

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

GREETING

In the name of the Father Amen. The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord,' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 26:1.7-9.13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my help.

- The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **[R]**
- O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **[R]**
- It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **[R]**
- I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **[R]**

SECOND READING *Philippians 3:20 - 4:1. (Shorter form only 3:17-4:1)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL *Luke 9:28-36*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken,

Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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.



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

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

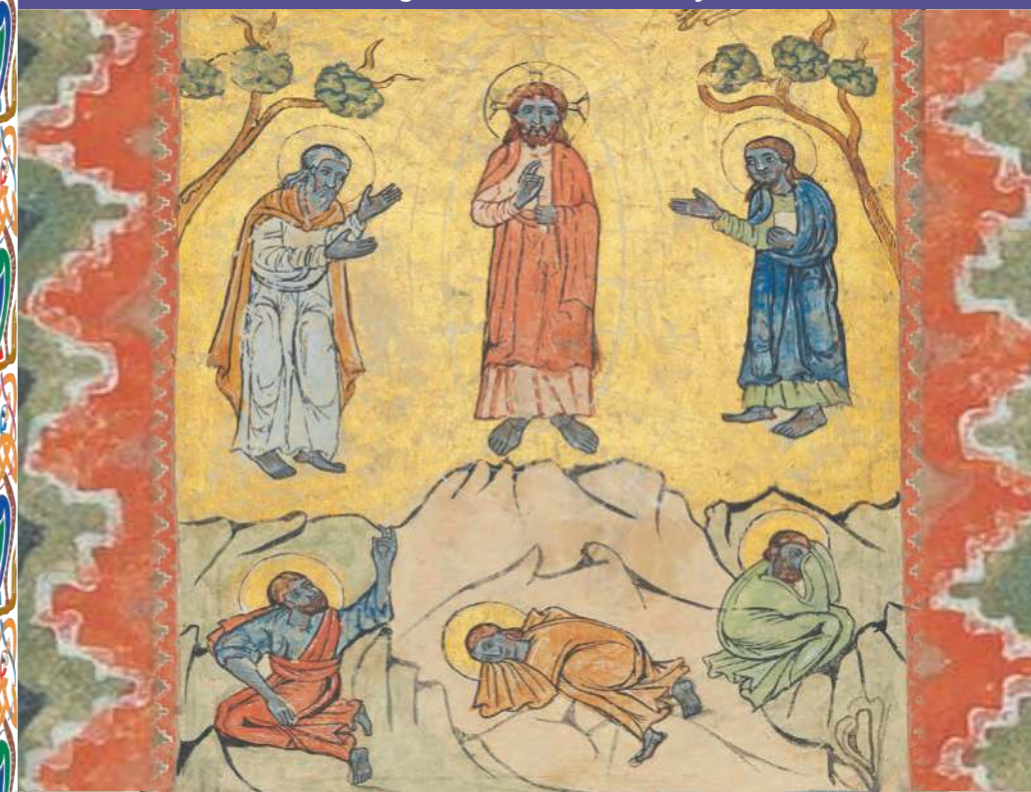
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

The gift of God's love and the following of Jesus is offered to all of us by God. It is a gift we struggle with, as evil in the world tempts us to live in selfishness. Lent, and today's gospel, reminds us of the glory of our calling to follow in Jesus' ways.



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.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. 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 transfiguration of Jesus shows him in glory and at his best. In showing his glory he speaks of his coming death and resurrection when he will show the greatest love we know.

The question can be asked – how can his body today – the body that we all are – be transfigured? How can we be the type of body that God our Father wants, as he shows us in the Transfiguration the body of his Son.

The body today is transfigured when love overcomes apathy and hatred in society, when justice prevails over unjust structure and inequality, when the body is a body of faith overcoming doubt and unbelief. We are called to be this body – and to be 'ministers of Transfiguration' of each other.

We do this in small and big ways as we can. Mary, a 'simple' woman was the first cause of the transfiguration of Jesus and without her Jesus would not have been born. In any way we bring Christ to birth and alive in our world, we are agents of the transfiguration of the body of Christ today.

In that way Mount Tabor, one possible place of the event, can be every mountain, and anywhere in the world, and each one of us can make fresh, new, and whole the Body of Christ, the Church, today.

