

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us..... **Amen.**

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

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day to the heavens, may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms.

Who lives and reigns

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 46:2-3.6-9

**R. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. or Alleluia!**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High,
we must fear, great king
over all the earth. **[R]**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **[R]**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **[R]**

SECOND READING Ephesians 1: 17 - 23

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24: 46 - 53

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (World Communications Day) 29 May 2022

The Lord is absent : that was the first experience of Jesus' followers after his death. But even though he has returned to his Father, he is with us. Today's feast is the celebration that he is present both in heaven and on earth.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothes 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 offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. 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.
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.

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

**Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who allow those on earth to celebrate divine
mysteries, grant, we pray,
that Christian hope may draw us onward
to where our nature is united with you.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

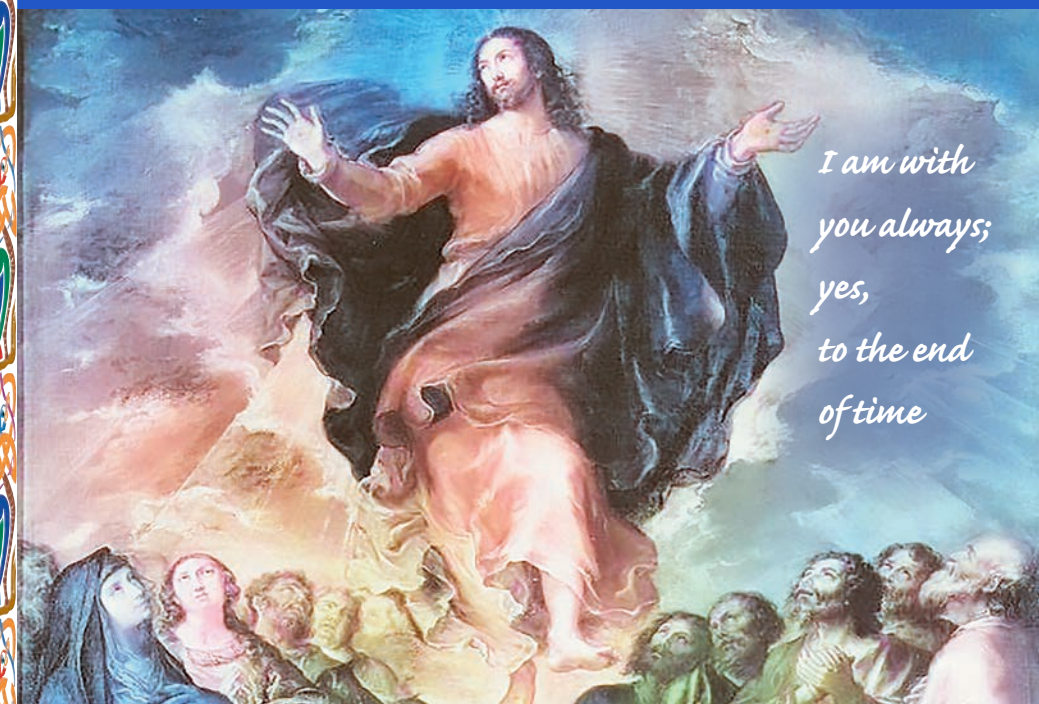
And with your spirit.

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.



focus on sunday



It took just this small group to begin something which would change the world forever. Jesus knew his mission to spread God's kingdom on earth was for everyone, everywhere and all times. The way he ensured this was to leave us for heaven and send out ordinary men and women, apostles and disciples to bring his word and work to all throughout the ages and to us today.

The feast today of the Ascension is what we might call, 'Upwards and Onwards'. The Lord has moved into a new way of life, being with us now from heaven. Our faith is that he is caring all the time for us and for his church. Pope St John 23rd used to pray at night: 'Ah Lord, I'm tired and going to bed. it's your church, so look after it!'. We try our best as his disciples to work with him and the community of the church in his service.

In times when the church is under a lot of pressure, both inside and outside, we need to work in prayer with the Lord and in listening to his word. Also, in working together, like the apostles, we are sent each day in his name. We do this in ordinary love in our relationships and in caring for those most in need as best we can. We show our living Christian faith in our acts of loving care – the care we show for the marginalized and the dispossessed in our own communities or those who have been driven to our shores by war or climate change.

His last words were to assure us of this presence which 'would clothe us from on high' and his last gesture was a blessing. As we bless ourselves today and during the week, we can recall that in this action, the Lord is blessing us.

In your name and power O Lord, I want to live my life in love. Amen.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey



Jesus tells his friends that He has to go home to Heaven. He asks them not to be sad, because He will send His Spirit to be with them always in their hearts. Then with His Hand He blessed them. God Our Father is like a very big Hand, giving blessings to us and all the world all the time. We can give joy to others with our hands, helping others, giving a hug, playing games, and working.

