

The call of God is always to become more like Jesus in how we treat his people. We know our failings: the call to repent in today's gospel is also the promise of God's forgiveness for our failings and sins.



Repentance can be a negative word. It reminds us of guilt, maybe fear and lack of confidence that we can change. It can be a joyful word. Repentance means humbly admitting that we have done wrong and the change will bring joy, contentment and confidence in life. The grace of repentance is something we ask for and is a gift of God.

We admit failure before God knowing we are forgiven. The example of the fig tree highlights this. People want to cut it down but the gardener wanted to give it another chance. Jesus likes this example and uses it in his preaching because he is like the gardener, always the one offering many chances. The call to repent is always given with love and the desire of God to forgive us.

The call to repent is that we also allow others to change and be joyful when they have made good changes in their lives. We can judge harshly and condemn people often for a past which is no longer operative.

Lent is a time for asking how our lives can more reflect the life of Jesus and our faithfulness to his way of life.

Lord, may my life reflect your values and love each day.

Donal Neary SJ (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey

People hurt themselves sometimes, taking wrong food or drink, and forgetting rules of the road. Also we hurt others at times, with our words and actions. God does not want us to hurt. He tells us that even when a tree does not do good in giving fruit, God always gives a second chance, and hundreds of chances to His children.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

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, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus
Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father, he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out

of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 102:1-4.6-8.11

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 does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. [R]
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. [R]

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10.1-6. 10-12.

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

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

GOSPEL Luke 13. 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down; why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, All bow for following two lines:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.....

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

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion.
Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands. 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.



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 19th March	5.00pm	Clodagh Kehoe (nee Cleere), Brooklawn	1st Anniversary
Sun 20th March	8.00am	Peter, Marian & Breda Maher, Knockmullen	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Sean Finn, Ard Na Greine	Anniversary
	10.00am	Bea Walsh (nee Whelan), Irishtown	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Walter & Anna Bradley, Knockavilla	Anniversaries
Mon 21st March	8.00am	Ned & Mona Walsh, William Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Oliver & Michael Caulfield, Priesthaggard	Anniversaries
	7.30pm	Diocesan Synodal meeting in Brandon House Hotel	
Tues 22nd March	8.00am	Jenny Kavanagh, Bosheen	1st Anniversary
	10.00am	Tony & Claire O'Flynn, Hospital Road	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration	
	8.00pm		
	7.00pm	Praying with the Word of God in St. Michael's Pastoral Centre.	
Wed 23rd March	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Ruth Roche, Lower Michael Street & Swindon, UK	Anniversary
Thurs 24th March	8.00am	Kathleen & John Kehoe, The Maudlins & JKL	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Ned Cash Junior, Hospital Road	1st Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	7.00pm	Lenten Meditations in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre	
Fri 25th March	8.00am	Foley & Brennan Families, New Ross & Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Josephine Moore, Henry Street	Anniversary
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 26th March	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

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

Our Lady's (Left): Clodagh Kehoe (nee Cleere), RIP

Altar (Centre): Oliver & Michael Caulfield, RIP

St. Joseph's (Right) Special Intentions

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 Cuckoo's 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

TAX 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 an 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Rose Heffernan (née Holden), Newcastle Road, Newcastle, Galway & New Ross & Ann McMahon, Michaels Street formerly Ballyleigh, Ballywilliam, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Brini Dolan, Riverview, Colin Barrett, Arklow & Athlone & Edward Larkin, Mary Street, who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY & PARISH INFORMATION.

- Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday during Lent @ 7.30pm.
- 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.
- Tuesday 22nd March:** Praying with the Word of God @ 7.00pm St. Michael's Pastoral Centre.
- Thursday 24th March:** Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Rosary @ 3.00pm in Blessed Sacrament Chapel & Lenten Meditations continue @ 7.00pm, St. Michael's Pastoral Centre. All Welcome

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 August 2022.

Next Weeks Readings: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jos 5:9-12. Ps 33:2-7, R/ v 9. 2 Cor 5:17-21. Lk 15:1-3, 11-32.

Confessions: Saturdays after 10.00am Mass & before vigil 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 March 2022 @ € 1,119.55 (No 159). 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: Request forms are available from the Parish Office. 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. 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.

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



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.

New Ross Parish Ukraine Appeal Collection - € 9,110.-00

Thank You

NEW ROSS PARISH—Easter Ceremonies:

Monday 11th April 2022:
7.00pm: Penitential Service
Holy Thursday 14th April 2022:
NO Lenten Meditations commence in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre or Divine Mercy Holy Hour in Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
7.30pm: Mass for the Lords Supper in both Parish Church & Mount Carmel
Good Friday 15th April 2022:
Parish Office closed.
3.00pm: Ceremonies of the Lords Passion in both Parish Church & Mount Carmel
7.30pm: Final Stations of the Cross
Easter Saturday 16th April 2022:
2.00 – 4.00pm: Confessions
7.30pm: Easter Vigil in both Parish Church & Mount Carmel
Easter Sunday 17th April 2022:
8.00am: Mass in Mount Carmel
9.00am, 10.00am, 12.00 Noon: Masses in Parish Church
Bank Holiday Monday 18th April 2022:
Parish Office closed.



Medjugorje Pilgrimage—June 15th to 22nd 2022 ex Cork. Daytime flights. Cost €749.00 pps. Half board. A number of places still available. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380

Confirmation	Confirmation 2022			
	Ms. O'Byrne Class	Mr. Murphy Class	Ms. Cooney Class	Ms. Kavanagh Class
Preparation Meeting Parish	Wednesday 4th May	Thursday 5th May	Wednesday 11th May	Thursday 12th May
Meeting Time	7.00pm			
Confirmation Date	Saturday 7th May		Saturday 14th May	
Confirmation Time	11.00am	12.30pm	11.00am	12.30pm

First Holy Communion 2022	
Confession @ 7.00pm in The Parish Church	First Communion Mass Saturday
Date	Date
Ms. Fitzpatrick Class	Monday 4th April
Ms. Mears Class	Wednesday 6th April
Ms. O'Connor Class	Thursday 7th April
	21st May @ 11.00am
	21st May @ 12.30pm
	28th May @ 11.00am