Donal Neary SJ.(editor Sacred Heart Messenger)








Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey

Jesus suddenly changes his face and clothes in today's story, to give a taste of Heaven. His friends were thrilled with joy and wanted to stay with Him forever. Heaven is like a Birthday Party that goes on forever.

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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Radio Mass 104.7Fm & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH WEBSITE.
All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel

Date	Time		
Sat 12th March	5.00pm	Martin & Catherine, Jim & Martin, May & Michael Culleton, Cross Street	Anniversaries
Sun 13th March	8.00am	Alice, James & Mick Connolly & Terry Carville, Castleshane, Co Monaghan	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Bridget Purcell, JKL Place	1st Anniversary
	10.00am	Sr. Perpetua Kilroy, Southknock	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Geraldine Foley, Charleton Hill	Months Mind
Mon 14th March	8.00am	Lena Connolly, Church Lane	Anniversary
	10.00am	Marcella Meehan, Charleton Hill	19th Anniversary
Tues 15th March	8.00am	John Kenneally, Dunganstown	Anniversary
	10.00am	North Family, Abbey View	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration	
	7.00pm	Praying with the Word of God in St. Michael's Pastoral Centre.	
Wed 16th March	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	James Howlett, William Street	Anniversary
	5.00pm	Martin Wickham, Pondfields	1st Anniversary
Thurs 17th March St Patrick's Day	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	9.00am	Kieran & Kathleen Moloney, Mount Elliott	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Joan & Nicholas Cashin, William Street	Anniversaries
Memory Tree	12.00 Noon	Family Members Abroad	Remembrance
Fri 18th March	8.00am	John Moriarty, Pinehurst	17th Anniversary
	10.00am	Marto Jefford, Townwall	Anniversary
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 19th March	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

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

**Our Lady's (Left):
Special Intentions**

**Altar (Centre):
Joan & Nicholas Cashin, Rip**

**St. Joseph's (Right)
John & Ellen Whelan, Rip**

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
New Vigil Mass @ 5.00pm.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent @ 7.30pm.
Tuesday 15th March: Praying with the Word of God, 12 week programme Commencing @ 7.00pm St. Michael's Pastoral Centre
Thursday 17th March: St. Patrick's Day. Masses Celebrated Wednesday 16th March Vigil Mass @ 5.00pm. Thursday 17th March 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00 noon—Family Members abroad Memory Tree. Parish Office closed 17th & 18th March.
Sunday 20th March: Pandemic Victims Remembrance Day
Monday 21st March: Diocesan Synodal Meeting @ 7.30pm In the Brandon House Hotel. Open to the public, all welcome.
Thursday 24th March: Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Rosary @3.00pm – 4.00pm. Lenten Meditations continue @ 7.00pm, St. Michael's Pastoral Centre. All Welcome

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 5th March 2022 @ €1,645.55 (No 179). 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.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the soul of Bridie Clarke (née Burns), Drumrath, Stradone, Cavan who has passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Kevin Manley, Abbey View (4th anniversary), Kathleen Fleming (nee Murphy), Irishtown, Michael Hunt, Pondfields, (11th anniversary), Billy & Jack Foley, Irishtown, James Murphy, Michaels Street, Alibhe Mc Cormack, Tinnerath, Foulksmills & Anna Bradley, Knockavilla who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

WEDDINGS: We congratulate Matthew Murphy, Boshen & Siobhan O'Neill, Mount Carmel, who were married recently in our Parish.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian Community Harper Anne Gannon Somers, Woodbine Close & Oliver Peter Woodward, Chambersland Close who were baptised recently in our church. Maximum of two candidates per Baptism. 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.

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.



Bishop's House

Dear Friends

As we begin our journey through Lent 2022, I want to talk to you about an exciting new development which is part of our church life this year. It is the preparation for the Synod of the whole church which

will take place in October 2023. But even though that is a bit of time in the future, Pope Francis has asked every Diocese in the world to begin now the conversations which will provide a good idea of the reality of peoples' lives so that the Synod will be rooted in the lived experience of people.

One phrase which sums up the purpose of the Synod is; "To dream about the church we are called to be, to make hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts and restore strength to our hands for the common mission" (Synod Preparatory Document).

