ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned against you. Show us, O Lord, your mercy. And grant us your salvation. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Joshua 5: 9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua The Lord said to Joshua. 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan vielded.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33: 2-7

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

- 1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its hoast
- The humble shall hear and be glad. [R] 2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. [R]
- 3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **IR1**

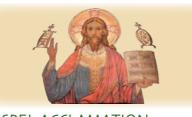
SECOND READING

- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone,

and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into

sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father. "Father. let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the Father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said,"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer

deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him: put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world.

Through Christ our Lord.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday) 27th March 2022

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

AFTER THE CONSECRATION The mystery of faith. Save us, Saviour of the world,

for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity.

Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light

to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. 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, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen. Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

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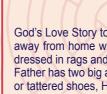


Is it about the son who went away, repented and came back, just to be home, ready to eat humble pie and he got the fatted calf? The father, who welcomed him after he had spent all the family

money and greeted him with bear hugs on his return? The elder son who had enough sense to get upset at the return of the brother but not enough love to join in the homecoming? The mother who is not mentioned but is there, probably in tears that the youngster is back safe? There were onlookers who probably thought he would get his comeuppance and were amazed but delighted at the forgiveness. Or the onlookers who said, 'sure he'll be off soon again, he was never any good'? This was the sort of story Jesus loved.

He probably had people in mind whom he knew as he told the story. Like the people who watch local plays, the hearers could have known who he was talking about!

forgiveness. sin against us.







focus on sunday

Today's gospel has been called "the best short story in the world's literature." Allow the story of the prodigal son draw you into God's loving forgiveness.

> This is one of the best known stories of the bible or indeed of literature. We wonder who it is really about.

We know who he is talking about! He's talking about you and me. Who do you or I identify with in the story? No matter which it is, - the father of welcome, the son who strayed and came back, the elder full of resentment, the mother of joy, the onlooker who rejoiced or the cynical one who could not believe the celebrations. No matter which, the eye of Jesus will look on each of us with love, companionship and

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those, or try to forgive those, or pray for those who

Donal Neary SJ.(editor Sacred Heart Messenger)



Liam Hickey

God's Love Story today was painted by a great artist. The artist shows a young boy, who ran away from home with his father's money, and he lived a wild life in the city. Now the boy is dressed in rags and says to himself ... I'll go back home, maybe my father will accept me. The Father has two big arms waiting to welcome his son home. The Father doesn't notice his rags or tattered shoes, He says "let's have a Party. God is that Father.

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.

Parish Office \mathcal{P}

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Sat 26th March

Sun 27th March

Mon 28th March

Tues 29th March

Wed 30th March

Thurs 31st March

Fri 1st April

Sat 2nd April

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051 421 348 Priest on Duty 051 421214 (24 Hr)

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has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

12.00 Noon





Radio Mass 104.7Fm & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH WEBSITE.

All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel

Pat & Cathy Dillon, Barretts Park

Nancy Martin, Ard na Greine

Michael Browne, Chapel Lane

Pat & Nellie Ryan, Mountross

Thomas Merrigan, Knockmullen

Breda & Ned Sinnott, Rosbercon

Liz & Walter Dunne & Cosgrave Family,

Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Rosary in

Lenten Meditations in St. Michaels

Michael & Johanna Cullen, Wexford

Eily O'Donoghue, Waterford

Eucharistic Adoration

People of the Parish

The Maudlins

Special Intentions

Pastoral Centre

Craig Tracey, Parkfield

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Ann Rossiter, Church Lane

Stations of the Cross

Parish Mass Association

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Fr. Kevin McDevitt, Hazelwood, Kilbeggan,

Westmeath & Blackwater, Robert Balcerski, Woodbine Close, Laurence (Lal) Sinnott, Maiden Lane,

Miceal Kavanagh, Mountgarrett & Inistioge, Kilkenny & Owen (Owenie) Furlong, Ballyrue Lower, who

Baptism. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to book your child's baptism. Copy of Birth

Should you wish to have a loved one included in this section, please contact the Parish

Certificate is required for the candidate. Photo ID is also required for the person making / requesting

Birthday Intentions

Tommy Jefford. Townwall



Anniversary

Anniversaries

Remembrance

4th Anniversary

50th Wedding

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

> Our Lady's (Left): Ned Walsh, RIP

Altar (Centre): Bernard & Lena Furlong, RIP **Birthday Remembrance**

> St. Joseph's (Right) Michael Browne, RIP

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY INCLUDING EASTER CEREMONIES

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

Thursday 31st March: Lenten Meditations continue @ 7.00pm in St. Michael's Pastoral Centre, All Welcome

