



# CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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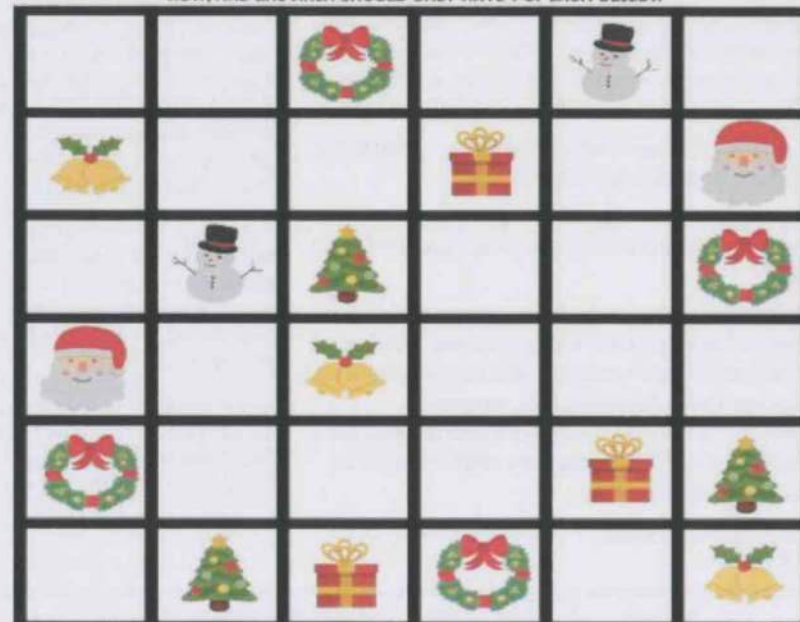


- Santa sleigh reindeer
- stocking tree star
- carols wreath presents
- bauble snowman elf



## Christmas Sudoku

COMPLETE THE PUZZLE USING THE CHRISTMAS OBJECTS. EACH COLUMN, ROW, AND 2X3 AREA SHOULD ONLY HAVE 1 OF EACH OBJECT.



# Christmas 2022



## Glory to God in the Highest.

We wish all our parishioners and friends a blessed and peaceful Christmas and every blessing for 2023.

On behalf of the Parish Office staff and Ourselves we wish volunteers who have helped throughout the year in any way, a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas.

As there are so many to mention individually, we have included you in our Novena list during the Christmas Season.

Monsignor Joseph McGrath, Fr. Tom Orr, Martha, Breda, John & Khanh.





# 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 24th Dec 2022	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Confessions	
	5.00pm	Parish Mass Association in Parish Church	
	7.00pm	Christmas Novena 2 in Parish Church	
	8.00pm	Christmas Novena 3 in Mount Carmel	
 Sun 25th Dec 2022 - The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	8.00am	Christmas Novena 4	
	9.00am	Christmas Novena 5	
	10.00am	Christmas Novena 6	
	12.00 Noon	Christmas Novena 7	
Mon 26th Dec 2022	8.00am	Christmas Novena 8	
	10.00am	Christmas Novena 9	
Tues 27th Dec 2022	8.00am	Dolores Sutton, Southknock	Anniversary
	10.00am	Stella & Bobby Katus, Lower Michael Street	Anniversaries
 Wed 28th Dec 2022	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
	8.00am	People of the Parish	
Thurs 29th Dec 2022	10.00am	Margaret & Paddy Flynn, Stocktown	Anniversaries
	8.00am	Richard & Margaret O'Brien, Kylemore, The Rower	Anniversaries
 Fri 30th Dec 2022	10.00am	Elizabeth (Betty), William & Christopher Kelly, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Sat 31st Dec 2022	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Dick, Val, Jimmy & Anna Reynolds, Kilkenny & USA	Anniversaries
 Sat 31st Dec 2022	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

## 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:** MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Num 6: 22-27. Ps 66: 2-3, 5, 6, 8, R/ v 2. Gal 4: 4-7. Lk 2: 16-21

