

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

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

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us.....
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

“My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and out-stretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 90:1-2.10-15

R. Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **[R]**

2. Upon you no evil shall fall no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **[R]**
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **[R]**
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 10: 8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made

him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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.

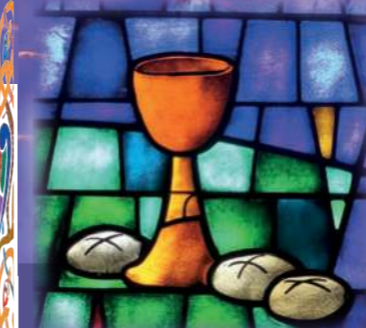
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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.



focus on sunday

Although we are strongly drawn to follow Jesus, we will experience strong conflicts and temptations to follow "other gospels". If we stay with Jesus in prayer and friendship we can overcome such conflicts.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. 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. 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

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray, come down upon your people, that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured. 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.**

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It may be true to say that life at times is like being in the wilderness. Covid-19 and its effects have made our lives uncertain and fearful. For Jesus the wilderness was a place apart, lonely, dangerous, it was also a place to find God and his mission in life. It's something like that. Our wilderness now – is a place we are driven to, just as Jesus was by the spirit. However, we have been driven to our wilderness by restrictions, by changes in our life, by fear, frustration, boredom. But maybe we can see that there are also good things in this wilderness.

The wilderness was a place of joy for Jesus: The Angels looked after him. It's hard in the middle of covid and its effects. It's the same in other 'wilderness experiences' like the loss of love, of home, of a job, of money. We wonder will things ever change. And it can be hard to find the joy in bad times. It can be - but not always - found in deeper love, in care and in allowing ourselves to be cared for, in a renewal of faith in God. WE should ask ourselves - what is my wilderness at the moment? What do I find joy in? In his time, the wilderness engaged Jesus and he grew there in love and mission.






Donal Neary SJ.(editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story *Fr. Liam Hickey*

In Lent, Jesus wants to bring us joy and happiness. God made us because God loved us, and God is with us to help and care. Sometimes we want more things, that make us selfish and greedy. Sometimes we want others to do things our way, that makes us unhappy, and sometimes we show off, forgetting that all our gifts are from God. In Lent God helps us to care for others, to help and say Thanks.

New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael

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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 5th March	5.00pm	John Doyle, Charleton Hill	1st Anniversary
Sun 6th March	8.00am	John Ronan & deceased members of the Ronan family, Irishtown	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Martin O'Neill, Pondfields	1st Anniversary
	10.00am	Patrick (Pat) Nicko Hamilton, Cross Street	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Moira Doyle (nee Deegan), Mount Elliott John (Cocker) Dalton, Boshen	Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 7th March	8.00am	Seanie Byrne, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	10.00am	Tim Ryan, Priory Street	Anniversary
Tues 8th March	8.00am	Kathleen Dalton, Dublin	Anniversary
	10.00am	Ann Aspel Sloan, formerly Lower Michael Street & UK	Anniversary
	10.00am 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 9th March	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Mattie & Molly Crowdle, Irishtown	Anniversaries
Thurs 10th March	8.00am	Billy Foley, Irishtown & Cork Jack Foley, Irishtown	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Peg & Paddy Cleary, Priory Street	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Lenten Meditations in St Michael's Pastoral Centre.	
Fri 11th March	8.00am	Mary Kate O'Reilly, Ballyanne & Molly Gardiner, JKL	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 12th March	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We remember & pray for the souls of John Doyle, Charleton Hill (1st Anniversary), Stephen Mullett, Charleton Hill, Mary Dwyer, Fr Cullen Terrace, Martin Byrne, Camblin & Alice Maher, Parkfield who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS:

We welcome into our Christian Community Oisín James Michael Whelan, Ryleen who was 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.

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

Available @ €10.00 per week.
Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am.

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

**Altar (Centre):
John & Ellen Finn, RIP**

**St. Joseph's (Right)
Special Intentions**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

As a result of consultations concerning the Saturday evening Vigil Mass the overwhelming majority of respondents favour celebrating the Vigil Mass at 5.00pm.

