

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amèn.**
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.



PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength: 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, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8: 2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah
Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people

raised their hands and answered 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps18:8-10.15

R. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

- The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **[R]**
- The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **[R]**
- The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **[R]**
- May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **[R]**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians

(Shorter form only, 12:12-14.27) A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that

have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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

Sunday of the Word of God. Catholic Schools Week

Jesus preached with power that the kingdom of God has come. This kingdom is seen, not in prestige and wealth, but in justice, peace, reconciliation and love. The gospel invites us to share in working for that kingdom.

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

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. 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.
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

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. 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.**



The spirit of the Lord is upon me

Jesus' words today, at the Beginning of his ministry are like a priest's sermon at his first Mass – on a theme or themes important to the priest. He knows he is appointed and chosen by God.

Jesus, in this sermon presents his mission statement:

- He is anointed by the Spirit of the Lord.
- He cares for the poor and those who are looked down upon.
- And that the Lord is always loving, by proclaiming the 'year of the Lord's favour.

LEARNT AT HOME

We can remember also that he learnt all that at home from Mary and Joseph. He would spend his life fulfilling his mission statement.


The word must become active and fulfilled. It is not just letters on a paper, but energy in the heart, to proclaim and live out the love of God. This will be his life.

Like oil seals in the flavour of food or sealing wax on a letter meant that nobody could open it, the love of God is sealed in, and nothing you or I can do can block that again. The secret of happiness is to know that we are loved. This was sealed into the heart of Jesus and is still there in the love of his heart.

This love will be spread by his followers, and in our second reading we are invited simply to recognise our own gifts and offer these to God. In this Catholic Schools Week, we gratefully greet the teachers of our young people, and particularly our religion teachers and chaplains who are among the important ones today for handing on the faith with the support particularly of the parents and grandparents.

Donal Neary SJ (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus is asked to read a story from the Sacred Scroll Book. He stood up in front of everyone. He was handed the holy scroll. He opened it and read God's Story. Then He sat down. Everyone watched him. He said that the story means that God loves every person, boy and girl, religious and non religious people. He said 'I have come to bring God's blessings and healing for everyone.'

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 22nd Jan	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	Sean Sutton, Lower Southknock	1st Anniversary
Sun 23rd Jan	8.00am	The Kent & Cullen Families, Campile	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Eddie, Eileen & George Delaney, Ard Na Greine	Anniversaries
	10.00am	John & Michael O'Brien & deceased members of the O'Brien & Gaffney Families, May Street	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Mary O'Hanlon (nee McGrath), Drumcondra, Dublin & New Ross	Months Mind
Mon 24th Jan	8.00am	Special Intentions	
	10.00am	Jim & Eileen Walsh, Marley	Anniversaries
Tues 25th Jan	8.00am	Phillis & Tommy McLachlan	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Thomas Gannon, Priesthaggard, Campile	
	10.00am 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration ending with Solemn Benediction	
Wed 26th Jan	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Tom Walsh, Clonleigh	Anniversary
Thurs 27th Jan	8.00am	Deceased members of the Lyng Family, Ballyanne	
	10.00am	Johnny Sinnott, Chapel Lane	Anniversary
Fri 28th Jan	8.00am	Special Intentions	
	10.00am	Winnie Jones, Birmingham, UK & New Ross	Anniversary
Sat 29th Jan	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:
Available @ €10.00 per week.
Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.

Our Lady's (Left):
Michael & Margaret Murphy RIP

Altar (Centre):
Garry Breen RIP

St. Joseph's (Right)
Special Intention

Prayers for the Environment

God our Father,
Your Son Jesus took images from
Plant and animal life
To teach us about your kingdom in heaven and
His mission of mercy in history.
With the help of the Holy Spirit, who hovered
over the cosmos at creation,
May we appreciate the beauty and
diversity of nature,
Act temperately to protect the environment
and to prudently
Perverse the resources of the earth, promoting
peace and justice among peoples
All over the planet. May the intercession of Mary
Mother of the church, and inspiration of Saint
Francis, Impel us to collaborate
Inter-religiously and work with all who wish
For cleaner and better world
For the common good and glory of God.

Southeast Radio—Schools Corner 8.04pm —8.30pm

Margaret Rossiter speaks with
Msgr. Joseph McGrath who celebrates
20 years in the parish of New Ross

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

Tuesday 1st February 2022: Feast of St. Bridget

Wednesday 2nd February 2022: Presentation of Our Lord. Blessing of Candles.

Thursday 3rd February 2022: Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats.

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: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JER 1: 4-5, 17-19. PS 7:- 1-6, 15, 17, R/V 15. 1 COR 12: 31-13:13

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 five 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 16th January 2022 @ € 1,341.67(180 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.



Please Turn off Your Mobile Phones

Catholic Schools Week:

Living Life to the Full

23rd Jan—30th Jan 2022

Monday: Living Life to the Full with God

The first day of Catholic Schools Week 2022. The Theme is about living life to the full with God. Each of us is unique. We are born with our own talents and gifts. God wants us to discover and develop our talents and use them to make the world a better and kinder place. We are made to love and receive love, this day gives us the chance to celebrate this.

Lord, help us to live like you taught us to. Together we pray the Prayer that Jesus taught us: Our Father

Tuesday: Living Life to the Full Together

We are asked to think about how we live life to the full together in our Catholic School. We learn many things in school. We learn about things like maths, Gaelige, science, music and art. We learn spellings and tables. But we also learn how to be a good friend and how to be helpful and kind. Jesus' Golden Rule is to treat others as you would like to be treated. We learn to be the best we can be, being kind to ourselves, each other and the world around us.

Lord, help us to live like you taught us to. Together we pray the Prayer that Jesus taught us: Our Father

Wednesday: (Grandparent' Day) Celebrating Being Together Again

We are asked to think about our school as a community of love. We especially think of our Grandparents. They can be very important teachers who show us how to love, how to be caring and how to share. They can teach us about the past and about the importance of working hard and doing our best. They can teach us through love. In our Catholic school, we try to show that love each day in kind thoughts, kind words and kind actions. We thank God for our Grandparents and celebrate their contribution to our lives.

Lord, help us to live like you taught us to. Together we pray the Prayer that Jesus taught us: Our Father

Thursday: Living Life in Wonder & Awe

We are asked to think about living our lives in wonder and awe. The world around us is a precious place. Creation shows us beauty in nature and moments that take our breath away. We are encouraged to see God's presence in our lives and at work in the world around us. We are called to remember that we are responsible for keeping our environment a safe and beautiful place to live in. In our Catholic school, we use our gifts and talents to make the world a better place.

Lord, help us to live like you taught us to. Together we pray the Prayer that Jesus taught us: Our Father

Friday: Living & Facing the Future

As Catholic Schools Week comes to a close, we are asked to think about how we live life to the full and face the future. The COVID-19 pandemic brought so many changes and challenges to our lives. As we reflect on this, we look forward with hope to the future. While we have come through these dark days, through Jesus' death and resurrection we are reminded that even the darkest days give way to the dawn. Together, as a community that is kind and cares for each other, we look to the future with the hope and the joy of the resurrection.

Lord, help us to live like you taught us to. Together we pray the Prayer that Jesus taught us: Our Father



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.

