

focus on sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 32: 7-11. 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which

promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 50:3-4,12-13,17,19

R. I will leave this place and go to my Father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **[R]**

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **[R]**

3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **[R]**

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-32 (*Shorter from in italics 15: 1-10)
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: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me", he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. "Or again, what woman with*

*ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.**

He also said, '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

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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.

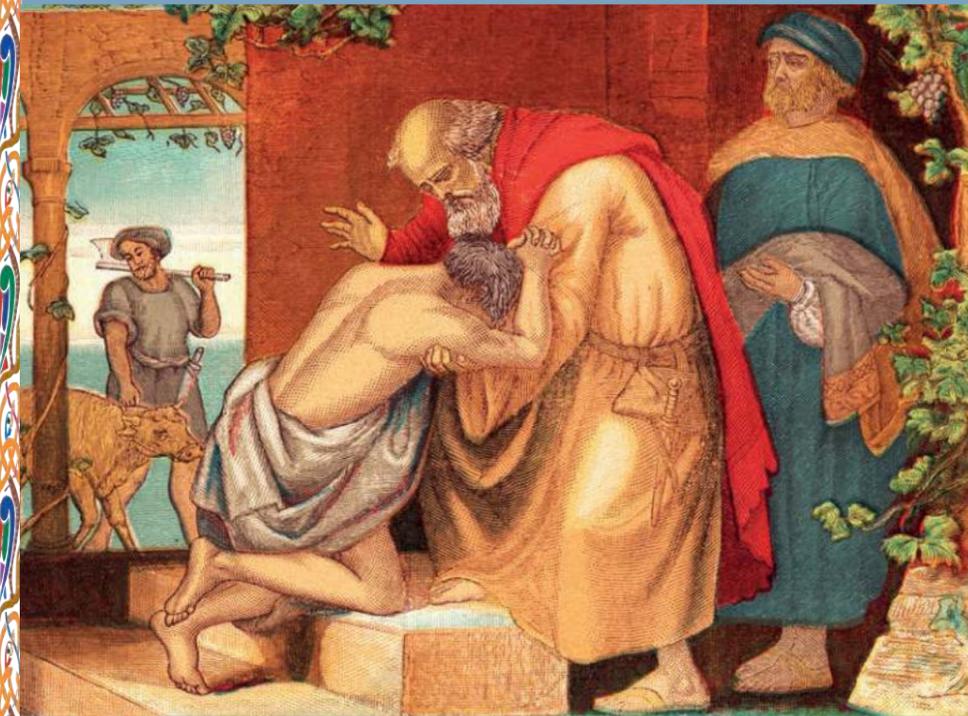
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.

When God wants to tell us what he's like, he tells the story of the Prodigal Son. It is a story of patience, forgiveness, love and acceptance.



The poet summed up today's Gospel well when he wrote "The love of God is wider than the measure of our mind, and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind." It's understandable why someone has called this Gospel "the parable of the crazy shepherd and the crazy woman." Only a crazy shepherd would

leave a large flock unattended and vulnerable and go in search of a stray. What if a wolf should come upon the unattended flock?

We put a price on things, a market-place price, a worldly value. God offers a price and value that's not from the markets of our world. God's values derive from the heart of his unconditional love. This is clear from Jesus' attitude to the poor, the sick and the sinner. Those who do not measure up to accepted standards, who are rejected by society and left behind, are the people God wants at all costs.

The story of the Prodigal Son has often been called "the gospel within the gospel." It reveals the breadth and length, the height and depth of God's love for us despite our selfishness and meanness. As we ponder the story in prayer we should ask grow in Jesus' own understanding of how much God loves us. The prodigal father's response to his son's return is a brilliant image of who God is. It is an invitation and challenge to us to think of a more Christian way to deal with those who have wronged us and taken advantage of our kindness and generosity. God doesn't hold our wrongdoing against us. To experience God's love we need is to be honest with ourselves and own up to our infidelities to God and our offences against others.

Fr. Joe Walsh

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus tells a story about a naughty boy who took his father's money, and ran away from home. He lived a wild life in the city, spent all his money, and had no friends. One day he said to himself "Maybe, if I go home, my father would give me a job as a servant." When he came home, his father welcomed him with a big hug, and didn't notice his raggy clothes, or torn shoes. The father said "Let's have a party, with food, dance and song". Jesus said that God Our Father is like that.

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Date	Time		
Sat 10th Sept	5.00pm	James (Jim) Doyle, Ardross	Anniversary
Sun 11th Sept	8.00am	Addie, Therese & Joe Ryan, Swindon, UK	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Peadar Maher, Knockmullen	Anniversary
	10.00am	Anastasia O'Brien & Members of the O'Brien & Brennan families	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Bridey Connors, Late of UK & Bawnmore Terrace	Months Mind
Mon 12th Sept	8.00am	The Greene Family	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Laurence Fortune, Shanbough	Anniversary
Tues 13th Sept	8.00am	Pat O'Byrne	Anniversary
	10.00am	Ryan & Holden families, Abbey Hall	Anniversaries
	10.00am— 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 14th Sept	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Cian & Alicia Lennon, Mount Carmel	3rd & 4th Anniversaries
Thurs 15th Sept	8.00am	Sr. Margaret Mary, Carmelites New Ross	Months Mind
CBS Beginning of School Year	10.00am	Ben Cleary, John Street	1st Anniversary
	3.00pm— 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 16th Sept	8.00am	Mary Kehoe, Carrigbyrne	7th Anniversary
	10.00am	Patrick & Bridie O'Farrell, Southknock	Anniversaries
Sat 17th Sept	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Bevin Sice (nee Grant), Belclare, Galway & Piltown, Kilkenny & Maureen Keilthy (nee Casey) Carlow Town & formerly New Ross, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Seamus Martin, Charleton Hill & Mary Mullett, Charleton Hill, who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian Community Dilian & Saoirse Walsh Lui, NSW, Australia, who were baptised recently in the Parish Church.
Additional Baptism dates have been added to our diary in order to accommodate recent uptake in enquires. Maximum of two candidates per Baptism. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to book your child's baptism. Minimum two weeks notice required. 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.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

