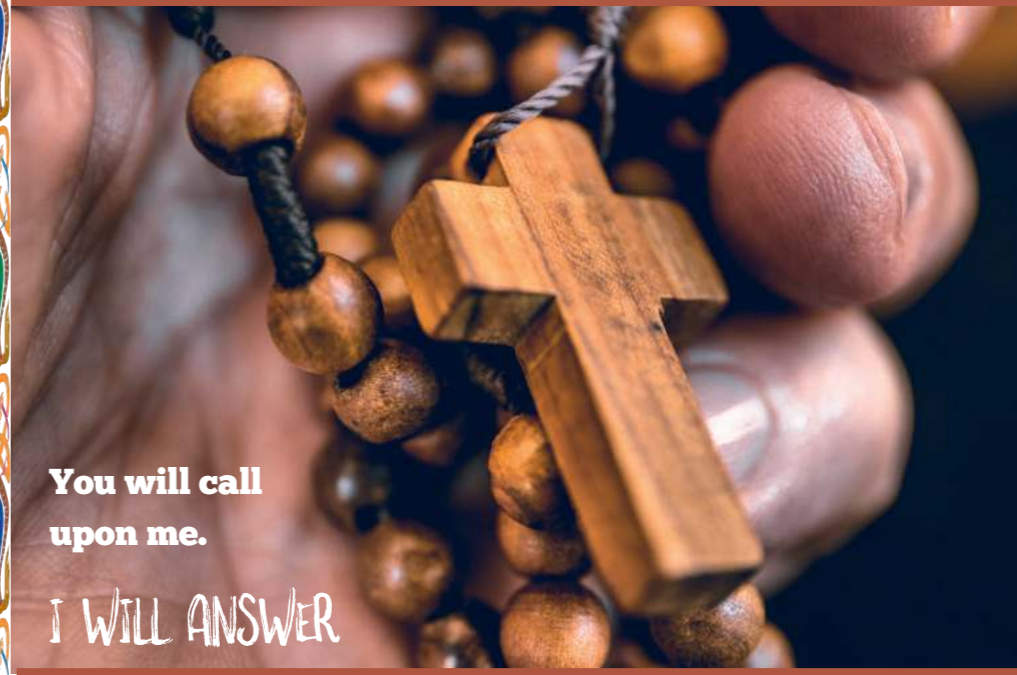


# focus on sunday

*World Day of the Poor*

The Mass today reminds us that in all despair and evils of life, the resurrection of Christ is a saving promise. Nothing can shake the certainty that Jesus has been raised and that God's goodness can overcome every injustice and evil.



**You will call upon me.**

*I WILL ANSWER*



Jesus, "though he was rich, yet for [our] sakes became poor, so that by his poverty [we] might become rich (2 Cor 8:9). These are the words Pope Francis asks us to reflect on for this sixth World Day of the Poor. In this year when the economic shocks of pandemics, lockdowns and now the Russian invasion of Ukraine have forced more people into poverty

the Pope reminds us, in solidarity with Christ, to "make charity, faith and hope the basis of our lives and our actions" (Message for the sixth World Day of the Poor pub. 13th June 2022)

Why should we open our hearts to the poor? Why not just get on with our lives, look after ourselves famously just ignore the others? It's what we do in many ways. The Pope highlights the cry of the poor each year on this Sunday. It is because of our family bond with God that we care "for those who are least, those whom society discards" (Evangelii Gaudium, 195). We care because the principal care of Jesus was for the poor. In Jesus God suffers with and for the poor, and through us all, wants to better their lot.

'Scripture constantly speaks of God acting on behalf of the poor. He is the one who "hears" their "cry" and "comes to their aid"; he "protects" and "defends" them; he "rescues" and "saves" them... Indeed, the poor will never find God indifferent or silent in the face of their plea. God is the one who renders justice and does not forget (cf. Ps 40:18; 70:6); he is their refuge, and he never fails to come to their assistance (cf. Ps 10:14).' Letter of Pope Francis for this day in 2019.

God acts today through his people. He wants equality of opportunity and of the plenty of the world for all. Again the Pope's letter for 2019: 'The God that Jesus came to reveal is a Father who is generous, merciful, unfailing in his goodness and grace. He gives hope especially to those who are disillusioned and lacking in hope for the future.' Only in the efforts in love of all of us, church and state can this become reality. "It is not talk that matters; what matters is rolling up our sleeves and putting our faith into practice through a direct involvement" (Letter for today, 2022)

*Lord, as you hear the cry of poor, may we also hear this cry and respond. May your will be done.*  
*Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.*

## Jesus' Story

*Fr. Liam Hickey*

Jesus tells us that sad things happen in the world. People hurt each other. There are earthquakes, fires, storms and accidents, but God Our Father has a special plan, to make everything into a new heaven and a new earth.



### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. 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

**To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. 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.



that must happen but the end is not so soon. 'Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

**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.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:5 - 9

**R. The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.**

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **[R]**

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **[R]**

3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **[R]**

### SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3: 7 - 12

**A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.**

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Luke 21: 5 - 19

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
 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

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....



### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING Malachi 3:19 - 20

**A reading from the prophet Malachi**

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evildoers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

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

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Date	Time		
Sat 12th Nov	5.00pm	Michael Hamilton, Ballyverogue	Anniversary
Sun 13th Nov World Day of the Poor	8.00am	Nancy & Jimmy Martin, Ard Na Greine	Remembrance
	9.00am	Peg Maher, Knockmullen	4th Anniversary
	10.00am	Annie Doyle, Carnagh	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Noel Blanche, The Bungalows, Cross Street Martin Tobin, Ballyanne	Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 14th Nov	8.00am	Pious 5	Remembrance
	10.00am	Kathleen Kehoe, Folly House Lane	Anniversary
Tues 15th Nov	8.00am	Nicholas Drohan, Pondfields	Anniversary
	10.00am	Ellen Merrigan, The Bungalows, Cross Street	6th Anniversary
	10.00am— 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 16th Nov	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Margaret & Andy Cullen, Victoria Place	Anniversaries
Thurs 17th Nov	8.00am	Sheila Moriarty, Mount Elliott	Anniversary
	10.00am	Pious 6	Remembrance
	2.30pm	Parish Pastoral Council Memorial Service for Secondary School Pupils Deceased Family Members.	
	3.00pm— 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 18th Nov	8.00am	Tom Murphy, Mary Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Jack Vera Doyle, formerly London & Michael Street	Anniversaries
Sat 19th Nov	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the souls of Ryan McGarr, An Caislean Maol, Joan Byrne (nee Doran), High Hill & Coventry, UK, Mary Hamilton (nee Rochford), McMurrugh Court, Bosheen, Paddy Murphy, Mount Carmel & Billy Dwyer, Charleton Hill, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We remember & pray for the souls of Tommy Leacy, Charleton Hill, Tony Ahern (17th Anniversary), Ard Mhicil, Sheila Moriarty, Mount Elliott & Denis & Molly McLoughlin, Haughton Place, who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our Christian community Cailean Kehoe, JKL Place, who were baptised recently in our Parish Church.  
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.

## New Ross Parish Deceased Parishioners Shrine - November Pious

Write a Name..... Light a Candle..... Say a Prayer.....

Thank you to the Bethany Bereavement Group for the organising of this shrine & the Deceased Parishioners Mass.

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

### Our Lady's (Left):

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### Altar (Centre):

Deceased Members of the Active  
Retirement

### St. Joseph's (Right): Special Intentions

## 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'.



**Month of November:** Taize Prayers around the Cross in Good Counsel Church @ 8.00pm on the Third Friday 18th.

### Thursday 17th November 2022 @ 2.30pm:

Parish Pastoral Council Memorial Service for Secondary School Pupils Deceased Family Members

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

Thursday 8th December 2022 Holy Day. Parish Office Closed. Vigil Mass @ 5.00pm on Wednesday 7th of December. Mass @ 8.00am in Mount Carmel, 10.00am & 1.05pm in Parish Church.



## 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 excluding 8.00am in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel.

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

**Next Weeks Readings:** OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 2 Sm 5:1-3. Ps 121:1-5, R/ cf. v2. Col 1:12-20. Lk 23:35-43.

**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 - For 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 6th November 2022 @ € 2007.58 (Envelopes No. 175 & 2nd Collection combined). You can donate via. The Ferns Diocesan Website (www.ferns.ie) by clicking the big pink button. Should you wish to become a regular Parish Contributor, please contact the Parish Office. 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:** 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 on the first Friday of every month by calling the Parish Office.

**Lectio Divina:** Every Wednesday morning at 10.45am for one hour in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre.

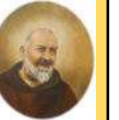
**Legion of Mary:** Meetings every Tuesday evening @ 7.30pm in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre. Contact: Alex Doyle, Tel: 087 273 8703.

**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 each

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork 31st May to June 7th 2023. Cost €849.00 pps. Early booking discount of €100 per person if fare booked and paid in full by December 5th. €200 deposit secures place. Half board accommodation in Hotel Leone. Optional insurance €39.00. Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours 012410800. Places limited.

**A Saint Padre Pio Healing Mass will be held in St. Abban's Church, Adamstown, on Fri 18th November 2022 at 7.30pm. Individual Blessing with St Pio's Glove. Concelebrated Mass by Fr Bryan Shortall O.F.M. and Fr Robert Nolan**



## NOVEMBER REFLECTION 2

It is clear from the Gospels that Jesus had a number of close friends to whom He went when He needed a rest from travelling the dusty country; to get away from the crowds or make important plans.

Of course, His closest friend was His Heavenly Father- THE FATHER AND I ARE ONE. He often escaped to the hills to pray, especially before any important decision or upcoming anxious event- for example the Agony in the Garden. Before He chose the twelve Apostles, we are told He spent the whole night in prayer.

His earthly friends were vital to Him too. We often forget that He was fully human- in need of human support and companionship. Remember the night of His arrest, in His agony, He clearly show that need when He said to those He had especially chosen- "COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"

One family and their home appeared to hold a special place in His life-that of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. It seems they were so familiar, that they took Him as one of themselves and treated Him accordingly. The evidence of this special relationship is in St. John's Gospel. Lazarus becomes ill, so much so that the family immediately sent a message to Jesus. There was no request that He come and work a miracle. The message simply said THE ONE YOU LOVE IS SICK. But the clear expectation was that He would come in a hurry. But He didn't. We maybe shocked at that, but they were shocked and disappointed even more. Did He not care about "the one He loved?"

When Jesus finally arrives at their house, Lazarus was dead and buried.

Its our turn now to be shocked at Martha's reaction to His late arrival.

She didn't spare Him but bluntly told Him to His face what she thought of Him- "IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE MY BROTHER WOULD NOT HAVE DIED."

No mention now of "the one you loved"; it is now very definitely MY BROTHER they are talking about. But Jesus calmly reminds her of what she already believes- that death is not the end-YOUR BROTHER WILL RISE AGAIN. She confirms her faith in the resurrection I KNOW HE WILL RISE AGAIN AT THE RESURRECTION ON THE LAST DAY.

Then Jesus makes the startling claim I AM THE RESURRECTION.

And He goes even further ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, EVEN THOUGH HE DIES HE WILL LIVE AND WHO EVER LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE.

FAITH can be tested or shaken or even rejected in the face of a bereavement. Even someone like Martha appeared to have her faith in Jesus undermined.

Whatever the reaction to the loss through death, where else in life do we look for meaning or light or consolation.

The Resurrection is our only solid source of hope. St. Paul says it bluntly-IF JESUS IS NOT RISEN FROM THE DEAD, OUR FAITH IS USELESS.

THE RISEN CHRIST is central and in two ways—for the deceased and for those who mourn.

God has guaranteed eternal life to those who love Him. He made us to know, love and serve Him in this life and to be happy with Him forever in the next. That guarantee is copper fastened by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Scripture says "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, they can rest from their labours for their good deeds go before them".

And the resurrection is also for those left behind. We do think of resurrection in terms of the next life, but it is also for this life. The Risen Lord is ever present- not limited by time or space. He is available to be with us in all the ups and downs of life. Is any DOWN in life greater than a bereavement. He will raise us up by His presence---I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS/ DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED/ COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO LABOUR AND ARE OVERBURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

*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.*