

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

**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**

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
May almighty God have mercy on us.  
**Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty ever-living God, splendour of faithful souls, graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Ecc 24:1-2.8-12**

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself.  
She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One.  
'Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.  
He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance."  
From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain.  
I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion.  
In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.  
I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

**SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-6.15-18**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL John 1:1-18 (or \*1:1-5.9-14)**

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

*\* In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.\**  
A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.  
*\*The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh, or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.\**  
John appears as his witness. He proclaims:

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.147:12-15.19-20**

**R. The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.**

- O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. **[R]**
- He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **[R]**
- He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. **[R]**

'This is the one of whom I said : He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received - yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.  
No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**NICENE CREEED**

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**

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, for by it you show us the way of truth and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.

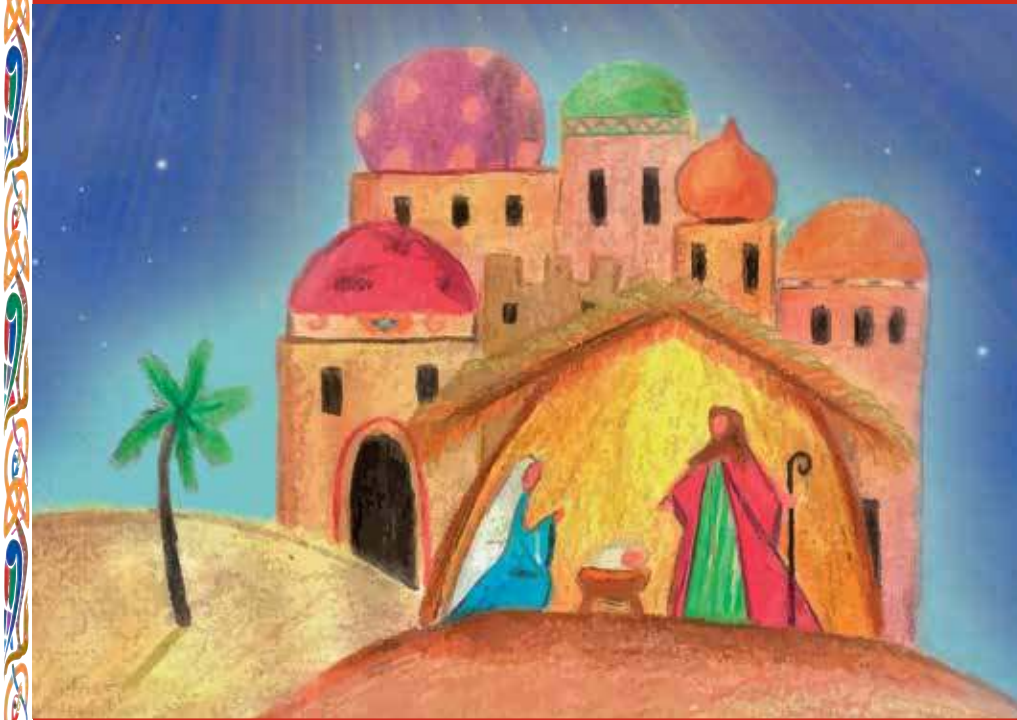
**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.**



focus on sunday

**Jesus is the One sent by God who speaks to us about the wisdom and truth of God. By accepting him we too become children of God and are filled with grace and truth.**



**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.*  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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**

**To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord our God, we humbly ask you, that, through the working of this mystery, our offences may be cleansed and our just desires fulfilled. Through Christ our Lord.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.

May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.  
**Amen.**

May he give you integrity in the faith, endurance in hope, and perseverance in charity with holy patience to the end.  
**Amen.**

May he order your days and your deeds in his peace, grant your prayers in this and in every place, and lead you happily to eternal life.  
**Amen.**

And 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.**



We live in a season of lights – candle lights, Christmas lights, lights on the street and on the houses. As the season is still with us, we can ask what light enlightens our lives? What light do we live by?

Jesus is presented as an image of the true light. His gospel shines light into our lives and lets our light shine.