'The Way we Were' is a new book published by Mary Kenny. In a video interview, she takes a look back over developments in Ireland in recent decades and acknowledges the positive contribution of faith communities. The newsletter insert is an extract from one of the few homilies given by Pope John Paul I who was beatified in Rome last Sunday. The homily for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time explores the beauty of God's love that seeks out and ones who are lost and wounded. We have reflections for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Finally, we have the recording of the recent webinar on 'Supporting Catholic Parents' given by Fr Chris Hayden. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

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

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

**Altar (Centre):
Fr. Dan Cody RIP**

**Joseph's (Right):
Owen Furlong RIP**

Birthday Remembrance

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 follow always in the footsteps of your Son. Amen.'

'COME AND SEE' VOCATIONS WEEKEND – 16-18TH September 2022:

A 'Come and See' Vocations discernment residential weekend will take place in Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre, Blackwater from Friday 16th to 18th September this year. It is open to men (18 and over) who would like to know more about the priesthood as a beautiful way of life and vocation from God. The weekend will include prayer, fun and the opportunity to meet with priests and people who will offer encouragement, friendship and support. For further information and to book a place, contact Fr Billy Swan at: billyswan68@hotmail.com

The Men for Christ Conference 2022 a Catholic Conference for Men will be LIVE & EXCLUSIVE on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 17th September from 2pm.

Speakers for this years Conference are:

Fr. Jamie Twohig
SAC,

John Pridmore, David Quinn
and Fr. Marius O'Reilly.

**RADIO MARIA
IRELAND**

Anam Cara South East is hosting a new monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Tuesday 13th September at 7:15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross.** 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.



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 Funeral Masses except 8.00am in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel.

Mass Bookings: We are currently taking Mass Bookings up to and including February 2023.

Next Weeks Readings: TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Am 8:4-7. Ps 112:1-2, 4-8, R/ cf. vv 1, 7. Tm 2:1-8. Lk 16: 1-13.

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 @ 11.00am.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 4th September August 2022 @ € 1,418.96 (Envelopes No. 179). 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 Tuesday evening @ 7.30pm 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

Walk back in time....
St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross 1902—2022
Celebrating 120 Years in September 2022
Stained Glass Windows
Let us forget



Jesus

Pray for the good estate John & Mary Moran & Family
Erected by Catherine Scott in memory of her parents William & Brigid Scott

Some Construction Highlights:

The actual building of the church started in mid-1895 when work on site clearance began and extended 1900 when the building works was substantially complete. For a project of it's size, Andrew Cullen kept the labour force to a small group of local competent men which was dictated by the pace of funds inflow from the Church. The primary period of construction activity ran from 1896 to 1898. Employment levels peaked at 30 in September 1897 which comprised of 4 masons, 12 stone cutters, 3 carpenters and 11 labourers. The secondary peak of contract activity occurred in the period June to October 1899, when the large and complex timber works took place prior to the main roof slating. The laying of foundations proved to be much more complex than anticipated and resulted in changes to the church drawings with the Tower and Spire moved from the south side to the north side due to soil composition reasons. This foundation and earth moving work added as much as £1,000 to the contract. According to the builder's records, indicative daily pay rates were 5s 6d for masons, 5s for carpenters and 2d 4d for labourers. The stone required to build up the walls was delivered to the masons by labourers pushing barrows up a sloping gangway, suspended amid the scaffolding, and looping back and forth. Scaffolding consisted of poles lashed together by rope, and the rope lashings were moistened with water regularly to prevent them from becoming slack. The granite and limestone for the building came from quarries in Bagnelstown, Co Carlow, roof slates from the famous Killaloe quarries, and rubble for inside fixing of the walls drawn from the nearby Camblin Wood ('Kelly's Wood'). Portland stone and polished Aberdeen granite for the church nave were delivered from the UK by boat to the Quay. The great granite columns were carried by Andrew Cullen's steam engine from the Quay to the building site. The Portland stone used for the bases and capitals of the nave arcade were mostly drawn by horse with the daily rate for man and animal as little as 4s. The furnishing and decoration of the church took place from 1900 to 1902. Some of this work was funded by donations. The Kenny Memorial Fund (testimonial to Canon Kenny) would cover most of the cost of the altars, and donors had provided £768 for 19 of the stained glass windows. The highest class work was completed by John A O'Connell from Cork who undertook the internal carving on the organ loft and external carving on the west gable for a total cost of £420. The high altar and main side altars were supplied by James Pearse of Dublin, father to Patrick and Willie Pearse who were executed in the 1916 uprising. The confessionals woodwork was completed by the builder who had set up a joinery works of his own when he was awarded the church contract in his building yard at Church Street. This joinery works was used until the 1950's by Peter Cullen, who succeeded Andrew Cullen in the running of the family building firm. The parquet floors were supplied by a famous London firm Joseph Ebbner. Painting of the church was conducted by the local Bailey family during 1900/1901. By January 1902, the church was practically completed with scaffolding removal marked by the Parish Priest, Dr Kavanagh, ascending to the top of the scaffolding with 2 small lamps, lighted candles and crucible to bless the spire cross. Due to unforeseen events, the opening of the church was delayed to 28 September 1902, exactly 7 years from the date of laying the foundation stone. The final figure for the building was £28,000, exclusive of the architects fees of approx. £1,000.

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.