**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 18th December 2022 @ € 2,463.71 (Envelopes No. 178 & 2nd Collection combined). You can donate via The Ferns Diocesan Website ([www.ferns.ie](http://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](http://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

## Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

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

### Our Lady's (Left):

Owen Furlong - RIP

### Altar (Centre):

Molly & Jim Moran - RIP

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

Bernard & Lena Furlong - RIP

SAMARITANS

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Childline

1800 666 666 or Text 50101

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the souls of Conrad Victor Rogenhagen, Millbanks, Rosbercon, Joan Nolan (nee Codd), Ramsgrange & Nolan Transport, Peter Caulfield, Ballyhealy, Kilmore, Boro Hill & New Ross, Ellen (Nellie) Doyle, Charleton Hill, Marie Murphy (nee Dunne), Delmege Park, Limerick & New Ross, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We remember & pray for the souls of Winnie Jones (nee Kavanagh) Birmingham, UK & New Ross, John & Mary Maddock, James & Aidan Maddock, The Bullawn, Paddy & Anne Doyle, Rochester, New York & formerly The Bullawn, Jack & Bridget Howlett, Raheen, Billy Howlett, Palace East, Mary Howlett, Terrerath, John Byrne, London, Liam Coffey, London, Matty & Molly Crowdle, Irishtown, Dawn Pyne & William St. Ledger, Mount Carmel, who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE:** We remember & pray for the souls of Paddy, Nan, Mickey & Joe Connors, Graiguenamanagh, Big Dad, Budgie, Josie & Jimmy Goggins, The Maudlins, The Caulfield Family, Ballycullane, Haslam & Connolly Families, Ned, Ned Junior & Maggie Cash, Hospital Road & James Connors, Bunclody, at this time.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our Christian Community Luca Swan, Perth, Australia, 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.

## Bishop's Christmas Message 2022

Dear Friends

I am delighted to have this opportunity to greet you and your families as we prepare for the great feast of Christmas. For many, especially the young, it is a time that is filled with wonder and joy. However, even if we are of the age when Santa no longer visits us, we can fill our hearts with the excitement we see around us. There is no better way to get inside the Christmas story than to see it with the eyes of a child. Sometimes as adults we hear the phrase "its only for the children" and indeed there is a truth in that. But really, it is something for us all. Because what we are celebrating is the birth of a baby – and not just any baby - but the birth of the Saviour who would show us that the way to eternal life for each of us is our human life that began when we were formed in the womb.

During the past year, the work in our Diocese of Ferns has been to re-establish pastoral life in our parishes as the effect of the pandemic dies down. Occasions of joy like weddings and baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmations have recaptured the energy that was there before Covid. Also, as God's people, we have come together again as communities to help people grieve at the time of a funeral. We have also as a Diocese responded to Pope Francis invitation to be a Synodal Church, that is, a church that listens especially to those on the margins of church or society. An image that fits Pope Francis' call is the image of the Great News of Christ's birth coming first to the shepherd, the least of people in the world into which Jesus was born. As we send messages of hope and joy to people, we are conscious that not every life is filled with happiness. Many people in our parishes are feeling the strain of perhaps inflation or homelessness, and indeed many worry about the future and even the simple task of heating their homes. If you are moved by the needs of others, especially families with children, then the St Vincent DePaul organization would be delighted to hear from you. They are the outreach of our church here in the Diocese to those who are in the most need.

Last year, I acknowledged the work and sacrifice of frontline workers in the face of the pandemic. We have become used to the comings and goings of the pandemic at this stage but the work of those at the frontline continues, particularly in our health services. I wish, on your behalf, to thank them for their work and dedication and I ask that those of us who are well would take every precaution to avoid the spread of disease and so lighten the burden on our health services.

Christ brought hope into the world by his life and teaching. He especially brought that hope to those who were outsiders, those who were excluded. Hope is the gift of helping someone to look forward to tomorrow. With God's help our words and our actions will give a sense of that hope to the people with whom we share this special time.

I wish everyone a blessed and happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Bishop Ger Nash

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.