

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth forever.

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.

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

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 66:2-3, 5,6,8

R. O God, be gracious and bless us.

1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **[R]**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **[R]**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **[R]**

SECOND READING Galatians 4:4-7

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

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father,' and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child

was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

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

O God, who in your kindness begin all good things and bring them to fulfilment, grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity of the holy Mother of God, that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your grace, so one day we may rejoice in its completion. 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.



focus on sunday

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 1st JANUARY 2023

World Day of Peace

From the moment she was told she was to be the mother of God, Mary accepted God's plan for her with willingness and humility. May we learn to respond to God in this way.



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

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord: grant, we pray, that it may lead us to eternal life, for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church. 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.**



Some people have a quiet and calming influence on us. They have the knack of putting worry in perspective and of giving us a good sense of ourselves. They are often silent carers, around at the time we need them. Mary the mother of Jesus was one of these. All through the gospel she says little – only to help others like at the wedding of Cana when she calmly came to the couple's rescue when wine ran out. She was with the apostles in the secret, upper room for the days before the coming of the Holy Spirit, a quiet, confirming presence for people who were very afraid.

To be a good listener we need to have time for people – she seemed to have that as with Elizabeth her cousin, when she visited her before the birth of their children. We need to be interested in them as she was – in going to where the others were as in that scene at Pentecost. We need to know when to speak, as at Cana. She is the patron of listeners!

One of the greatest gifts we can give to another is to listen, with compassion. In a busy world of social media, the sympathy of real listening is often missed.

Open my ears and my heart O Lord to listen well.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey




Mary kept 'thinking in her heart' of all the things that happened at Christmas. In the New Year, we look forward to all that is going to happen...new days and new things, in Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Mary helps us to see things with our heart. We see things with our hearts when we say 'I love you' to Mam and Dad and others, when we say 'Thanks' and 'Sorry', when we smile and make others happy.


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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 **Radio Mass 104.7Fm & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH WEBSITE.**
All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel

Date	Time		
Sat 31st Dec 2022 	5.00pm	Nicholas & Sheila Doyle, Irishtown	Remembrance
Sun 1st January 2023 The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God 	8.00am	Ann Gardiner, JKL Place	Anniversary
	9.00am	Eileen, Edward & George Delaney, Ard Na Greine	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Nicholas & Joan Cashin, William Street	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Sr. Paschal O'Sullivan R.S.M, Sisters of Mercy, Southknock Kathleen Bowe (nee Ryan), Convent Hill Elsie Ronan & Dawn Doherty, Mount Carmel	Months Mind - Months Mind Anniversaries
Mon 2nd Jan Bank Holiday	8.00am	Thomas (Tommy) Sheehan, his wife Anna & their daughter Margaret, Cross Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Margaret (Peggy) Hennebery, Charleton Hill	2nd Anniversary
Tues 3rd Jan 	8.00am	Bridget Moroney, Lacken Valley, Irishtown	1st Anniversary
	10.00am	Joseph & Mary Kielthy, Mary Street & deceased family members	Anniversaries
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 4th Jan	8.00am	Intentions of the people	
	10.00am	Venn, Monaghan, Howlett & Murphy families	Anniversaries
Thurs 5th Jan 	8.00am	Donors Intention	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Thomas & Kathleen McGee	Anniversaries
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	5.00pm	Laurence (Larry) Ryan, Dowsleys Barn & formerly Milltown, Glenmore	4th Anniversary
Fri 6th Jan—Holy Day, The Epiphany of The Lord 	8.00am	Benefactors of Mount Carmel	Special Intentions
	10.00am	J.J Maddock, Mount Carmel	Anniversary
	1.05pm	Larry O'Brien & deceased Members of the O'Brien family, The Maudlins	Anniversaries
Sat 7th Jan	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Bridget Moroney (1st Anniversary), Lacken Valley, Irishtown, Michael Malone, Charleton Hill, Dr. Tom & Carmel Walsh, "Airmount", Creywell & their son Paul, Andy O'Rourke, Lower William Street & Robert & Stella Katus, who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian Community Lena Uruska, Deerpark, who was 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.

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

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

Our Lady's (Left):

Willie Revers - RIP

Altar (Centre):

Rev. Thomas & Liam Ryan,
Michael Breen - RIP

St. Joseph's (Right):

Nicholas & Joan Cashin - RIP



Parish Office & Shop Christmas Closure:

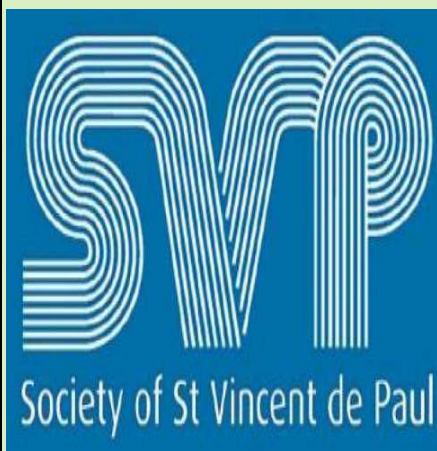
The Office / Shop will re-open Tuesday 3rd January 2023 @ 10.30am.

Friday 6th of January 2023: Holy Day the Epiphany of The Lord: Thursday the 5th January Mass @ 5.00pm Vigil. Friday 6th of January, Parish Office Closed, Mass in Mount Carmel @ 8.00am & Parish Church @ 10.00 & 1.05pm.

Confirmations 2023: Saturday 11th & 25th of March.

Communions 2023: Saturday 20th & 27th of May.

Thank you to all who donated to our
Church Gate Collection in December 2022.
It is very much appreciated.



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 Tuesday the 3rd of January 2023 @10.30am we will be taking Mass Bookings up to and including June 2023.

Next Weeks Readings: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Is 42: 1-4, 6-7. Ps 28: 1-4, 9-10, R/ v 11. Acts 10: 34-38. Mt 3: 13-17

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: 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

SAMARITANS

116 123

Childline

1800 666 666 or Text 50101

Anam Cara South East is hosting a new monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 10th January 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.

New Year Eve Prayer

God our Father,
We give thanks for all that has been
and, trustfully, we place the past into
your hands. We ask you to inspire us in
the year ahead to seek and fulfill your
will. May we truly look on each new day
as the start of the rest of our lives.
Enable us, with the power of your Spirit,
to remain positive and confident, and
live fully and joyfully with those people
you have placed into our lives. Lead us
to bring out the best in one another that
we may all grow as the people
you call us to be.
In Jesus' name
I pray, Amen.

Wishing all our Parishioners
Health, Happiness & Peace for 2023.

Monsignor Joe, Fr. Tom & Parish Office Staff

**Happy
New Year
2023**



*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.*

