

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been  
bountiful with me.**

## GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father to intercede for us:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **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, we pray, almighty God,  
that, always pondering spiritual things,  
we may carry out in both word and deed  
that which is pleasing to you.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *1 Samuel 26:27-9.12-13. 22-23*

**A reading from the first book of Samuel.**  
Saul set off and went down to the  
wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by  
three thousand men chosen from Israel to  
search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.  
So in the dark David and Abishai made their  
way towards the force, where they found  
Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear  
stuck in the ground beside his head, with  
Abner and the troops lying around him.  
Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God  
has put your enemy in your power; so  
now let me pin him to the ground with  
his own spear. Just one stroke! I will  
not need to strike him twice.' David

answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for  
who can lift his hand against the Lord's  
anointed and be without guilt?' David  
took the spear and the pitcher of water  
from beside Saul's head, and they made  
off. No one saw, no one knew, no one  
woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep  
sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted  
on the top of the mountain a long way off;  
there was a wide space between them.  
David then called out, 'Here is the king's  
spear. Let one of the soldiers come across  
and take it. The Lord repays everyone for  
his uprightness and loyalty. Today the  
Lord put you in my power, but I would not  
raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 102:1-4.8-10.12-13*

## R. The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **[R]**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and  
compassion. **[R]**
3. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our faults **[R]**
4. As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his  
sons, the Lord has pity on those  
who fear him. **[R]**

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 15:45-49.*

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says,  
became a living soul; but the last Adam  
has become a life-giving spirit. That is,  
first the one with the soul, not the spirit,  
and after that, the one with the spirit.  
The first man, being from the earth, is  
earthly by nature; the second man is from  
heaven. As this earthly man was, so are  
we on earth; and as the heavenly man  
is, so are we in heaven. And we, who  
have been modelled on the earthly man,  
will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new  
commandment: love one another,  
just as I have loved you, says the  
Lord.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

*Luke 6:27-38*

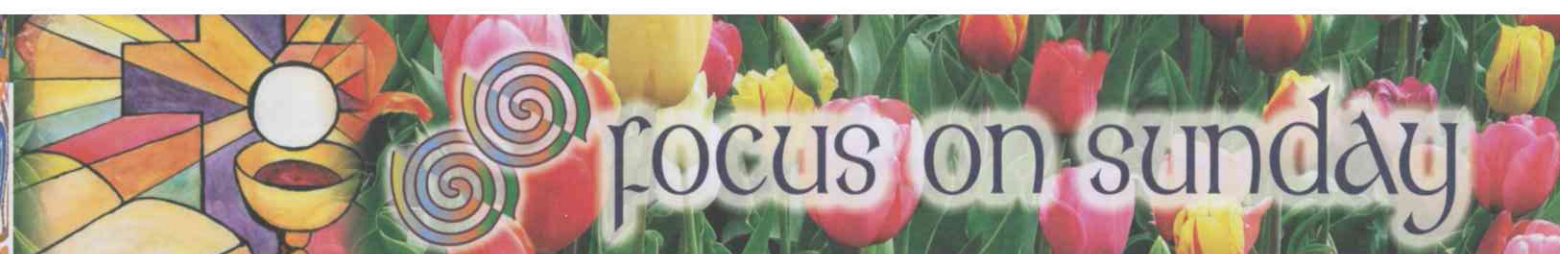
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you  
who are listening: Love your enemies, do  
good to those who hate you, bless those  
who curse you, pray for those who treat  
you badly. To the man who slaps you on  
one cheek, present the other cheek too; to  
the man who takes your cloak from you,  
do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone  
who asks you, and do not ask for your  
property back from the man who robs you.  
Treat others as you would like them to treat  
you. If you love those who love you, what  
thanks can you expect? Even sinners love  
those who love them. And if you do good  
to those who do good to you, what thanks  
can you expect? For even sinners do  
that much. And if you lend to those from  
whom you hope to receive, what thanks  
can you expect? Even sinners lend to  
sinners to get back the same amount.  
Instead, love your enemies and do good,  
and lend without any hope of return. You  
will have a great reward, and you will be  
sons of the Most High, for he himself is  
kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.  
'Be compassionate as your Father is  
compassionate. Do not judge, and  
you will not be judged yourselves;  
do not condemn, and you will not be  
condemned yourselves; grant pardon,  
and you will be pardoned. Give, and  
there will be gifts for you: a full measure,  
pressed down, shaken together, and  
running over, will be poured into your  
lap; because the amount you measure  
out is the amount you will be given back.'

