

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

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 raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us.... **Amen.**

(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns.....



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch.
Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God;

for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 125

R. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **[R]**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **[R]**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **[R]**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **[R]**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-6.8-11

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

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee,

his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.



focus on sunday



The message of repentance during this season of Advent is a call to each one of us to look deeply into our lives, to renew and deepen our relationship with God and our fellow sisters and brothers.

Lene Nanthabwe's community in Machinga, Malawi have been provided with ten treadle pumps which are irrigating five hectares of land for forty four households. Photo: Alan Whelan/Trócaire.



Trócaire



We continue our Advent preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Today's gospel tells us of John the Baptist preparing for the coming of Christ as he is beginning his public life of preaching and teaching. It describes John as a voice crying in the wilderness asking his listeners to prepare the way

for the Lord.

Are there any voices today asking you and I to listen and prepare the way for the Lord? I suggest that there are millions of such voices crying in the wilderness of poverty asking us to listen to their voices.

Trocaire was set up in the early 1970's by the Irish Church to listen to those voices crying in the wilderness of poverty. It continues to respond to those voices by offering immediate relief, by education and human development. What better way could we prepare for this Christmas than to listen to those voices crying in the wilderness of poverty than to gift to Trocaire or other such charities.

John the Baptist was a voice crying in the wilderness preparing for the coming of Christ.

The same Christ is present today in and through those voices crying in the wilderness of poverty. As Christians we are challenged to listen to their cries.

Willie Walsh
Bishop Emeritus Killaloe

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Today we light two of the four candles on the Advent wreath as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. In our first reading Baruch, the prophet, tells us to be joyful, 'put on the beauty of the glory of God'. We do this by being a good friend at school, washing the dishes after dinner and by remembering to say a prayer of thanks to Jesus as we go to bed.

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 4th Dec	5.00pm		
<i>Ministries Mass</i>	6.00pm	Patrick & John Mc Carty	Anniversaries
Sun 5th Dec	8.00am	John & Eileen Kelly & their son John	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Mary Caulfield, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	10.00am	Lena & Bernard Furlong, Mount Garrett	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon		
Mon 6th Dec	8.00am	Jimmy & Annie Kehoe, Church Lane	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Dick Hughes, Charlton Hill	3rd Anniversary
Tues 7th Dec	8.00am	Deceased Members of Mount Carmel & Benefactors	Special Intention
	10.00am	Evelyn Hennessy & Denis Hennessy & Mary Lou Fahy	Anniversaries
	6.00pm	Mary O'Neill & deceased family members, Irishtown	Anniversaries
Wed 8th Dec <i>Holy Day</i>	8.00am	Intentions of the People	
	10.00am	Annie Higginbottom nee O'Neill, Wexford Street	Anniversaries
	1.05pm	Bill Lenehan, Hospital Road	3rd Anniversary
Thurs 9th Dec	8.00am	John & Mary Ann Cullen, Newbawn	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Val, Jimmy, Anne & Rick Reynolds, Kilkenny & USA	Anniversaries
Fri 10th Dec	8.00am	Jeremiah O'Rourke, Ballyrue	Anniversary
	10.00am	Brendan O'Leary, Bosheen	Anniversary
Sat 11th Dec	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

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

Our Lady's (Left):

Ned & Mona Walsh, RIP

Altar (Centre):

Ned & Mona Walsh, RIP

St. Joseph's (Right)

Ned & Mona Walsh, RIP

RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the soul of Regina O'Leary (née Hartley) California and late of Coolerin, Campile who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We pray for the souls of Eoghan Brennan (2nd Anniversary), Tower Grove Billy O'Connor, (16th Anniversary), Bawnmore, Liam Coffey, Kilburn, London, Jack Shannon (17th Anniversary), Naomh Joseph, Henry Street, Peter & Margaret Kirwan, The Quay, Thomas Bradley, The Quay, John & Nellie Nolan, High Hill, John & Pat Quinn, South Street & Joan Kearny, Castleisland, 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.....

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. **Please note: On Tuesday 7th December Adoration will finish at 6pm in time for the Vigil Mass for the Holy Day 8th December.**

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: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Zeph 3:14-18. Ps 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 28th Nov 2021 @ €1,201.95 (147 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 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.



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

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

Reflection for weekend 4th & 5th December 2021

I have come that they may have life, and have life abundantly.
-John 10:10
The beginning of the Advent season is an opportunity to discern a new perspective on what is most essential in our lives. As we begin our journey of hope in this Advent season, we remember God's abundance, from the Garden of Eden to the gift of Jesus' often a focus leading up to Christmas, but centres on loving relationships and justice. The past two years during the COVID-19 pandemic have led many of us to prepare to enter into Advent in unique and different ways. It has led us to begin this season with a new perspective on what is most essential in our lives. We have an opportunity to continue to shift our gaze from what, for many, is the "normal" frenzy of holiday shopping and busyness — even more so as life for some returns to that past state of normal — to new ways of being and connecting that are lighter on the earth and that promote the life and dignity of all creation. As you wait in joyful hope for Christmas, how are you being called to simplify and live abundantly during this Advent season? (Brenna Davis is the Director of Education for Justice and Environmental Initiatives at the Ignatian Solidarity Network)
Brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council

HOLY DAY
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass will be celebrated as followed:
Tuesday 7th December 2021
6.00pm Vigil
Wednesday 8th December 2021
10.00am & 1.05pm

SVP
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
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

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.