

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

GREETING

In the name of the Father **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 49: 3. 5-6***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 39: 2.4 7-10

R. Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **[R]**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **[R]**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **[R]**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **[R]**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:1-3***A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul's to the Corinthians**

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;

to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *John 1:29-34***A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John

said, 'Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. 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

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May your faithful people rejoice, we pray, O Lord, to be upheld by your right hand, and, progressing in the Christian life, may they delight in good things both now and in the time to come. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And 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.

**focus on sunday**

The Christian life is a calling from God to be companions of Jesus and work for the spread of his love and justice. All of us are asked to do this in our own lives.



In the Gospel today John identifies Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". This is a very different sort of leader than people were expecting. Not a great king but a sacrificial lamb. The one who would put his people before everything even his own life. He is baptised by John with water as a sign of his humanity. John testifies to Jesus' power to baptise with the Holy Spirit as a sign of his divinity. True God and True Man. The servant of both.

The Greek word for sin used in the New Testament is hamartia. It is a technical term from archery meaning to miss the mark. In this sense it can cover both wilful wrongdoing and the occasional shortcomings we are all guilty of. The failure to love each other as we should, to accord every life the dignity and respect it deserves.

As always, for Christians following the path of Jesus, the path of hope and redemption, has its challenges. Are we "lambs of God" who will put others first? Do we strive to see the dignity in other people? To raise them up? Do we welcome the displaced and offer comfort to the marginalised?

This week maybe think about the times we fell short or were wide of the mark. Take the time to forgive someone who hurt us and to seek forgiveness from someone we have hurt.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey




John The Baptist was a good man. He praised Jesus. He asked the people to follow Jesus. John put other people first. At Mass we praise God too. We say thanks for all our blessings. We ask God to help us to put other people first.


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

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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 14th Jan	5.00pm	Eamon Somers, Chambersland	1st Anniversary
Sun 15th Jan	8.00am	Sharon Butler, Upper Mount Carmel	11th Anniversary
	9.00am	Jerry Moore, Rosbercon	4th Anniversary
	10.00am	Kathleen Anderson, Mount Carmel	3rd Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Nan Murphy, The Maudlins	Months Mind
Mon 16th Jan	8.00am	Sr. Paschal O'Sullivan, Sisters of Mercy	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Deceased members of the Sheehan & Reynolds Families	Anniversaries
Tues 17th Jan	8.00am	June Walsh, "Aisling", Southknock	Anniversary
	10.00am	Patricia (Tricia) O'Neill, Mount Carmel Live streaming with First Communion Class	Anniversary
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 18th Jan	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	The Lyng Family, Ballyanne	Anniversaries
Thurs 19th Jan	8.00am	Deceased members of the McGuinness Family	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Anthony Rochford, Clonea, Waterford	Recently Deceased
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	7.30pm	Guided Prayer using the Word of God Programme with Sr. Stephanie in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre. All Welcome.	
Fri 20th Jan	8.00am	Carmelites Deceased & Friends & Benefactors	Remembrance
	10.00am	Arthur & Eileen Dugdale, Ballykeeroe, Campile	Anniversaries
Sat 21st Jan	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Richard Tobin (Fort Conan Hotel), Duncannon, Barbara Kolek, Cluain Fada & James (Jimmy) Reddy, Mary Street, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Jerry Moore, Elsinore, Rosbercon, Eileen Dwyer, Michael Street, Anne Murphy, Priory Street, Ann Heffernan, Lower Southknock & Maureen Nixon, Ard Mihicil, who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE: We remember & pray for Catherine Carroll (nee Waters), who's birthday occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian Community Cillian Cullen, Sydney, Australia & Hazel Brennan, Western 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.

Church Carpark.

In the interest of safety we request Parking to take place in designated areas ONLY. Thank you.



Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

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

Our Lady's (Left):

Fottrell Family - RIP

Altar (Centre):

Cody Family - RIP

St. Joseph's (Right):

Kitty & John Hynes - 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'.



Study Theology, is this for you?

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2023

Are you thinking of doing something special for 2023. Join us on our pilgrimage to Medjugorje May 31st to June 7th ex Cork. Cost €849.00 pps. Pay deposit before Feb 17th and get €50.00 discount. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380.



Guided Prayer using the Word of God.

Sr. Stephanie will commence this year's programme on Thursday 19th of January 2023 in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre @ 7.30pm. All are welcome with the aim to deepen familiarity with the scriptures, allow the word of God to speak to us, relate with our lived experience and lead us into communion with God.