Therefore from Saturday 5th March we will be celebrating the Vigil Mass @ 5.00pm including Holy Days.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Thursday 10th March: Lenten Meditations Commence @ 7.00pm, St. Michael's Pastoral Centre. All Welcome

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. Parish Office closed 17th & 18th March.

Sunday 20th March: Remembrance Day / Pandemic Victims.

Monday 21st March: Synodal Meeting @ 7.30pm In the Brandon House Hotel. Open to the public, all welcome.



8.00-9.00pm Every Friday during Lent.

Commencing **Friday 4th March** and concluding with

"PRAYERS AROUND THE CROSS"

on Good Friday Night in Good Counsel College Church.



Bishop's House

Dear friends,

It is a great privilege to write this letter informing you that the Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place again this year after a two year gap due to the Covid Pandemic.

Even to announce this event is a sign of hope and encouragement that we will be able to restore as many of our faith journey as possible. We are building back, gathering again and looking to restore those things which we treasured the most. In the months ahead we will be striving to rebuild our Sunday gatherings for the Eucharist, our comforting and supportive funerals and anniversary Masses and the many rituals such as patterns, which give us a rich religious tradition.

Because it is the first step back after a worldwide crisis, the Diocesan team who have responsibility for the Pilgrimage are being extra cautious. The Pilgrimage this year will have no invalid section as it would not be possible to guarantee a safe and happy experience for them. Likewise, there will be no Youth Section but we hope to re-establish it next year. For further caution, the Pilgrimage will be four nights instead of the usual five. The Pilgrimage will depart on June 20th 2022, returning on June 24th.

For many people, the diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes was an eagerly awaited event each year. The Lourdes Pilgrimage gathers people across the Diocese and makes them friends as they travel together. This travelling together has been one of the marks of pilgrimages all down the centuries of Christianity and is even more relevant this year as Pope Francis calls the whole church to a Synodal Path. Synodality in plain English means walking with and talking to people who share our world with us. Secondly, the Lourdes Pilgrimage puts us in touch with an international church. We see people from many countries, proudly carrying their banners and mingling together. The variety of languages can test the pilgrim, but they are a reminder that the Church is universal and carries with it the mark of the culture wherever it is practiced. And of course, the most important part of it all is that pilgrimage give us an opportunity to discover the hidden depths of God within us. In Lourdes, the journey to find God is the journey through Mary's life.

As we take our first tentative steps back to normality, it is good for us to remember that we have lost people over the past two years who were familiar faces on the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Some of them travelled regularly as pilgrims and some were former volunteers and helpers. They have completed their earthly pilgrimage and we pray they are enjoying the happiness of eternal life.

It is my honour to launch the 52nd Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and to invite you to be part of these wonderful and blessed few days, in that place made holy, by the visit of the Mother or Our Lord.

May all our journeys, physical, spiritual and emotional draw us closer each day to God who loves us.

With every good wish and blessing

Ger Nash

Bishop of Ferns

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 27th February 2022 @ €1,524.20 (No 175). 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.

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.

If you would like to know more contact Parish Office.

New Ross St. Patrick's Day Parade - 2pm Thursday 17th March 2022
After an absence of 2 years, plans are well under way to make this a great Parade for all to enjoy, we have chosen the theme "Lets Celebrate".... There is still plenty of time and plenty of ways to get involved....

- 🌸 Would your Club or Organisation like to participate?
 - 🌸 Is your home on the route - you could decorate it?
 - 🌸 Would your business like to entry our shop window competition?
 - 🌸 Are you interested in being a Steward for the day?
 - 🌸 Do you like fancy dress?. Would you like to dress up and join us?
 - 🌸 Have you seen a house or business decorated that you would like us to look at? or post a picture on our FB page.
- Let us know if you are interested in any way by contacting us on our Facebook page St. Patricks Day - New Ross or phone or text Anthony 0872338350 or Ollie 0872571841



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.



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

- 10th March
- 24th March
- 31st March
- 7th April

Sr Annette 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 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.



RADIO MASS 104.7FM

As you are aware our radio transmitter has failed us for many weeks. We are pleased to inform you, a replacement is on the way and should be with us in the next couple of weeks.

We apologise for the inconvenience this has caused.

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.