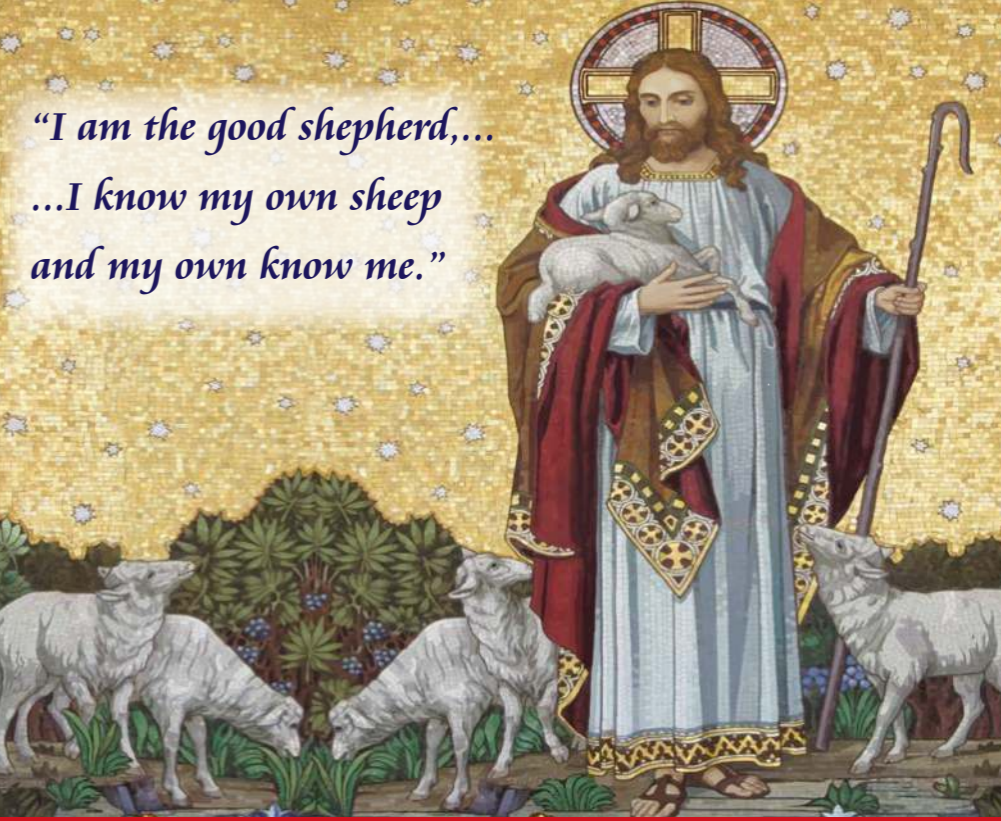


focus on sunday

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Day of Prayer for Vocations) 8th May 2022

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church. Jesus died and rose for people of every race and nation. His command to his Church was to go out and preach to all people, we pray for people of faith to respond to that command.



*"I am the good shepherd, ...
...I know my own sheep
and my own know me."*

The risen Lord was busy! His post-resurrection 40 days were spent consoling and bringing others his joy after his passion and death. He also resumed his calling of his disciples into a new following of him. Vocation Sunday each year is the calling of the risen Lord to each of us in our lives.

The call is a gift of the guidance of the good shepherd of each of us in life. It is the call that reaches the deeper space in our souls and bodies where love dwells, a gift given by God, not just for myself, but for others.


The call of Jesus is lived out in loving as a spouse, parent, single man or woman, priest, religious. It is lived out in the ordinary ways we try to spread the gospel in our workplace, our parish, school, service of others in any way, and in our families. It is lived out in our prayer.

The ordinary is the place of call and of holiness. The shepherd guides the sheep in the ordinary tasks of the day. He calls each of us to be busy with him and to follow him through reading the Gospels and in pondering them deeply in order to understand what his call actually means for each of us: all is done in love.

Donal Neary SJ. (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey



Jesus calls Himself The Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd always watches with care, keeps a special eye on the weak lamb. The Good Shepherd does not drive sheep, he goes in front, and leads them. He coaxes, and has a name for every sheep. God coaxes us. Help us to coax each other.