**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,



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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

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord,  
with the observance that is your due,  
we humbly ask you, that what we offer to  
the honour of your majesty 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.*  
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

**I will recount all your wonders, I will  
rejoice in you and be glad, and sing  
psalms to your name, O Most High.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that we may experience the effects of the  
salvation which is pledged to us by these  
mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.



**It is natural to stand up to people and 'get even' with them. The message  
of the gospels runs differently: we must learn to be as compassionate  
and forgiving as God our Father is when we turn to Him for forgiveness.**



*Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate*



Compassion is, to my mind at least, not one of those skills that can  
be learned. I often think that compassion is quite impossible to  
explain but rather, is an intuitive awareness of the gift that offering  
a compassionate experience is. While a key element of my health  
care pastoral ministry toolbox, it is something that is intrinsic in the  
person who strives to offer an experience of compassion in an authentic way. It is not  
learned or forced. Compassionate care is an experience to be shared and is known  
often without the use of words or platitudes but rather through the awareness that  
someone cares for me right now as I struggle to make sense of it all. Indeed, having  
recently taught a workshop on compassionate care, I came to the conclusion that  
compassion is one of the most important things we can offer to anyone pained and  
struggling, while also being one of the most challenging. It is so hard sometimes to  
be compassionate even when we want to be.

The liberation theology movement has I believe compassion at its heart. It reminds  
us of our call to be compassionate, to be present to the struggle of the 'other'. It  
reminds us of God's 'preferential option for the poor' – the poor in mind, body and  
spirit and how each of us are challenged and called to be agents of this preferential  
treatment. It reminds us to walk that road that can at times be less travelled and offer  
the hand of God to those we would rather walk away from.'

*Margaret Naughton, Compassion and Ministry, in Sacred Heart Messenger, March 2022. www.messenger.ie*



## Jesus' Story

Imagine Jesus asking you and me to love those who steal from us and  
treat us badly. Yet even those who jeered him on the way to Calvary and  
the thief on the cross were treated very well by our friend Jesus. Did he  
not say 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do?'



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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 19th Feb	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	Lily Murphy (née McCartan), "Maryville"	1st Anniversary
Sun 20th Feb	8.00am	Noel Mc Carty	Anniversary
	9.00am	Josephine Kehoe, Ryleen	Anniversary
	10.00am	Richard Butler, Mount Carmel	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Eamonn Somers, Chambersland	Months Mind
Mon 21st Feb	8.00am	The O'Brien Family, Trinity Place	Anniversaries
	10.00am	James Ryan, Ard Na Gréine	Anniversary
Tues 22nd Feb	8.00am	Michael Foley, Lower William Street	20th Anniversary
	10.00am	Michael Freaney, Ballylane East	Anniversary
	10.00am 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 23rd Feb	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Michael Bailey, Irishtown	Anniversary
Thurs 24th Feb	8.00am	Sr Kokila, Solemn Profession	
	10.00am	Liam Carroll, Pondfields	Anniversary
Fri 25th Feb	8.00am	Special Intentions	Intentions
	10.00am	Rebecca Irwin, Ard Alainn	Anniversary
Sat 26th Feb	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the souls of Geraldine Foley, Charleton Hill & Sally Kelly (née Blanchfield), Drumphea, Garryhill, Carlow / Graiguenamanagh, Kilkenny who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We remember & pray for the souls of Alice Quinn, Priory Street, Walter Bradley, Knockavilla (23rd anniversary) & Monica O' Connor, Barretts Park & Longstone Drive (1st Anniversary) those anniversaries occurs around this time.

**BAPTISMS:** From July 2022 onwards, Baptism will take place on the first Saturday and the third Sunday of each month @ 1.00pm. Maximum of two candidates will be baptised on these days. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to book your child's baptism. Copy of Birth Certificate is required for the candidate. Photo ID is 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 @ 10.00am.

**Our Lady's (Left):**  
Walter Bradley, RIP

**Altar (Centre):**  
Michael Foley, RIP

**St. Joseph's (Right)**  
Available

## SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES

To cater for restricted numbers during the Covid-19 lockdown.  
We have been celebrating an extra Vigil Mass at 5.00pm.

We now intend to revert to just one Vigil Mass in light of restrictions being removed.  
The decision now, is at what time the Saturday Vigil Mass should be celebrated.

We invite your opinions as to whether Mass would be at 5.00pm or 6.00pm.  
Please contact the Parish Office Via.  
Telephone 051 421348 or Email  
Info@newrossparish.ie

The change will come into effect for the First Sunday of Lent 6th of March 2022.

