

May this day and the scripture we hear call us to look at the depth of our faith. We are called on to look into our hearts to show forgiveness and reconciliation to all we meet. Christ's forgiveness is without condemnation.



Is Jesus the God of surprises? Some men had brought a sinful woman to him. Would he condemn, and approve of death by stoning? They wondered what he might say about the law. They had come to punish her. His actions were different.

No condemnation of the woman and no condemnation of them either, just a very challenging question about the way we condemn people – 'if you have no sin, cast the first stone.' no words about law – just a writing in the sand and we don't know what he wrote. A surprising Rabbi, a surprising God.

Whatever way he acted, they did not argue. Maybe they saw some truth. They just quietly left. Maybe they got some message that love, like his for the woman, was more important than such a violent law, to stone someone to death.

A surprise for the woman also. She was so used to being condemned, with no mention of the partner in adultery. She realised that because of Jesus now, nobody condemned her. Because of Jesus she no longer condemned herself. Because of this love and acceptance, she had strength not to sin again which was the challenge given to her by Jesus, 'go and sin no more.'

Lord by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You are the saviour of the world.

Donal Neary SJ. (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey



Jesus meets a lonely woman, who is blamed for not keeping rules. All the people want Jesus to "give out" to her. But Jesus sees inside her heart of love. Jesus wants to teach all the people that God Our Father is a God of Love, and the only sin is when we don't love. He said to her "My daughter go home."



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

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
 Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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

**Has no one condemned you, woman?
 No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.
 Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift. 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.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God are my strength.

GREETING

In the name of the Father..... **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

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 May almighty God have mercy on us....
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 125

R. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

- When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **[R]**
- The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them! What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **[R]**
- Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **[R]**
- They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **[R]**

SECOND READING Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead.

Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL John 8: 1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her

stand there; in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?'. They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said 'Woman where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir', she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

**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 WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah






Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:
 No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

**The word of the Lord.
 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 2nd April	5.00pm	Bozena Jastrzenbska, Ballyrue Lower	1st Anniversary
Sun 3rd April	8.00am	Andrew Foran, Pondfields	Anniversary
	9.00am	Jimmy Martin, Ard Na Greine	7th Anniversary
	10.00am	Michael Cashin & his son Patrick, JKL	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Pat Doyle, Mount Carmel	11th Anniversary
Mon 4th April	8.00am	Malachy Tully, Mountgarrett, Tom & Carmel Walsh, Airmount	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Mary Power & her son Jack, Church Lane	Anniversaries
First Confession	7.00pm	Nicola Fitzpatrick's Communion Class in Parish Church	
Tues 5th April	8.00am	Deceased people of Bewley Street	Remembrance
	10.00am	Helen O'Reilly (nee Murphy), Late of Ballyanne & Windsor, UK	1st Anniversary
	10.00am 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 6th April	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Alfred Place & Deceased members of the Roche & Place Families.	Anniversaries
First Confession	7.00pm	Tara Mear's Communion Class in Parish Church	
Thurs 7th April	8.00am	Nicky Murphy. Millbanks Grove & Priory Street	3rd Anniversary
	10.00am	Frances Kennedy, Pondfields	4th Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	7.00pm	Lenten Meditations in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre	
First Confession	7.00pm	Martina O'Connor's Communion Class in Parish Church	
Fri 9th April	8.00am	Niall Russell, New Ross	Anniversary
	10.00am	John Kehoe, Fr. Cullen Terrace	Anniversary
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 10th April	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

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

Our Lady's (Left):
Pauline McCarthy, RIP

Altar (Centre):
Una Freeman, RIP

St. Joseph's (Right)
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DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY INCLUDING EASTER CEREMONIES

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

Sunday 10th April 2022: Palm Sunday, Masses as usual.

Monday 11th April 2022: Penitential Service @ 7.00pm

Tuesday 12th April 2022: Annual Mass of Christ @ 8.00pm in St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April 2022: Devotions @ 3.00pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Virginia Rochford (nee Doyle), Sandycove, Dublin & Rosbercon, New Ross & Marie Fox, Woodlawn Grove, Waterford City & Cuffsgrange, Co. Kilkenny, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Annabell Kehoe, (8th Anniversary) Tower Grove, Una Freeman, Chapel Lane, Frances Kennedy, Pondfields, Christina Boland, Grange Road, Malachy Tully, Mountgarrett, Tom & Carmel Walsh, Airmount, Pauline McCarthy (2nd Anniversary), Carlow, & Jimmy Goggins, The Maudlins, 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.



PARISH INFORMATION.



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 September 2022.

Next Weeks Readings: HOLY WEEK PALM SUNDAY

Procession Lk 19: 28-40. Mass Is 50: 4-7. Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24, R/ v 2. Phil 2: 6-11. Lk 22: 14-23:56.

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 27th March 2022 @ € 941.70 (No 147). 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.

New Ross Parish Ukraine Appeal Collection:

€ 10,924.00



DIocese OF FERNs PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022

20th—24th June (4 Nights)
Application Forms Available from the Parish Office

Lenten Meditations

Our final evening will be held in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre on Thursday 7th of April @ 7.00pm. Our thanks to Sr. Antoinette Dilworth who facilitated these events.



Confirmation 2022

	Ms. O'Byrne Class	Mr. Murphy Class	Ms. Cooney Class	Ms. Kavanagh Class
Preparation Meeting Parish Church	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	28th May @ 11.00am
Ms. Mears Class	Wednesday 6th April	21st May @ 12.30pm
Ms. O'Connor Class	Thursday 7th April	21st May @ 11.00am

Accord is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes. Application forms are available by contacting marriagepreparation@accord.ie Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September. This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families. Please contact us for any support you may need www.accord.ie



Diocese Of Ferns Camino de Santiago
The Portuguese Way
FATIMA TO A-VELHA
10th - 18th June 2022
From €315.00 p.p.

Katarina 021 4851764

Pilgrimage to the International Youth Festival in Medjugorje 2022

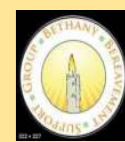
Further details contact: Dorota Kulesza
Tel: 085 7470134
DATE: 30th July to 7th August (persons over 18Yrs)
PRICE: € 225 booking + € 370 hotel with 2 meals = € 590 pp



Anam Cara Waterford is hosting a monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 12th April at 7.15pm 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.

The Bereavement Support Group

are holding their monthly Drop-In Service on Thursday next 7th April at 11.00am - 12.00pm. Venue: St Michael's Pastoral Centre, Michael St., New Ross. Confidential Number 087 3846577



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.