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

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Date	Time		
Sat 28th May	5.00pm	J J Conway, Cluain Fada	1st Anniversary
Sun 29th May	8.00am	James Connolly, Church Lane	Anniversary
	9.00am	Tom & Margaret Howlett, Camblin	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Aine O'Mahony, Victoria Place	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Ann (Nan) Pecorelli (nee Cullen), Boston USA & "Hillcrest", Cross Street Mickey Foley, Irishtown	Months Mind - Months Mind
Mon 30th May	8.00am	Fr. Tadgh Tierney, Carmelites, Australia	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Willie & Nan Bennett, Ard Mhicil	Anniversaries
Tues 31st May	8.00am	Joseph Kelly, Mayo	Anniversary
	10.00am	Sadie & Mattie Brazil, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	10.00am—8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 1st June	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Patrick Merrigan, The Bungalows, Cross Street	Anniversary
Thurs 2nd June	8.00am	Carmelites Benefactor & Friends	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Thomas Purcell, Kilbrahan	Anniversaries
	3.00pm—4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	7.30pm	Parish Based Sacramental Programme meeting in Parish Church	
Fri 3rd June	8.00am	50th Wedding Anniversary	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Bridget & John Furlong, William Street	Anniversaries
	7.30pm—9.30pm	"Nightfever" Event for 3rd & 6th Year Exam Students in the Parish Church	
Sat 4th June	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Catherine (Cathy) Doran (nee Purcell), Maiden Lane, Gertrude Morrell (nee Lynch), Castlemoyle Heights, Tom Willis, Swindon, UK & Jimmy O'Brien, UK & late of Charleton Hill, who has passed away recently. May They rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Helena Rochford, The Bullawn & Kathleen Pyne (9th Anniversary), Parkfield, who's anniversary occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into are Christian Community Rhys Canning, Mount Carmel, who was baptised recently in our Parish Church. Additional Baptism dates have been added to our diary in order to accommodate recent enquires. 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):

Altar (Centre):

Joseph's (Right):

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

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

Friday 3rd of June 2022 @ 7.30 to 9.30pm:
"Nightfever" Event for 3rd & 6th Year Exam Students in the Parish Church.

Sunday 5th June 2022: Pentecost Sunday

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

Saturday 11th June 2022 @ 11.00am: Parish based Sacramental Programme Communion & Confirmations.

Sunday 12th June 2022: The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday 19th June 2022: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi, procession around the grounds of the Parish Church will take place @ 3.00pm. As is the tradition we invite first communion children to attend & scatter petals along the way.

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.

Sunday 24th July 2022: Grandparents Day

Congratulations to the Boys & Girls from Ms. Fitzpatrick's class who received First Holy Communion on Saturday.



Thank You to all those who attended the Parish Public meeting last Thursday evening the 19th of May in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre & the Synod meeting last Monday night 23rd of May in Riverside Hotel, Enniscorthy.

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 Wednesday 1st June 2022, we will be taking Mass Booking up to and including November 2022.

Next Weeks Readings: PENTECOST SUNDAY Year C: Acts 2: 1-11. Ps 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34, R/ cf. v 30. Rm 8: 8-17. Jn 14: 15-16, 23-26. or Acts 2: 1-11. Ps 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34, R/ cf. v 30. 1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13. Jn 20: 19-23.

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 22nd May 2022 @ € 1,162.85 (Envelope No. 163) 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



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.



Parish based Sacramental Programme First Communion & Confirmation @ 11.00am Saturday 11th June 2022.



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.



PATRON WEEKEND

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As the graves will not be blessed individually by the Priests, due to a shortage of personnel, we therefore request that people bring their own Holy Water on the day to bless their graves with us during the Ceremony.

Blessing of Graves



Four Rivers presents Bernard Farrell's "Happy Birthday Dear Alice" with a stellar cast including Catherine Byrne (*Fair City*) and Mark Lambert, directed by Jim Nolan. Farrell's much loved comedy will be St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross, June 4th at 8pm. Booking: 051 421255 / <http://www.stmichaelsnewross.com>

Diocese Of Ferns, Camino de Santiago, The Portuguese Way

FATIMA TO A-VELHA, 10th - 18th June 2022, from €315.00 p.p.

Including: Private Bus Transfer from Lisbon Airport to Fatima (time to experience the Holy Shrine during the afternoon & evening)

Pilgrim Passport, Shell & Spiritual Programme 8 Nights Hostel Accommodation B&B, 7 Walking Days (rest time on the last day)

Private Bus Transfer from A-Velha to Lisbon Airport

Flights Not Included (Book early to get the best value Flights)

For more Information Contact: 0879451264

Director: Fr. Roger O'Neill

Chaplain: Fr. James Cullen

Booking Subject to Availability

J. Barter Travel Ltd., Katarina 021 4851764

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Monday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation on 31 May 2022. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Administration clerk required for New Ross Parish office. Duties include customer service, preparing weekly newsletter and general office admin. CONTACT: 086 3642592 rosberconparish@gmail.com for further info. This is a Community Employment Scheme. Department of Social Protection Community Employment Terms & Conditions Apply.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

'God our Father, we trust in your loving kindness. Bless our diocese of Ferns with many priestly and religious vocations. Give the men and women you call the light to understand your gift and the love to always follow in the footsteps of your Son. Amen'.



Friday 3rd June @ 7.30pm—9.30pm

St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross