

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us....
Amen.



(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 2: 1 - 5*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 121: 1-2.4-5, 6-9

R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

- I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **[R]**
- It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **[R]**
- For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' **[R]**
- For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Romans 13:11 - 14*

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

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 24:37 - 44*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too

must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. 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.

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

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 Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The circle of evergreen leaves stands for God who is without beginning and without end.
The purple ribbon and three purple candles stand for penance and sorrow for sin.
The red candle stands for joy of living in God's way of love.
Today the first purple candle is lit as we begin our preparations for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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.



Advent is a reminder that our life on earth is a preparation for the life of eternity in heaven; and that we wait for the coming of Christ to take us home.



So stay awake,

*because you do not know the day
when your master is coming.*



The of today's Gospel on this First Sunday of Advent is to "Keep Awake" for we never know what life may bring. As recent events in our country and around the world this year have shown us, everything can change in an instant, with a phone call, an accident, the death of someone we love. These are the

moments that stop us in our tracks. They come unexpectedly, like a 'thief in the night'. As we begin Advent, a season of joy and expectation, this might seem like a gloomy gospel to reflect on. Its tone is apocalyptic, but when Matthew was writing his Gospel, his community had these questions at the forefront of their minds: When will Jesus return? What signs will there be? Why is it taking so long? Jesus does not offer an answer to this question except to say, 'Keep awake!' Instead of worrying about questions that we cannot possibly know the answer to, we might remember that what is important is how we are living now, today, in the present moment. Are we living aware of Christ present here and now in each person and in all of creation? Awakening to this miracle of universal love is a second coming or re-awakening we can get on board with.

Advent is a very special time, a liminal space where we are full of expectant hope. It is an opportunity to take stock and see what is truly important; then we can experience the true joy which the season offers. Today's gospel invites us to be ready, not on tenterhooks and full of anxiety, but to be attentive, with open hearts, so that God's grace and love can enter once more this Christmas. It is through such an awareness that we can reflect on where we are being called to use our gifts and talents to work together for a more just world.

Jane Mellett, Laudato Si Officer, Trócaire

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Come Lord Jesus, Come and be born in our hearts, this Christmas. Jesus was born in Mary's heart first, when she listened to the Angel, and she said "Yes." Then she went quickly to help her cousin, Elizabeth, who was expecting a baby. To see ways that we can help others at home, at work, and to share our gifts, and be attentive to God's blessing is the best way to celebrate Christmas.

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

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10.30am to 2.00pm. Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays. Wide range in stock of Mass Cards, General Cards & Gift Ideas for all occasions. Mass Cards are also available in Nugent's Newsagents, Cooney's & Ryan's Funeral Homes.



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All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel



Date	Time		
Sat 26th Nov 2022	5.00pm	Colin Bradley, Knockavilla & the Whelan family, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
Sun 27th Nov 1st Sunday of Advent	8.00am	Elizabeth & Michael Martin, Arnestown	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Catherine & William O'Rahilly, The Bosheen	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Robert Power, Church Lane	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Martin Tobin, Ballyanne Anthony Rochford, Clonea, Waterford & New Ross	Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 28th Nov	8.00am	Pious 9	Remembrance
	10.00am	Paddy, May & Maura Caulfield, Ballykeeroge, Campile	Anniversaries
Tues 29th Nov	8.00am	James Somers, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	10.00am	James & Dick Hughes, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	10.00am —8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 30th Nov	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	John & Maureen Nixon, Ard Mhicil	Anniversaries
Thurs 1st Dec	8.00am	Thanksgiving	Special Intention
	10.00am	John Bowe, Abbey Hall	Anniversary
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 2nd Dec	8.00am	Michael & Mary Druhan & deceased family members, William Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Julia Kavanagh, Fr. Cullen Terrace & Mary O'Shea, Kilkenny	Anniversaries
Sat 3rd Dec	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Virginia O'Connor (nee Rafter), Nunnery Lane, Aindreas Minihan, Kylebeg & Stradbally, Waterford, Bunty Coughlan, Claxton On Sea, UK & Jim Maher, Tinnypark Nursing Home and late of Melville Heights, Kilkenny & New Ross, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Seamus McNamee (3rd Anniversary), Charleton Hill, Edward & Mary Colfer, South Street, Billy Tubritt, Gurtins, Saltmills, Monica Whitty, Glenbarra, Annette Ronan, The Bosheen, Tom Power, Wexford Street & Angus Walsh, Dungarvan, 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. 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 New Ross Active Retirement will hold their general meeting on Friday December 2nd at the youth Centre Nunnery Lane at 10.30 am. Many thanks for all who donated to the shoe box appeal.



Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

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

Our Lady's (Left):

Healing

Altar (Centre):

Colin Bradley - RIP

St. Joseph's (Right):

Joan Byrne - RIP

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'.



Holy Day Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

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

Sunday 18th December 2022: Light Fever Event in Parish Church @ 2.00pm - 5.00pm.

Monday 19th December 2022: Reconciliation Service in Parish Church @ 5.00pm & Confessions @ 7.00pm.

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December:

Confessions 2.00pm - 4.00pm in Parish Church. Mass in Mount Carmel @ 8.00pm & Parish Church @ 5.00pm & 7.00pm & Polish Mass @ 9.00pm.

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December 2022:

Mass in Mount Carmel @ 8.00am & Parish Church @ 9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00 noon

Parish Office & Shop Christmas Closure: The Office / Shop will close Friday 23rd December 2022 @ 2.00pm & re-opens Tuesday 2nd January 2023 @ 10.30am.



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: On Thursday the 1st of December @ 10.30am we will be taking Mass Bookings up to and including May 2023.

Next Weeks Readings: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 11:1-10. Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, R/ cf. v 7. Rm 15:4-9. Mt 3:1-12. Lect 1:24.

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 20th November 2022 @ € 1,643.37 (Envelopes No. 166 & 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.

'Son of John B. Keane, author and columnist Billy Keane to appear at art sale & auction in New Ross'.

On Wednesday 23rd November, Billy Keane, journalist and son of John B. Keane, will appear at a fundraising art sale & auction in the Brandon House Hotel. Billy will speak on 'Growing up in Listowel in the Keane Household'. The sale comprises over 180 original pieces from artists across Ireland, which have been generously donated to the event organisers, Rathgarogue Community Co-Operative Society. Billy will also facilitate the auction on the evening. Art viewings available on the day from 4pm with interview, sales & auction taking place between 7-9pm. €10 entry. For further information contact Fran on 0876630136. All funds raised will go towards new community facilities in Rathgarogue.

NEW ROSS DRAMA WORKSHOP

PRESENTS

ONE ACT

AN EVENING OF PLAYS

ST. MICHAEL'S THEATRE, NEW ROSS

29th + 30th NOVEMBER

NEW DATES

A FAMILY AFFAIR
I DREAM BEFORE I TAKE THE STAND
LOVELY HEAD

by Christopher Owens
by Arlene Hutton
by Neil La Bute

Directed by Peter O' Connor
Directed by Martina Kavanagh
Directed by Peggy Hussey

8PM NIGHTLY

TO BOOK
051-421255

TICKETS
€12 EACH

Plays are suitable for Adult Audiences only



Last week, the local secondary schools attended a service for the Holy Souls here in the Parish church. It was a moving ceremony with readings, prayers and lighting of candles in memory of their relatives and friends who are deceased. Well done to those who took part and thanks to the schools for participating.

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.