

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

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.**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you,

and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1-3.7-10

R. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

- O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. [R]
- Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. [R]
- Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. [R]
- Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. [R]

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 2:1-11

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants. 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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



focus on sunday

Each Sunday liturgy is like a wedding feast in which Jesus is the bridegroom showing his love for us, - his bride - by providing food and drink for our innermost needs.



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

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. 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.
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

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. 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.**



CANA: NEW WINE FOR LIFE

The human side of the gospel today is the huge need of a young couple on the best day of their life. Jesus hears of their need and the result is not just the wine for the wedding – but more - it is the promise of the fullness of God.

FULLNESS OF LIFE

We look for the fullness of life in money, food, sex, travel, security, reputation – none lasts. Only the simplest joys of life really satisfy in the end, like the joy of love, the thrill of friendship, the care of our family and the ways we enjoy the goodness of creation. A man asked once in the hospice at the end of his life – what is happiness? 'Find happiness now' was the answer – 'be satisfied, be grateful, for what you have, for what you have received, for what God has given you.' There is a fullness of life in being happy with who I am, what I have...and asking God for what he knows I need.

AT ANY AGE

No matter what our age, we can do good for others, we can share the graces of life and the soul can grow. That's what I hope can happen for me as life goes on. In any group of people, some look happy, and some look miserable. The happiest are not always the ones who had or are having the easiest life. They are the ones who have found peace with themselves, others, and God. Because of the gift of the fullness of God in 'new wine', we always have a home, here and after – in the heart of our God in Jesus Christ now and for eternity.

Jesus of the wedding feast of Cana, give us the faith and hope to know that you can always make a change for the better in our lives, and the love to live by what we receive.

Donal Neary SJ (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus liked parties because people were happy and there was good food and drink for everyone. In today's story, at a wedding, He changed water into wine when his mother asked him. This was the first sign given by Jesus and made the bride and bridegroom very happy. At Mass today we thank God for loving us and being our companion in Holy Communion.

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 15h Jan 2022	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	Andy Cullen, Church Street	10th Anniversary
Sun 16th Jan	8.00am	JJ Maddock, Mount Carmel	Anniversary
	9.00am	Tom & Kathleen Caulfield, Wexford Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Connie Dwyer, Charleton Hill	8th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Bridget O'Mahoney, Butlersland & Camblin	Months Mind
Mon 17th Jan	8.00am	Leacy Family, Cross Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Jerry Rogers, New Ross	Anniversary
Tues 18th Jan	8.00am	Paula Leahy, Ard Mhicil	5th Anniversary
	10.00am	Grazyna & Tadeusz Malinowscy	Anniversaries
	10.00—	Eucharistic Adoration ending with Solemn Benediction	
Wed 19th Jan	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Ellen Hanlon, Hospital Road	1st Anniversary
Thurs 20th Jan	8.00am	Carmelites Benefactors & Friends	Remembrance
	10.00am	Edward & Mary Colfer, South Street	Anniversaries
Fri 21st Jan	8.00am	James & Catherine Murphy, Ballyrue	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Thomas & Catherine McGee, Carrickbyrne	Anniversaries
Sat 22nd Jan	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Glenis Coleman, Neville Street, Joe Mernagh, St. Josephs Square, Bridget Power, Tullogher, Kilkenny, Jacqueline (Jac) Veale (nee Owens), Malahide, Dublin, Cavan & New Ross & Helen Barrett (nee Collins), Arklow, Wicklow & Carrigaline, Cork. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the soul of Ann Heffernan, Lower Southknock, whose anniversary occurs around this time.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE: We remember Catherine Carroll (née Waters), Rossmount, Shanboe, Borris-in-Ossory, Laois & New Ross, Wexford, whose birthday occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian community Eanna McGowan, Tower Grove who was baptised recently in our Parish Church. 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):
Reynolds Family RIP

Altar (Centre):
Get Well Intention

St. Joseph's (Right)
Lennane, Somers & Fardy Families RIP

Catholic Schools Week:

Living Life to the Full

23rd Jan—30th Jan 2022

Monday: Living Life to the Full with God

Tuesday: Living Life to the Full Together

Wednesday: (Grandparent' Day)

Celebrating Being Together Again

Thursday: Living Life in Wonder & Awe

Friday: Living & Facing the Future



Dear God,
Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, so that I could get to know You.
Thank You for loving me.
Thank You for being with me all my life even when I did not know it.
I realise I need a Saviour to set me free from sin, from myself, and from all the habits, hurts and hang-ups that mess up my life.
I ask You to forgive me my sins and help me to live the way You have created me to live.
Be the Lord of my life.
I want to learn to love You more and more and to trust You.
Thank you for creating me and choosing me to be part of Your family, the Church.
You are the Prince of Peace.
Fill me with Your peace and assurance so that I can be a peacemaker and help me share this message of peace with others.
AMEN.

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

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 June 2022.

Next Weeks Readings: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NEH 8:2-6, 8-10. PS 18: 8-10, 15, R/ JN 6:63. 1 COR 12: 12-30.

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: If you need support please ring 087 3846577.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 26/12/21 @ € 2640.10 (184No.), 02/01/22 @ € 1222.90 (144 No.) & 09/01/22 € 1,546.15 (154 No.).

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.

