

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his  
voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**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 raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
May almighty God have mercy on us....  
**Amen.**

**(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its  
Christmas Proclamation.)**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to his company.  
Who lives and reigns.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD****FIRST READING Isaiah 11: 1 - 10****A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the  
Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor  
of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless;  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.  
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together  
with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends  
their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair  
the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the  
knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as  
a signal to the peoples. It will be sought  
out by the nations and its home will be  
glorious.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps. 71:1-2.7-8.12-13.17**

**R. In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.**

- O God, give your judgement to the  
king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **[R]**
- In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **[R]**
- For he shall save the poor when they  
cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **[R]**
- May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. **[R]**

**SECOND READING Romans 15:4-9****A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

Everything that was written long ago in  
the scriptures was meant to teach us  
something about hope from the examples  
scripture gives of how people who did not  
give up were helped by God. And may he  
who helps us when we refuse to give up,  
help you all to be tolerant with each other,  
following the example of Christ Jesus, so  
that united in mind and voice you may  
give glory to the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you  
to treat each other in the same friendly  
way as Christ treated you. The reason  
Christ became the servant of circumcised  
Jews was not only so that God could  
faithfully carry out the promises made  
to the patriarchs, it was also to get the  
pagans to give glory to God for his mercy,  
as scripture says in one place: For this I  
shall praise you among the pagans and  
sing to your name.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Prepare a way for the Lord, make his  
paths straight, and all mankind shall  
see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Matthew 3: 1 - 12****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

In due course John the Baptist appeared;  
he preached in the wilderness of Judaea  
and this was his message: 'Repent, for  
the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.  
This was the man the prophet Isaiah  
spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of  
camel-hair with a leather belt round his  
waist, and his food was locusts and wild  
honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea  
and the whole Jordan district made their  
way to him, and as they were baptised  
by him in the river Jordan they confessed  
their sins. But when he saw a number of  
Pharisees and Sadducees coming for  
baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers,  
who warned you to fly from the retribution  
that is coming? But if you are repentant,  
produce the appropriate fruit, and do not  
presume to tell yourselves, "We have  
Abraham for our father," because, I tell  
you, God can raise children for Abraham  
from these stones. Even now the axe  
is laid to the roots of the trees, so that  
any tree which fails to produce good fruit  
will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I  
baptise you in water for repentance, but  
the one who follows me is more powerful  
than I am, and I am not fit to carry his  
sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy  
Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his  
hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and  
gather his wheat into the barn; but the  
chaff he will burn in a fire that will never  
go out.'

**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**

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble  
prayers and offerings,  
and, since we have no merits to plead our  
cause, come, we pray, to our rescue  
with the protection of your mercy.  
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.**

**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**

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the  
heights, and behold the joy which  
comes to you from God.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Replenished by the food of spiritual  
nourishment, we humbly beseech you,  
O Lord, that, through our partaking in this  
mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely  
the things of earth and hold firm to the  
things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

Go in peace.  
**Thanks be to God.**



# focus on sunday

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4th December 2022

The message of repentance during this season of  
Advent is a call to each one of us to look deeply into  
our lives, to renew and deepen our relationship with God.



John the Baptist preached repentance. "Repent, for the Kingdom  
of God is close at hand." (Matt 3 v2). Today, "to repent" generally  
means "to be sorry for our sins." Most of us can identify with that  
and examine our lives to see what adjustments (usually minor!)  
which we need to make. But "to repent" as attributed in the Gospel to John, was far  
more radical than that. It meant to turn your life completely around, to do a U-turn,  
to turn away from where you are going and turn back to God.

Today, as we accelerate towards climate catastrophe, John's radical message is  
more apt than ever, particularly to those of us who live in the economically developed  
world. Our pursuit of continuous - but ultimately unsustainable - economic growth,  
as we seek to maintain, or even expand, our comfort zones, through our attachment  
to ever increasing consumer goods, and our need to obtain the money to pay for  
them, is destroying God's creation. We are called today to "turn around." to turn  
away from seeking more and more, to live much simpler lives, and to find our rest,  
not in or possessions, but in God.

*Fr. Peter McVerry SJ*

## Jesus' Story

*Fr. Liam Hickey*



John the Baptist came to tell people about Jesus, who was  
the Face of God's Love. He gathered people around a river  
and blessed them. We can always pray wherever we are. At  
Mass we are always reminded of ways God is present for us  
everyday, everywhere.



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Date	Time		
Sat 3rd Dec 2022	5.00pm	Craig Tracey, Parkfield	1st Anniversary
Sun 4th Dec - 2nd Sunday of Advent	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	9.00am	Philomena Bruen, Dundalk	Anniversary
	10.00am	Godfrey Hill, Butlersland	10th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Pat & John McCarthy, Ryleen Tessie O'Connor, Old Pondfields	Anniversaries Months Mind & Birthday Remembrance
Mon 5th Dec	8.00am	Billy O'Connor, Bawnmore	Anniversary
	10.00am	Alice Cullen, "Hillcrest", Cross Street	15th Anniversary
Tues 6th Dec	8.00am	James, Catherine & Pat Kennedy, Dunganstown	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Annie Higginbottom (nee O'Neill), Wexford Street & UK	Anniversary
	10.00am —8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 7th Dec	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Mary Caulfield, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	5.00pm	Mary O'Neill, Irishtown	Anniversary
Thurs 8th Dec - Holy Day Immaculate Conception	8.00am	Jack & Danny Richardson, Pondfields & South Africa	Anniversaries
	10.00am	James & Nancy Martin, Ard Na Greine, their son Oliver & their daughter Mary Maddock (nee Martin), late of UK.	Anniversaries
	1.05pm	Bill Lenehan, Hospital Road	5th Anniversary
Fri 9th Dec	8.00am	Phil, Gus & Eileen O'Kennedy, Marymount & South Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Val, Dick, Jimmy & Anna Reynolds, Kilkenny & USA	Anniversaries
Sat 10th Dec	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the souls of Nicky Murphy, Pat's Hill, Ballyanne, Catherine Leacy (nee Crean), Cushinstown, William (Billy) Molloy, Oldcourt, Ballykelly, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We remember & pray for the souls of Nano Kehoe, Ard Na Greine, Detta Wilson, Robert Street, Andy, Luke, Ned, Johnny Cash, Irishtown & Jack Shannon, Henry Street, 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.

## Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

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

### Our Lady's (Left):

Ellen Bowe - RIP

### Altar (Centre):

John Bowe - RIP

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

The Bowe Family - 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. There will be no Divine Mercy Holy Hour.

### 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 3rd 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:** We are currently taking Mass Bookings up to and including May 2023.

### Next Weeks Readings: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 35: 1-6, 10. Ps 145: 6-10, R/ cf. Is 35: 4. Jas 5: 7-10. Mt 11: 2-11.

**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 27th November 2022 @ € 2,230.30 (Envelopes No. 201 & 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.

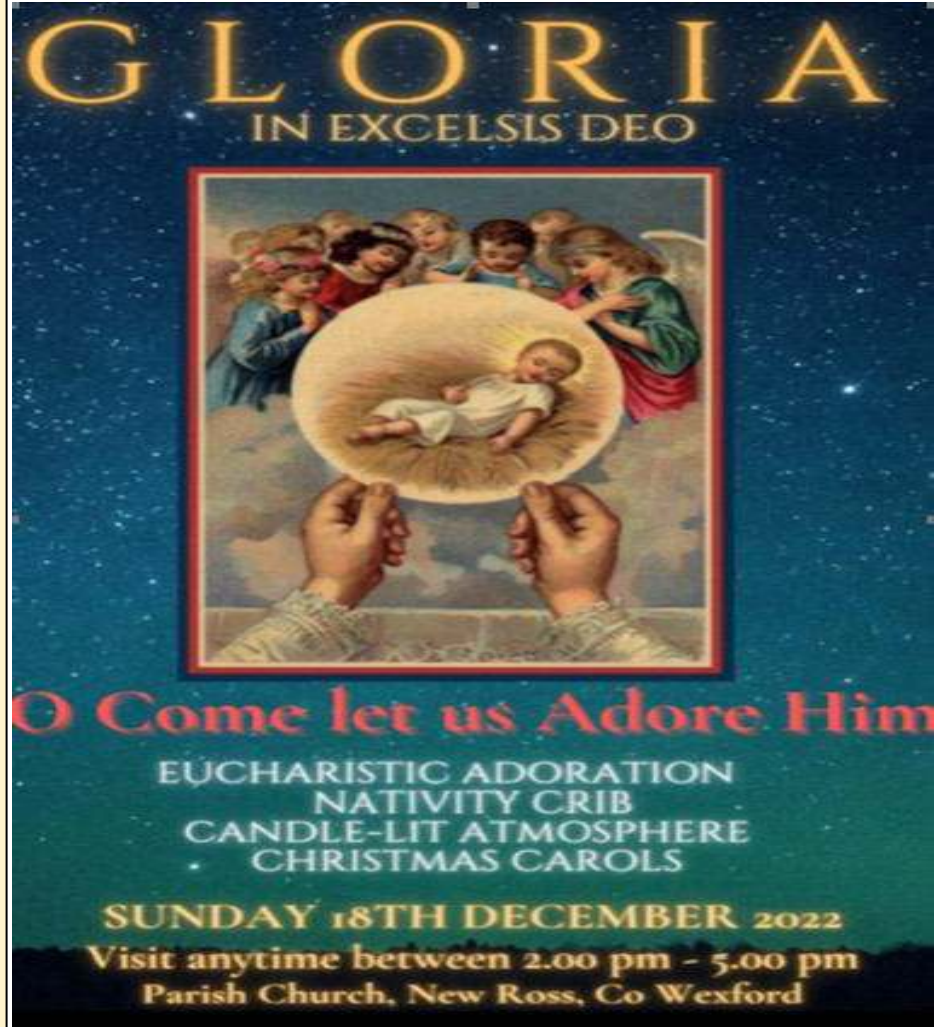
**Lectio Divina:** Every Wednesday morning at 10.45am for one hour in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre.

**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

There will be a Christmas Craft Fair in Campile Hall - Eircode (Y34DT10) on Sunday December 11th from 10am to 4 pm .Come and join us in Campile Hall and pick up some Christmas gifts made by Local Crafters from the County and help support local.



Bishop Ger Nash, following a meeting with local representatives from the Society of St Vincent de Paul, has called for a generous response to the Annual Church Gate Collection which will take place after all masses on the weekend of 10th/11th December. As it comes into its busiest two months of the year, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is receiving an average of 800 requests for help every day. Launching this year's SVP Annual Appeal entitled "Impossible Choices", Rose McGowan, SVP National President, said that despite the additional cost-of-living support payments made by the Government, there are many people who are struggling to meet basic family expenses. Bishop Ger commended the work of so many volunteers who give so selflessly of their time to assist with the work the Society of St Vincent de Paul throughout the Diocese and beyond and has asked mass goers to respond as generously as they can to the upcoming collection.



*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.*