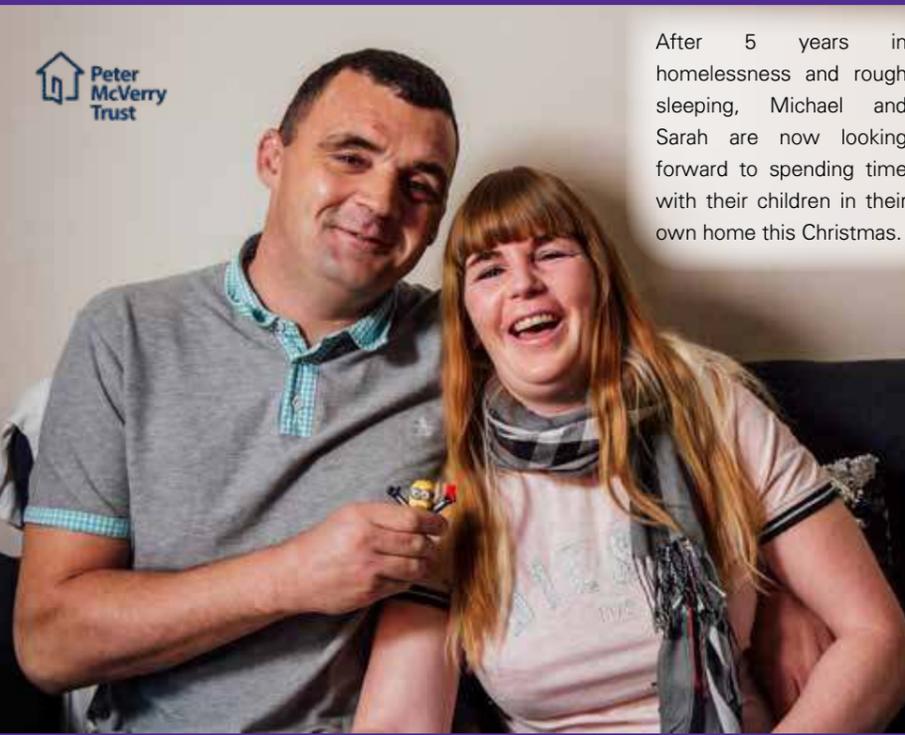
**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

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**

Mary's first journey after the annunciation was to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who needed her help. Christmas brings the question to each of us, "who needs my help?"



After 5 years in homelessness and rough sleeping, Michael and Sarah are now looking forward to spending time with their children in their own home this Christmas.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 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**

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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.**



When Mary discovered that her cousin Elizabeth, in her old age, was six months pregnant, she went "as quickly as she could" and stayed with her three months until her child was born. Mary's first thought was not for herself, even though she herself was now pregnant, but for an elderly lady who might need some support and help.

During Advent, we wait for Jesus to come to us. But every day, Jesus waits for us to come to him. When we, like Mary, reach out to help someone in need, we encounter Jesus.

"Whatever you do to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me." In every act of kindness, in sharing or supporting those in need, in visiting the lonely, or those in hospital, Jesus is present to us at that time.

At Christmas, we remember Jesus coming to us, to share our human condition with all its suffering. His love and compassion for us is the model for our love and compassion for each other. We are called to grow more and more like him. Every day offers us many opportunities to do that.

*Fr. Peter McVerry SJ, Peter McVerry Trust.*

**Jesus' Story** *Fr. Liam Hickey*

Mary is very good at helping out. She goes to her cousin Elizabeth who is expecting a baby. She notices when people want more wine at a wedding. The angel asked Mary to listen. Mary always listens to our prayers and helps us to listen to each other.