## CHY's Tax Forms

Thankyou to anyone who has already returned your CHY forms to the Parish Office to date.  
For those who haven't, we would be most grateful if you could do so as soon as possible.

## New Ross Parish

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje  
2nd—10th April 2022  
For more details contact  
Dorota 085 747 0134



With just under a month to go until **St. Patrick's Day** preparations are well under way for the annual New Ross St. Patrick's Day Parade which will begin in the Irishtown at 2pm.

The committee would be delighted to see more groups and floats taking part.  
Our theme this year is "Lets Celebrate".

The committee are also looking for volunteers to help out on the day.

For more information check out our Facebook page St. Patricks Day - New Ross or phone  
Anthony 0872338350 or Ollie 0872571841



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Turn off Your  
Mobile Phones

*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.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY & PARISH INFORMATION.

**Wednesday 2nd March 2022:** Ash Wednesday.

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday during Lent @ 7.30pm.

**Thursday 17th March:** St Patrick's Day. Masses Celebrated Wednesday 16th March Vigil Mass @ 6.00pm. Thursday 17th March 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00 noon.

**Sunday 20th March:** Remembrance Day/ Pandemic Victims.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Tuesday from 10.00am Mass to 8.00pm.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—NEW ROSS:** 085 8313073

**Radio & Live Stream Mass:** 104.7FM & New Ross Parish Website Live Stream, for all Masses including Funerals Masses except 8.00am in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel.

**Mass Bookings:** We are currently taking mass bookings up to and including July 2022.

**Next Weeks Readings:** EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Eccles 27:4-7. PS 91:2-3, 13-16, R/ cf. V 2 1 COR 15:54-58. LK 6:39-45.

**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 13th February 2022 @ € (No 160). 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.

**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.

**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.

## New Ross Singers

A small sign of some sort of normality returning — New Ross Singers will commence rehearsals on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in St Mary's Secondary School. Covid-19 advice will apply. New members are very welcome. Please contact 051 421766 if you are interested.

## THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD!

Mrs. Elma Sutton retires this week from the Principal ship of our Junior School. She has spent all her teaching career in the town. she began in St. Joseph's, where she worked for many years with the girls. Then she moved to Michael Street Boys' School as Principal. Then with the amalgamation of those two schools with the CBS, she transferred as Principal of the new Co- Educational Catherine McAuley Junior school.

The above are the cold facts ,so to speak, of a long dedicated teaching career. We are grateful for those generous years of service to the children of the town.

However, those details fail to reflect the true nature of that service. This was the living out of a vocation rather than a means of employment.

Elma's heart and soul were totally committed to the task. The children were central to her management of every aspect of the school day. Her interest in each child was evidenced by her knowledge of and concern for home/ school circumstances. She was fully up-to-date with the latest developments in education and encouraged staff members to incorporate these into the daily classroom routine.

In all her school involvement she has been fully supported by her husband Jim and we gladly acknowledge that generous contribution.

We wish Elma a long and peaceful retirement. Education in New Ross and the present and past pupils of the schools will be forever in her debt. Gura fada bean í.

We welcome TARA NOLAN as the new Principal and wish her long and fruitful years in our midst.

## Praying with the Word of God

Speaking of the Eucharistic Celebration the Second Vatican Council emphasises the presence of the Lord in : The People gathered, the Word of God, the person of the Priest and the Bread of Life..

The Diocese is planning to run a pilot programme to bring attention to the importance of the Word of God.

If you are interested a 12 week programme (one hour a week) is envisaged to help people grow in their personal prayer, starting this Lent. This is not a Bible study. It will be a prayer experience. It is hoped in time, some of these people will put themselves forward to lead Guided Prayer using Scripture or maybe even a Service of the Word in their local Church. This is not a prerequisite for attending the course.

The gatherings for our area will take place in the Centre in Ballygarret. If you would like to know more contact Parish Office.



**NEW ROSS PARISH ADORATION TEAM**  
ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING  
TALK BY

**MR BRENDAN CLEARY**  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
APOSTOLATE IN IRELAND

**" What really happens  
during Adoration? "**

**23 February at 7:00 PM**  
**St Michael's Pastoral Centre, New Ross, Y34 N799**

*Refreshments will be served \* Bring a Friend!*

*Please RSVP to any of the Committee:*  
*Declan ( 087 9685003)*  
*Marian ( 086 8213859) Eileen (086 3787379)*  
*or Patricia (087 6283405)*