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
 Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. 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.
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
The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
 Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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.**

GOSPEL *John 10: 27 - 30*
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said:
 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
 I know them and they follow me.
 I give them eternal life;
 they will never be lost
 and no one will ever steal them from me.
 The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
 and no one can steal from the Father.
 The Father and I are one.

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.

For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:
 'I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'
 It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.
 But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 99:1-3.5*
R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. or Alleluia!

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
 Serve the Lord with gladness.
 Come before him, singing for joy. **[R]**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
 He made us, we belong to him,
 we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **[R]**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord eternal his merciful love.
 He is faithful from age to age. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17*
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
 I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

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

PENITENTIAL ACT
 Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 You will come in glory with salvation for your people:
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 May almighty God have mercy on us.....

THE GLORIA
 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
 We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father have mercy on us;
 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER
 Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Acts 13:14 . 43-52*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
 Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.
 When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans.'

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Date	Time		
Sat 7th May	5.00pm	Nicholas Doyle, Chambersland & his wife, Sheila	1st & 11th Anniversaries
Sun 8th May	8.00am	Mary & Michael Meaney, Nunnery Lane	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Billy O'Connor, Southknock	Anniversary
	10.00am	Martin Maddock, Hewittsland	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Lal Sinnott, Maiden Lane Mary Shannon, "Naomh Ioseph", Henry Street	Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 9th May	3.00pm	To mark Vocations Sunday in the diocese, Bishop Ger will lead a holy hour of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life at St Aidan's Cathedral, at 3pm	
	8.00am	Billy Woods, Bawnmore Terrace	Remembrance
	10.00am	Margaret Doran, Lacken View, New Ross & Cork	Recently Deceased
	8.00am	Michael Harte, Dublin	Recently Deceased
Tues 10th May	10.00am	Matty Aspel, Mountross	Anniversary
	10.00am—8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 11th May	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Carmel Hunt, Pondfields	5th Anniversary
	7.00pm	Ms. Cooney's Class Confirmation Meeting with Parents & Pupils in Parish Church	
	8.00am	Sr. Kevin O'Higgins, Carmelites Kilmacud, Dublin	Recently Deceased
Thurs 12th May	10.00am	Mary & Francie Doyle, Priory Street	Birthday Remembrance
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	7.00pm	Mr. Kavanagh's Class Confirmation Meeting with Parents & Pupils in Parish Church	
	8.00am	Irish Carmelite Communities	Special Intention
Fri 13th May	10.00am	The Murphy Family, Late of Bewley Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
Sat 14th May	11.00am	Ms. Cooney's Class Confirmation	
	12.30pm	Ms. Kavanagh's Class Confirmation	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Ann (Nan) Pecorelli (nee Cullen), Boston, USA & "Hillcrest" Cross Street, Simon Murphy, Nunnery Lane & Borris, Co. Carlow, Emily Herbert (nee Murphy), Neville Street & Yorkshire, UK, Alice (Cissie) Heffernan (nee Kearney), Glenmore & Mickey Foley, Irishtown, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Willie Reeves, Mount Carmel, Ciss & John Wall Charleton Hill & deceased family members & Nicholas Doyle, Charleton Hill, Nancy Byrne, Cross Street & Michael (Mick) Carty, his wife Jane, New Farm, The Rower, 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.

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

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

Our Lady's (Left):
Special Intentions

Altar (Centre):
Alan Phillpot RIP

St. Joseph's (Right)
James Henneberry RIP
Birthday Remembrance.

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

Wednesday 11th May 2022 @ 7.00pm: Ms. Cooney's Class Confirmation meeting with Parents & Pupils in Parish Church.

Thursday 13th May 2022 @ 7.00pm: Ms. Kavanagh's Class Confirmation meeting with Parents & Pupils in Parish Church.

Saturday 14th May 2022: Confirmation—Ms. Cooney's Class @ 11.00am & Mr. Kavanagh Class @ 12.30pm

Wednesday 18th May 2022 @ 6.30pm: Ms. O'Connor's Communion Class Parents & Pupils meeting in Parish Church.