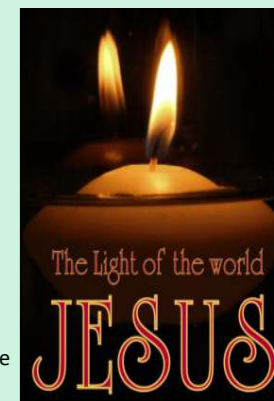
PRIEST ON DUTY (051) 421214: Visitation of Sick / Housebound (First Friday Calls): We are anxious to visit those who cannot celebrate Mass with us due to illness, aged or infirm. Arrangements can be made to receive the sacraments at home by calling the Parish Office. **Please note there will be NO first 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.

JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD— REFLECTIONS Continued from last week



After we were born, He did indeed break the mould. Still, until Jesus arrives, our understanding of God's love was limited. So God invaded the earth! It was the greatest invasion in history, and nothing has been the same since. God could have chosen thousands of ways to communicate with us, but since He designed us, He knew the best way to communicate with us would be face to face. If God wanted to communicate with birds, He would have become a bird. Likewise with cows. BUT GOD wanted to communicate with us, so He became one of us! He didn't send an Angel, or a prophet or an ambassador. He came Himself. If you really want people to know how much you love them, you don't send a representative to communicate this to the person, you have to say it personally. That's what God did at Christmas.

The Bible tells us that **GOD IS LOVE**. It doesn't say God *HAS* love, but God *IS* love. Love is the essence of God's character. It is His very nature. Think about this. If God didn't want to love something. He would not have created it. Everything you see, and the trillions of things you cannot see, was made by God for our enjoyment. He loves it all, even when we mess things up by our faults, failings and sins. He still has a purpose for it. Every star, every planet, ever plant, every animal, every atom, every cell, and most of all, every human being was created out of God's compassion and love. We were created as objects of God's abundant love.

Did you know tat God was thinking of you, even before He created the world? In Fact, this is why He created it. He designed this planet's environment with just the right characteristics so human beings could live on it. We matter to God more than anything else He created—but we have an obligation to respect, nurture and protect our world for future generations.

Because God's love for us is unconditional, He loves you on good days as well as bad days, He loves you when you don't feel His love as much as when you do. But God's love is constant. There is nothing you can do that will make God stop loving you.

One potential problem of our annual Christmas celebrations is that many people only think of Jesus as a tiny baby! Their conception of Him is only as a helpless new-born in His mother's arms. If Jesus had never grown up, He would have no power to transform our lives—that is, to be our Saviour. No, Jesus grew to manhood, modelled for us the kind of life that pleases God, taught us the truth, paid for our sins by dying on a Cross, then proved He was God and could save us by coming back to life. This really is Good News.

GOD IS WITH YOU!

God came to earth at Christmas to remind you that He is always with you, no mater where you are. That's fact, whether you feel it or not. The Bible says: "I can never escape from Your Spirit! I can never get away from Your presence." (Psalm 139:7). But we must "tune in" - "be connected" on a moment by moment basis—a skill we might have to learn.

Some babies are given two or three middle names to honour relatives. God commanded that Jesus be given several names to explain His purpose for coming on earth. One of Jesus' names is **Emmanuel**. It means God is with us. It's no wonder the angels told the shepherds "Do not be afraid." You lose your fear when God is near. God's presence triumphs over panic.

You may have been abandoned in life—by a spouse, by your parents, by your children, or by people you thought were friends.

Every one of us has faced the pain and heartache of rejection in some way. You may have faced the sting of racial or ethnic prejudice, malicious gossip, or religious or political intolerance. If so, I am sorry. Bust God has never abandoned you! He never will!!

"God has said, 'I will never leave you; I will never abandon you" Hebrews 13:5). One of God's promises in the Scriptures is this: "When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you." (Isiah 43:2). I don't know what difficulty you feel you're drowning in right now—or where the heat is on in your life, but I do know that whatever it is, God knows about it, cares about it, understands it, and is going through it with you. You're not alone—you're never alone!

GOD IS FOR YOU!

The phrase "for you" is used often in the Bible. For instance, when Jesus met people, His first words were often a question: "What can I do for you?" When Jesus instituted the Blessed Eucharist, He said "This is my body, which will be given up for you" (Matthew: 20:32). Saint Paul said "If Gog is for us, who can be against us?" (1 Cor. 11:24) When you're facing personal attack, it is great to have God with you, but it is even greater to know that He is for you!

No one wants what's best for us more than God. No one knows better what will make us truly happy! Goes does not want us to be afraid of Him. He wants us to run to Him, not from Him. In fact, 365 times in the Bible, God says: "**Do not be afraid!**" That's one "Fear not" for every day of the year! So what are we afraid of? None of us knows what we'll face next year ... especially after what has happened to us this year! However, one thing is certain, we know that God loves us, **God is with us, God is for us.** God loves each one of us so much! Jesus said: "**God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world**" (John 3:17). If you study the life of Jesus, you'll quickly see that when you make a mistake, Jesus does not rub it in. He rubs it out. He came to erase all sins, mistakes. Failures and regrets—and we have an opportunity to be assured of that in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And now you know why the first statement the angel made to the shepherds was "**Do not be afraid!**" Jesus came to **SAVE** us not to **SCARE** us! And that's the very reason we celebrate His birth!..... ENDS

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.