We live by the light of Jesus by listening to his word, living by his example and in prayer. Pope Francis recommends: "Today, for example, try for 10 to 15 minutes, no more - to read the Gospel, picture what happens, and say something to Jesus. And nothing more. And so your knowledge of Jesus will be bigger and your hope will grow. Do not forget, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, in order to do this contemplative prayer".

We allow his light shine in us by watching him in the gospel and trying to live his gospel of love as he spoke it. The word of God is not just a series of human words, but a Person who is the Son of God. We find this light in prayer.

Later in his ministry, Jesus will speak of letting our light shine. The light within us from God is not just for ourselves but to be shared for others. We can switch on God's light for each other in speaking about him, praying with each other, taking part in the Mass and in any service we do for others, close to us and those far away.

That is the light of Christmas, if we can shine this light for a few days, why not for the rest of the year?

*Let your light O Lord Shine within me, and let your light brighten the lives of those around me.*

*Donal Neary SJ.(editor Sacred Heart Messenger).*

**Jesus' Story** *Fr. Liam Hickey*  
God Our Father wanted to share happiness. So God made the sun, the stars, the mountains, the oceans. They were "God's Voice," but they could not speak "words." Then, God made human beings, boys and girls who could speak words, like love, please, thanks, sorry. God made all people in the image and likeness of His Own Son, Jesus Christ, and He is called "THE WORD OF GOD." To be human and happy is to follow Jesus, and learn to love. The Angelus Bell always reminds us of God's Love Story.



# 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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**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 1st Jan 2022 New Years Day	6.00pm	Peggy Henneberry, Charleton Hill	1st Anniversary
Sun 2nd Jan	8.00am	Larry O'Brien & Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family, The Maudlins	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Nicholas & Joan Cashin, William Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Kevin Byrne, Irishtown	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon		
Mon 3rd Jan	8.00am	Elsie Ronan & her Granddaughter Dawn Doherty, Mount Carmel	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Phil Fortune, Shanbough	Anniversary
Tues 4th Jan	8.00am	Sally Kealy, Dublin	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Joe Murphy, Castlemoyle Heights	4th Anniversary
Wed 5th Jan	8.00am	Intentions of the People	
	10.00am	Tom & Mary Mackey	Anniversaries
	6.00pm	Michael & Margaret Murphy, Michael Street	Anniversaries
Thurs 6th Jan The Epiphany of the Lord—Holy Day	8.00am	Dolores Sutton, Southknock	Anniversary
	10.00am	Paddy Walsh, Marley, Michael & Hannah Duigan, Piltown & Ned & Mona Walsh, William Street	Anniversaries
	1.05pm	James, Catherine & Pat Kennedy, Stokestown	Anniversaries
Fri 7th Jan	8.00am	Special Intentions	
	10.00am	Nick & Bridget Cooney, Ard Mhcil	Anniversaries
Sat 8th Jan	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):

Nicholas & Joan Cashin RIP

### St. Joseph's (Right)

Special Intentions

### ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We remember & pray for the souls of Paddy McGrath, The Rower, Andy O'Rourke, Lower William Street & Francie Doyle, Priory Street, whose 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.*

### 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



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

**Christmas Holidays:** Parish Office will 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:** On Tuesday the 4th of January we will be taking mass bookings up to and including June 2022.

**Next Weeks Readings: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Year C:** Is 40: 1-5, 9-11. Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-39, R/ v 1. Tit 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7, Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22.

**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:** 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.

# Nativity Word Search

C A N O I T A V L A S D N S H S  
Q S H E P H E R D S R F A L L U  
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angels  
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# New Year Eve Prayer

God our Father,  
We give thanks for all that has been  
and, trustfully, we place the past into  
your hands. We ask you to inspire us in  
the year ahead to seek and fulfill your  
will. May we truly look on each new day  
as the start of the rest of our lives.  
Enable us, with the power of your Spirit,  
to remain positive and confident, and  
live fully and joyfully with those people  
you have placed into our lives. Lead us  
to bring out the best in one another that  
we may all grow as the people  
you call us to be.  
In Jesus' name  
I pray, Amen.

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.