



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**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**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**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 and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING 2 Maccabees 7:1-2.9-14**

A reading from the second book of Maccabees.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs, for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 16:1.5 - 6.8.15

R. I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

- Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. [R]
- I kept my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. [R]
- Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. [R]

**SECOND READING**

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3. 5

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

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 20:27-38 (\*shorter form in italics 20:27, 34-38)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

\*Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him, \* 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?' \*Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.\*'

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, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. 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 is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. 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.



**Prisoners' Sunday**  
Our Mass today looks to the future. Because of the resurrection of Jesus the Christian always has hope. This hope is the bright sun of cloudy days, it is light in the darkness of loneliness and of suffering, and the added joy of God's companionship and promise in happy times.



In today's Gospel Jesus seems to encourage us to think more of the living people around us than the dead: 'God is the God of the living not the dead.'

The Living and the dead are linked, and November is the month in which we express these links. We pray with and for our dead, hoping that they may pray for us. We have time to remember, in gratitude, what those gone before us were to us and did for us. In the words of Pope Francis: "Praying for the dead is, above all, a sign of gratitude for the witness they have left us, and the good they have done. It is a thanksgiving to the Lord for them and for their love and their friendship."

This faith is rooted in our faith in the communion of saints, a faith we express at every mass. Again Pope Francis: "The communion of saints indicates that we are all immersed in the life of God and live in His love. Everyone, living and dead, we are in communion, that is, we are all united! In union, united in the community of those who have been baptised, and those who have been nourished by the body of Christ and are part of the great family of God."

Today is Prisoner's Sunday so we remember prisoners everywhere and those who minister to them. Pope Francis speaking in 2016 linked today's Gospel message with a call for prisoners not to lose hope. "Whenever someone makes a mistake, the Father's mercy is all the more present, awakening repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace"

God is even now the God of the living: lifting our hearts in hope of his care for us now and in eternity.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

**Jesus' Story** Fr. Liam Hickey  
Sarah's mother died. Her little child said to me "My mammy now has new breath in Heaven." Jesus promises us happiness in Heaven. We will be gathered together in the peace and love of God our Father.



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

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Date	Time		
Sat 5th Nov	5.00pm	Pious 1 & 2 Deceased Parishioners	Remembrance
Sun 6th Nov	8.00am	Pious 3	
	9.00am	John Murphy, Southknock	3rd Anniversary
	10.00am	Michael Jordan, Mountross Live in Southeast Radio	2nd Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Madeline Ryan, Ard Na Greine	Months Mind
Mon 7th Nov	8.00am	Paul Walsh, "Airmount" Creywell	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Robbie & Biddy Walsh, South St.	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Memorial for Deceased Residents of the New Haughton Hospital in Parish Church	
Tues 8th Nov	8.00am	Special Intention	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Tom Kelly, Parkfields	5th Anniversary
	10.00am— 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 9th Nov	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Pious 4	
	7.00pm	Communion Classes Parents meeting in Parish Church	
Thurs 10th Nov	8.00am	Carmelites Benefactors & Friends	Remembrance
	10.00am	Stasia O'Brien & her son Toddy, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon	Anniversaries
	3.00pm— 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 11th Nov	8.00am	Sr. Martina Tierney, Carmelite Community, Egypt & Loughrea, Galway	Months Mind
	10.00am	Ned & Eileen, Larkin	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Service of Remembrance Deceased Family & Friends if Wexford General Hospital in Clonard Church	
	8.00pm	Taizé: Prayer around the Cross in Good Counsel College Church for the Month of November	
Sat 12th Nov	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the souls of Tessie O'Connor (nee Bennett), Old Pondfields & Catherine Cassin (nee Kavanagh), Barrack Lane, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We remember & pray for the souls of Martin & Molly Murphy, Ryleen, Mick Murphy, Dononore, Tom Sutton, Dublin, Maisie Monahan, Southknock, Paddy Shortall, South Street, Bernard & Lena Furlong, Frank & Stasia Furlong, James Doyle (14th Anniversary), Nunnery Lane, Mary Doyle, Priory Street, Frankie Doyle, Priory Street & Fergus Foley & his Parents Jack & Celia, Bellevue, 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.

**WEDDINGS:** We congratulate the couples, Alice Cash, Cluainn Huighead & Johnny Moorehouse, Gorey, Siobhan Dolan, Mountgarrett & Anthony Kealy, Grangecon, Co. Wcklow, who celebrated their marriages recently in our Parish Church.

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):

John Nixon RIP

Altar (Centre):

Bernard & Lena Furlong RIP

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'.



## PARISH DIARY

**Sunday 6th November @ 10.00am:** Mass live on Southeast Radio.

**Deceased Residents of New Haughton Hospital:** Memorial in Parish Church on Monday 7th of November 2022 @ 7.00pm.

**Wednesday 9th November 2022 @ 7.00pm:** Communion Classes Parents meeting in Parish Church.

**Month of November:** Taize Prayers around the Cross in Good Counsel Church @ 8.00pm every Friday

**Friday 11th November 2022 @ 7.00pm:** Service of Remembrance Deceased Family & Friends if Wexford General Hospital in Clonard Church.

**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:** THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mal 3:19-20. Ps 95:5-9, R/ cf. v 9. 2 Th 3:7-12. Lk 21:5-19.

**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 30th October 2022 @ € 2091.41 (Envelopes No. 200 & 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

## NOVEMBER REFLECTION 1-----

WILLIAM EDWART GLADSTONE was an English politician in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Among his many wise and insightful sayings is the following:

"Show me the manner in which a nation or a community care for its dead and I will measure with exactness the tender sympathy of its people."  
It has also been said that if we forget our past, we cannot understand our present and we have no future.

A poet sums it up thus:

When we grasp what is central to the past  
We lay hold of the future.  
For future and past  
Are but two faces of life  
And every experience of life  
is an encounter with the present.

For all those reasons Scripture reminds us that: -  
"It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead."

The month of November has long been designated as the time to remember, honour and celebrate those who have gone before us.

Today these ancient and precious customs overshadowed to a large extent by Halloween- originally observed as the eve of All Saints' Day, but now better known as a time of costumes, witches, wigs and trick'n treats.

Yet the ritual of consciously remembering deceased loved ones is an important spiritual practice in our own lives; it brings death into the context of our daily experience and reminds us that for those who believe in the afterlife-death is not the end; that a whole new chapter opens in the story of those who have died. Such a belief is totally outside our experience and beyond our understanding and our imaginations. Scripture says, "EYE HAS NOT SEEN NOR EAR HEARD THE THINGS GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

That belief is not intended to deny or play down the very natural sadness and indeed heartbreak experienced by those who suffer bereavements. There is a particular reflection used at funerals which seems to deny the reality of death for the bereaved. It says DEATH IS NOTHING AT ALL. Ask anyone recently visited by a bereavement! For them death is certainly SOMETHING that has turned their lives upside down. Someone who was central to their lives has been taken away- a parent, a partner, a child. In these cases, time does not heal;

Our hope is that gradually, over time, people learn to manage or live with the loss. If such a bereavement is recent, the recalling or reliving those dark days will be painful. Hopefully this November, as TOGETHER we honour our departed loved ones, you will be consoled to know that many others carry the same cross; that together the community will share those crosses and help to carry each other's burdens.

John Donne was an English cleric and poet, who lived in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century. In a long poem he wrote the famous line "NO MAN IS AN ISLAND, ENTIRE OF ITSELF/ ANY MAN'S DEATH DIMINISHES ME BECAUSE I AM INVOLVED IN MANKIND."

This fact is never truer than in the case of a bereavement. We are created to belong to each other; like a jigsaw puzzle is incomplete with missing pieces. Together we face loss and while no one can complete the jigsaw of our lives when a loved one is taken from us, the support, love and concern of the family and the community are essential in our efforts to plug the gaping gap symbolised by the silent house and the empty chair.

The poem FOOTSTEPS IN THE SAND reminds us that in the darkness of loss, God is always there. The poet chides God for His apparent absence in the darkest hours, when only one not two sets of footprints appear in the sand. In answer God assures the doubter. At these moments, the footprints were God's. It was then He carries us.

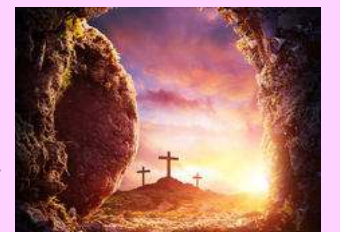
President G.W. Bush said the following lines at a memorial Service some years ago: -  
"We come before God to pray for the dead and those who loved them. Our purpose as a nation is firm, yet our wounds as a community are unhealed and lead us to pray.

Grief and tragedy are only for a time.  
Goodness, remembrance and love of life  
Hold all who die and all who mourn.  
Neither death nor life...nor things present  
Nor things to come can separate us from God's love."

St. John Chrysostom said  
"They who are gone- honour with remembrance, not with tears."  
So, we pray: -

God of the living and the dead, help us to reverence the memory of those who have departed this life and realise that they live on in us.  
Through reflecting on their lives, may we gain a better understanding of ourselves and gather up into our own lives what was best in theirs.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.  
MAY THEY RST IN PEACE. AMEN



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.