This is a wonderful vision but a challenging one and it starts with small and definite steps. I am writing to all the people of the Diocese of Ferns to invite you to join me in this first step. There will be four meetings across the Diocese in the coming weeks for the four different areas of the Diocese at the venues listed below.

- Monday 21st March @ 7.30pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross
- Tuesday 22nd March @ 7.30pm in Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy
- Monday 4th April @ 7.30pm in Whites Hotel, Wexford
- Tuesday 5th April @ 7.30pm in Amber Springs Hotel, Gorey.

The purpose of the meeting will be to hold conversations to explore and discuss Pope Francis' question – What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?

The invitation is extended young and old, to those who are regular attenders at church and contribute to the discussion. The discussion will be facilitated by Dermot O'Neill and I will attend all four meetings.

I am looking forward to meeting you on any one of the four nights,

With every blessing and good wish,

Yours sincerely,
Ger Nash
Bishop of Ferns

NEW ROSS DRAMA FESTIVAL MARCH 14TH – 23RD

This Year's Festival returns to St Michaels Theatre commencing this Monday running to Wednesday 23rd March. Some great plays will be performed on stage including "Playboy of the Western World", "One Flew Over the Cuckoos Nest" and "The Kings of the Kilburn High Road", along with other Classics. Tickets are available from St Michaels Theatre (051) 421255
Patrons Ticket (Entry to all shows) only €50 - Students €25
Nightly: €10 – Students €5



RADIO 104.7FM is Back.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused



FAMILY MEMBERS ABROAD

To acknowledge the disappointment of our family members, abroad for St. Patrick's Day we will remember those with a Family Memory Tree

Their names can be placed on a memory tree near the Altar to ask God's protection on them and to fill there lonely days with his presence..

NEW ROSS PARISH UKRAINE APPEAL COLLECTION

COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE OVER THIS WEEKEND

12TH/13TH MARCH

ENVELOPES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE PARISH CHURCH & OFFICE
PLEASE RETURN TO COLLECTION BOXES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

OR PARISH OFFICE

ALL SUPPORT GREATLY APPRECIATED



Praying with the Word of God

12 week programme (one hour a week) Commencing Tuesday 15th March—31st May @ 7.00pm in St. Michael's Pastoral Centre. All Welcome



DIocese OF FERNs PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022

20th—24th June (4 Nights)

Application Forms Available from the Parish Office

LOUGH DERG 2022

PILGRIMAGE SEASON RE-OPENS 1ST MAY 2022
SEE INFORMATION POSTER @ CHURCH ENTRANCE



Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Rosary For Vocations and Religious Life

Commencing Every Thursday from 24th March in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
3.00pm – 4.00pm

FROM THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

As 'the People of God' we each play our part in shaping the future of the Church. The Synodal journey that we begin invites us to look at our own sense of faith and that of others. A question we can ask is. 'What does it mean to follow the way of Christ in our everyday lives?'

Our weekly messages serve as a guide along the Synodal path.

Synodal Meeting Monday 21st March 2022 @ 7.30pm In the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross, Open to the Public, All Welcome.

FROM THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

We continue our reflections on the synodal path. Remaining aware of who we are and our mission we strive to be sensitive to the needs of all and in the present social and cultural context.

This calls for a deep and open listening. What can help us to open our hearts and minds to other people and ideas which differ from our own?



Lenten Meditations

Lenten Meditations will be held in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre Y34 N799 on Thursdays @ 7.00pm on following dates:

- 24th March
- 31st March
- 7th April

Sr. Antoinette Dilworth will be the facilitator. All are welcome to attend these worthwhile sessions of Lenten devotions and preparation for Easter, All Welcome.

Government Tax Rebate System (CHY's)

The Parish has been availing of this system for some years now. Through it we can recoup tax on annual contributions of €250 or more. (Under the system €250 equates to €362 to the Parish) The system does not impinge on individuals personally and we are most grateful to those who generously joined in since its inception.

If your annual contributions to the Parish funds and priests income combined amount €250 or more, we invite to join in if you are not already involved.

Forms are available from the Parish Office.

Please Note; Total confidentially surrounds all contributions to parish funds at all times.