

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

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 have shown us the way to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:
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

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 1: 4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.
In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 70:1-6. 15.17

R. My lips will tell of your help.

- In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. **[R]**
- Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. **[R]**
- It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. **[R]**
- My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. **[R]**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians

(Shorter form only: 13:4-13)
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue forever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the

gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." ' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these were cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

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

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

O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption. 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

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. 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.



Jesus found much rejection of his message, especially in his own town. The follower of Jesus will find rejection and even mockery of his message. Those who work for goodness and for justice will experience persecution for their faith and action. We pray to be true to our calling in this gospel.



“Love is always patient and kind.....”



Some turned against Jesus. Was it the one who spoke gracious words, or the one who spoke challenging words?

He was liked and not liked. There were some who were very religious and liked him, who were the backbone of Judaism, and others who went off him when he said what they didn't

like or agree with. Just as today, there can seem to be a conflict between a love of God and a love of orthodoxy. He started with the Scripture - but then went on to point out bits of the scripture they didn't like to hear - about foreigners. And later they would say- sure we knew him as a kid and his family. That meant they could write off what he said.

He was inviting them to the purity of their religion. This often happens when there are new challenges in the church. What is happening in the church where the world we live in challenges old customs and beliefs about marriage, civil partnerships, divorce, and how to welcome people to church who don't feel they belong. All are welcome here in the love of God. We don't give up what is essential to our church, but we are brought into rethinking and sometimes to change. Sometimes change is necessary in order to stay with what is an everlasting truth.

This happens in the church and in the family. We need to be able to live in love with different points of view and different ways of life. Jesus is challenging them to see everyone as important, and especially the poor. He would always do this. And they would kill him for it.

The words which are at first upsetting may proved to be gracious words as they were from the mouth of the Lord.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story *Fr. Liam Hickey*
Jesus is telling the people that God Our Father loves every person everywhere. Some people listening were not friends with their neighbours, who hurt them, and even kill people. How could God love enemies like that? God does not want people to hurt others. But God sees good in every heart that can change from bad ways into good ways of forgiveness, sorrow and thanks.

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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.
All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel

Date	Time		
Sat 29th Jan	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	John Dunphy, Lily Dunphy, & Margaret Dunphy, Irishtown	1st, 2nd & 4th Anniversaries
Sun 30th Jan	8.00am	Special Intentions	
	9.00am	Sharon Butler, Mount Carmel	10th Anniversary
	10.00am	Kathleen Anderson, Mount Carmel	2nd Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Elizabeth & Patrick St Ledger, Mount Carmel	Anniversaries
Mon 31st Jan	8.00am	Carmelites Community, Relatives & Friends	Remembrance
	10.00am	Arthur & Eileen Dugdale, Ballykerogue	Anniversaries
Tues 1st Feb— Feast of St. Brigid	8.00am	Special Intentions	Intentions
	10.00am	Micheal O'Mhurchu & his wife Mary	Anniversaries
	10.00am 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration ending with Solemn Benediction	
Wed 2nd Feb— Presentation of Our Lord	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Buddy & Bill Flanagan, Upper Mary Street	Anniversaries
Blessing of Candles after all Masses on 2nd February 2022.			
Thurs 3rd Feb— Feast of St. Blaise	8.00am	Special Intentions	Intentions
	10.00am	Paddy & Mary Heffernan, Southknock	Anniversaries
A general blessing prayer asking the intercession of St. Blaise will take place at the end of all masses on 3rd February 2022.			
Fri 4th Feb	8.00am	Larry Ryan, Dowsley's Barn	Anniversary
	10.00am	Mary & Michael Horgan, Fisherstown, Campile	Anniversaries
Sat 5th Feb	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

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

Our Lady's (Left):
Available

Altar (Centre):
Intentions

St. Joseph's (Right)
Available



The Feast of St Brigid's
Tuesday 1st February 2022

*May Brigid's flame give you inspiration
May Brigid's belt give you healing
May Brigid's creativity give you a way*

A Reflection on the life of St. Brigid

On the eighth day of the month Brigid was born. On her eighteen birthday she became a nun. In the eighty eighth year of her age she went to heaven. With eight virgins Brigid was consecrated according to the number of the eight beatitudes of the Gospel which she fulfilled. And of them all it was the beatitude of mercy that Brigid chose.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork June 15th - 22nd. €749 pps (€50 discount if paid in full by Jan 31st). Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 to secure place. Limited availability. Full COVID travel insurance included.

Candlemas Day Wednesday 2nd February



Presentation of Our Lord
6 Pack Beeswax Candles @ €10.00
Available from Parish Office

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

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

Thursday 3rd February 2022: Feast of St. Blaise. A general blessing prayer asking the intercession of St. Blaise will take place at the end of all Masses.

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 1st of February we will be taking mass bookings up to and including July 2022.

Next Weeks Readings: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
IS 6:1-8. PS 137: 1-5, 7-8, R/ V 1. 1 COR 15:1-11

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 23rd January 2022 @ € 1,132.79 (No 174). 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



Thank You

We wish to place on record our thanks to and admiration of the fine work performed by a large team of voluntary Stewards in keeping Church attendance safe during the past two years.

Their quiet, courteous direction of people ensured that all Covid regulations were adhered to without fuss, to everyone's benefit. THANK YOU.

We acknowledge too the willingness of congregations to be guided by the Stewards.

Such co-operation from all sides made for a safe passage through a difficult period.

Le meas is le buíochas.

HELP NEEDED!

On behalf of the Parish Adoration Group The Parish Adoration group are looking For 4 or more people to commit to Attending the following Hour of Eucharistic Adoration In our Parish Church each **TUESDAY from 11.00am - 12:00am** If you have some free time and would like To spend a quiet hour of prayer please Contact the Parish Office on Tel: 421348



NEW ROSS DRAMA WORKSHOP

New Ross Drama Workshop are holding their AGM on **Friday the 4th of February at 7.30 pm** in **St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross.** New members welcome



Anam Cara Waterford is launching a monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on

Tuesday 8th February at 7:20pm in the **Woodlands Hotel, Waterford.**

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries

Congratulations!

January 25th marks an auspicious day in the history of the parish because this day, twenty years ago, Monsignor McGrath arrived in New Ross as parish priest. It coincided with the centenary of the opening of the parish Church. On Tuesday Morning, on behalf of Fr Tom, Fr Paddy, the office staff, the Parish Pastoral Counsel, the various committees and councils involved in the parish, but most of all on behalf of you the parishioners, we made a small presentation to him to mark the day and to say thanks for twenty years of hard work and dedication. However, most of all, it's a little encouragement (or bribe) to ask him to stay for the next twenty years! Every good wish Monsignor. Thanks for what's passed and here's to the future.

An eight day pilgrimage to the Holy Land takes place from 16th to 24th February 2022. Led by Fr. John Carroll (Ferns Diocese), there are still a small number of places available.

The pilgrimage will visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and other sites in the Holy Land associated with Jesus. Price is €1725. To reserve your place, please call Marian Pilgrimages on 01-8788159 or email info@marian.ie

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.