Wednesday 18th May 2022 @ 7.30pm: Ms. Mears's Communion Class Parents & Pupils meeting in Parish Church.

Saturday 21st May 2022: Communions—Ms. O'Connor's Class @ 11.00am & Ms. Mears's Class @ 12.30pm

Wednesday 25th May 2022 @ 7.00pm: Ms. Fitzpatrick's Communion Class Parents & Pupils meeting in Parish Church.

Saturday 28th May 2022: Communion—Ms. Fitzpatrick's Class @ 11.00am

Sunday 29th May 2022: The Ascension of The Lord "World Communications Day"

Monday 6th June 2022: Bank Holiday Parish Office Closed.

Saturday 11th June 2022 @ 11.00am: Educate Together National School Communion & Confirmations.

Sunday 19th June 2022: Corpus Christi

Mon 20th June to Fri 24th June 2022: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Application forms available in Parish Office.

Friday 24th of June 2022 @ 7.00pm: Patron in St. Marys Cemetery.

Patron Sunday 26th of June 2022: Patron in Mount Carmel Cemetery after 8.00am Mass. Patron in Priests Graveyard, Parish Church Grounds after 12.00 Noon Mass. Patron in St. Stephens Cemetery @ 3.00pm

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: On Tuesday the 3rd of May we will be taking Mass bookings up to and including October 2022.

Next Weeks Readings: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14: 21-27. Ps 144: 8-13, R/ cf. c. 1. Apoc 21: 1-5. Jn 13: 31-35.

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, Sr. 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. Drop in Centre in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre on the first Thursday of every month.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 1st May 2022 @ € 1,401.80 (Envelope No. 172) 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.

Radio Maria Ireland: Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies—all Commercial free-Listen via Free App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via. PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith Family!

Irish Catholic Newspaper: Available in the Parish Office @ € 2.50 each

Confirmation	Confirmation 2022	
	Ms. Cooney's	Ms. Kavanagh's
Preparation Meeting Parish Church	Wednesday 11th May	Thursday 12th May
Meeting Time	7.00pm	
Confirmation Date	Saturday 14th May	
Confirmation Time	11.00am	12.30pm

Educate Together National
School First Communion & Confirmation
@ 11.00am
Saturday 11th June 2022.

First Communion	Parents & Pupils meeting in Parish Church	
	Wednesday	Saturday
Ms. Fitzpatrick's Class	25th May @ 7.00pm	28th May @ 11.00am
Ms. Mears's Class	18th May @ 7.30pm	21st May @ 12.30pm
Ms. O'Connor's Class	18th May @ 6.30pm	21st May @ 11.00am

THE MONTH OF MARY
The Rosary will be prayed every evening at the Grotto in the Irishtown at 7.00pm starting Sunday 1st of May 2022. All are welcome.

Diocese of Ferns Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022
20th June 24th June. Led by the Bishop of Ferns, Most Rev Ger Nash. 4 Nights Accommodation in Lourdes. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner each day. Hotels Padque, Solitude & Agena. Transfer & assistance between Lourdes airport & your hotel. Booking details; JWT 01 2410800 / info@joewalshstours.ie

FROM THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL
We continue our synodal reflections. This week we reflect on our relationship with other Christian faiths. Since we all, with our centre in Christ, try to live his message of love we have much in common. What are some fruits and challenges of our ecumenical relationships here in Ferns diocese?

VOCATIONS SUNDAY - World Day of Prayer for Vocations (8th of May 2022)
As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Sunday 8th May 2022 is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The Lord asked his disciples to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Pray also for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.

New Ross Drama Workshop presents "Sive" by J. B. Keane, directed by Kate O'Keefe at St. Michaels Theatre, New Ross from Thur 12th, Fri 13th & Sat 14th of May 2022. Admission @ € 12.00. Booking on line: www.stmichaelsnewross.com or box office: 051 421 255

Easter Dues
Thank you to all for their generosity this year. You will all remain in our thoughts & prayers. Monsignor Joe & Fr. Tom

New Ross Active Retirement
A general meeting will be held on Friday May 13th at 10.30am in the Youth centre Nunnery Lane New Ross

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.