Altar Servers

Some parents have expressed a wish for their child to become altar servers at our weekend masses in the Parish. We are delighted to facilitate this wish. If your child would like to become an altar server in the parish, training will begin shortly. All training & serving will be conducted in the parish by our clergy & laity with child first safeguarding. If you or child are interested please contact the Parish Office.



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 June 2023.

Next Weeks Readings: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 8:23 - 9:3. Ps 26:1, 4, 13 - 14, R/ v 1.1 Cor 1:10-13, 17.

Mt 4:12-23.

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 25th December 2023 @ € 5,505.86 (Envelopes No. 261 & 2nd Collection combined), 1st January 2023 @ € 2,278.34 (Envelopes No. 176 & 2nd Collection combined) & 8th January 2023 @ € 2001.08 (Envelopes No. 164 & 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

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, May He Rest in Peace

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI
1927 - 2022



On Dec. 31, the Vatican announced the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who left a legacy over the course of his lifelong service to the Church and who, in 2013, became the first Roman pontiff in 600 years to resign the papacy.

As we mourn the loss of our former pontiff, we want to reflect on his life, his accomplishments, and his legacy with this tribute from Our Sunday Visitor.

Bishop Erik Pohlmeier and Bishop Emeritus Felipe J. Estévez issued the following statements yesterday upon learning of the passing of Pope Benedict:

Statement from Bishop Erik Pohlmeier on the Death of Pope Benedict XVI

When Pope Benedict visited the United States in 2008, he challenged this nation to live with the kind of hope that changes our lives. Reminding us that "people with hope live differently," he spoke in the way he lived. For eight years as our Holy Father, he taught with the clarity of a brilliant mind and a conviction for the saving power of Jesus Christ. For me personally, his encyclical on hope, Spe Salvi, is a profound guide to the challenges of our modern world. He spoke of how easily we place our hope in the advancements of our age instead of in the Lord of all creation. As we reflect on his life now his words should focus our hope on the God of love who makes us for himself.

Pope Benedict lived for the moment he would come before Jesus and hope gives way to promise. In Spe Salvi he wrote, "This is how Jesus expresses it in St. John's Gospel: "I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (16:22). We must think along these lines if we want to understand the object of Christian hope, to understand what it is that our faith, our being with Christ, leads us to expect.

We now join the world in thanking him for his service to the Church and to humanity. We pray that his entrance into eternity brings him into the merciful heart of his Savior.

Most Rev. Erik Pohlmeier

Bishop of St. Augustine

Statement from Bishop Emeritus Felipe J. Estévez

Pope Benedict had a scholarly quest for St Augustine. He had a special concern for all of us. I was honored he appointed me as the tenth bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine. I was impressed by his graciousness and politeness when I first met him. His brilliance was shown in grasping any complex issue and giving guidance on it. His book on Jesus of Nazareth is a masterpiece. It shows the best modern biblical scholarship with the best input from the Catholic tradition.

Most Rev. Felipe J. Estévez

Thursday 19th January 2023 @ 7.30pm: Guided Prayer using the word God commences this Thursday with Sr. Stephanie in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre. All Welcome.

Monday 22nd– Friday 29th January 2023: Catholic Schools Week

"Walking Together in Faith & Love.

Wednesday 24th January 2023: Grandparents Day.

Wednesday 1st February 2023: St. Bridget's Day.

Thursday 2nd February 2023: Presentation of Our Lord, blessing of candles will take place at all masses @ 8.00am in Mount Carmel & 10.00am in the Parish Church.

Friday 3rd February 2023: Feast of St. Blaise, Blessing of Throats after all masses @ 8.00am in Mount Carmel & 10.00am in the Parish Church. Blessing of Throats ONLY will take place @ 6.00pm in Parish Church.

Monday 6th February 2023: Bank Holiday, Parish Office Closed.



Parish Mission Autumn 2023

What is a Parish Mission? A Mission is a parish based event that takes place usually over the course of a week. It's a time when the whole parish is invited to come together to reflect and renew our Christian faith. The format usually takes the form of daily morning mass and evening liturgies'. There is also special outreaches to schools & hospitals during a Mission.

We are planning to have a Mission in the Parish later in the year. It will be led by the Redemptorists Congregation. As with such an event, much planning & organising needs to take place. If you would like to help with organising and planning our Mission, please contact the Parish Office.



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.