Monday 11th April 2022: Penitential Service @ 7.00pm

Holy Thursday 14th April 2022: Mass for the Lords Supper in both Parish Church & Mount Carmel @ 7.30pm

Good Friday 15th April 2022: Parish Office closed Ceremonies of the Lords Passion in both Parish Church & Mount Carmel @ 3.00pm Final Stations of the Cross @ 7.30pm

Easter Saturday 16th April 2022: Confessions @ 2.0-4.00pm Easter Vigil in both Parish Church & Mount Carmel @ 7.30pm

Easter Sunday 17th April 2022: Mass in Mount Carmel @ 8.00am Masses in Parish Church @ 9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00 Noon

Bank Holiday Monday 18th April 2022: Parish Office closed.

The New Ross Active Retirement will hold their general meeting on Friday April 1st at the Youth centre Nunnery Lane at 10.30 am

10.364.00

PARISH INFORMATION.

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

Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Rosary: Every Thursday @ 3.0pm in Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

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.

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Mass Bookings: From Friday 1st April we will be taking mass bookings up to and including September 2022.

Next Weeks Readings: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Is 43:16-21. Ps 125, R/ v 3. Phil 3;8-14. Jn 8:1-11.

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 Sacristv

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 27th March 2022 @ € 1,523.90 (No 181). 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.

Available for Parish based activities, please contact the Parish office.

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:

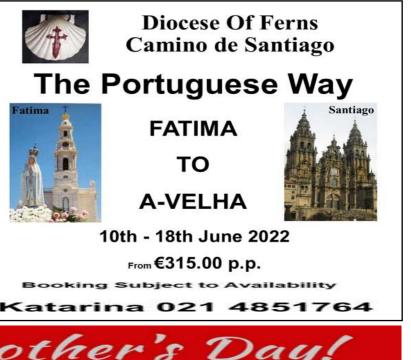
Visitation of Sick / Housebound (First Friday Calls) We are anxious to visit those who cannot celebrate Mass with us due to illness, aged or infirm. Arrangements can be made to receive the sacraments at home by calling the Parish Office.

Lectio Divina:

Every Wednesday morning at 10.45am for one hour in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre

Legion of Mary:

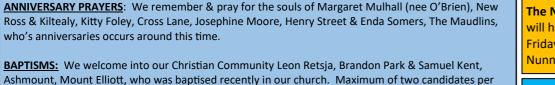
Meetings every Thursday afternoon @ 12.00 noon in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre. Contact: Alex Doyle, Tel: 087 273 8703.





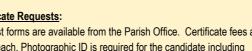
New Ross Parish Community strives to be a welcoming, life-giving PEOPLE, nourished by FAITH, WORSHIP of God and SERVICE of all in the example of Jesus Christ.

Office with the details by the previous Wednesday before 2.00pm.

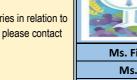


St. Michael's Pastoral Centre: Intentions for the living:











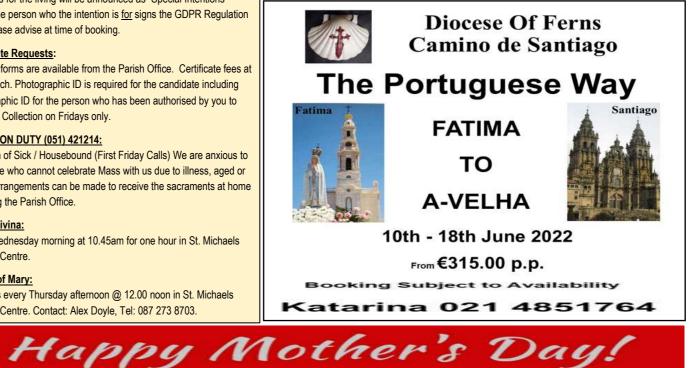
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DIOCESE OF FERNS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022 20th—24th June (4 Nights)

Application Forms Available from the Parish Office

7th March 202

Lenten Meditations

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

- 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

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First Communion		First Holy Communion 2022				
		Confession @ 7.00pm in The Parish Church		m	First Communion	
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itzpatrick Class		Monday 4th April			28th May @11.00am	
. Mears Class		Wednesday 6th April		il	21st May @ 12.30pm	
D'Connor Class		Thursday 7th April			21st May @ 11.00am	

Synod Pathway

Thank you to all who attended the first Synod Pathway meeting last Monday night in the Brandon House Hotel.



FROM THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

We continue to reflect on how the Church embraces the synodal journey. Across our dioceses, many have become involved in praying together in our communities. We give thanks to God who is with us on our life's journey. How can we in Ferns diocese become more active and increase participation of all the faithful in Liturgy and prayer?