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

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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 18th Dec	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	Stella Kutus (nee Walsh), Michael Street	1st Anniversary
Sun 19th Dec	8.00am	Joe & Patty Kavanagh, formerly Bewley Street, also their son's JJ & Pat.	Anniversaries
	9.00am	John Joe Meehan, Charleton Hill	17th Anniversary
	10.00am	Ann Gardiner, JKL	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Elizabeth (Betty) Kelly, Charleton Hill Willie & Christopher Kelly	1st Anniversary Anniversaries
	2.00—6.00pm	GLORIA in Excelsis Deo—Light Fever "O Come let us Adore Him"	
Mon 20th Dec	8.00am	The Venn, Monaghan, Howlett, Murphy & Franklin Families	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Margaret & Paddy Flynn, Stokestown	Anniversaries
Live Steam ONLY	7.00pm	Advent service of reflection	
Tues 21st Dec	8.00am	Brother Andrew & Amelia	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Elizabeth & John Cooney, Robert Street	Anniversaries
	5.00—8.00pm	Confessions (In conjunction with Adoration)	
Wed 22nd Dec	8.00am	Intentions of the People	
	10.00am	Bridget & Bernard Rowe, The Bullawn Deceased members of the King & Davies Family	Anniversaries Anniversaries
Thurs 23rd Dec	8.00am	Christmas Novena 4	
	10.00am	Michael & Annie Cleere, their son Patrick & deceased members of the Cleere Family	Anniversaries
Fri 24th Dec <i>Christmas Eve</i>	5.00pm	Christmas Novena 2	
	6.30pm	Christmas Novena 3	
	7.30pm Mount Carmel	Christmas Novena 1	
	8.00pm	Remembering those away from family at Christmas	
Sat 25th Dec <i>Christmas Day</i>	8.00am	Michael Kane, USA	Recently Deceased
	9.00am	Christmas Novena 5	
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	12.00 noon	Christmas Novena 6	

## Sanctuary Lamps

### Intentions:

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

### Our Lady's (Left):

Irwian Egli &  
Dennis Byrne RIP

### Altar (Centre):

Deceased members of the  
Boland Family RIP

### St. Joseph's (Right)

Bernard & Lena Furlong RIP

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the soul of Mary Doyle, Kimmage & Sandyford, Dublin & New Ross, Margaret (Peggy) Walsh (nee Dooley), Hoodsgrove, Co. Kilkenny & Bridget O'Mahoney, Camblin & Butlersland who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

## ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We pray for the souls of Jack Richardson, Pondfields, Danny Richardson, Durban, South Africa, John J King & deceased King & Davies family members & Maura Flynn, Rosbercon & Tramore, 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.*

## 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



Please Turn off Your Mobile Phones

**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 booking up to and including May 2022.

**Next Weeks Readings: The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ**

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Is 62: 1-5. Ps 88:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29, R/ cf. v 2. Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25. Mt 1: 1-25.

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** IS 62:11-12. PS96:1,6,11-12. TI 2:11-14. LK 2:1-14.

**ST STEPHENS DAY: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
Years C: Sm 1:20-22,24-28. Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10, R/v5. 1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24. Lk 2:41-52.

**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 12th Dec 2021 @ € 1,591.70 (167 No. Envelopes). Alternatively you can donate via. The Ferns Diocesan Website (www.ferns.ie) by clicking the big pink button. Thank you for the support. **Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.**

**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 Holy 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.

## 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, 7.30pm (Mount Carmel) 8.00pm & Polish Mass 9.30pm

**Christmas Day**  
Saturday 25th December 2021  
8.00am (Mount Carmel), 9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00 noon

**St. Stephen's Day**  
Sunday 26th December 2021  
9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00 Noon

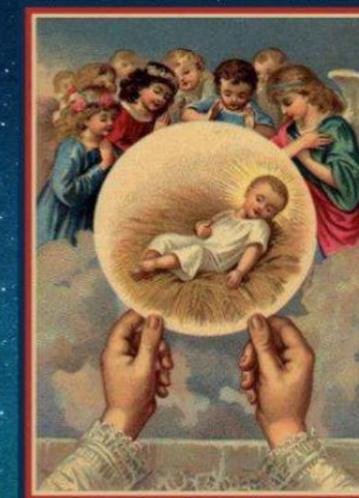
**Christmas Confessions**  
Monday 20th to Friday 24th December 2021  
after every 10.00am Mass  
Tuesday 21st December  
5.00pm until 8.00pm



Thank you to all who have generously contributed to our recent church gate collections.

Christmas Blessings from all at your local St. Vincent De Paul.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO



"O Come let us Adore Him.."

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
NATIVITY CRIB  
CANDLE-LIT ATMOSPHERE  
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

SUNDAY 19th December  
Visit anytime between 2.00 - 6.00 pm  
Parish Church, New Ross, Co Wexford

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.