

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

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

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength: 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, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 8: 23 – 9:3*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him,

the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 26:1.4.13-14*

- R. The Lord is my light and my help.**
- The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **[R]**
 - There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **[R]**
 - I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **[R]**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17
A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 4:12-23 (or * 4:12-17)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
**Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;*

*on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.**

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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**



focus on sunday

Sunday of the Word of God. Catholic Schools Week begins

The gospel and the life of Jesus makes true the words: "The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light". Christian life is a calling that this may continue to happen in every age, every place and in every society.



Follow me and I will make you fishers of men

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

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC 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.
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. 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.**



In today's Gospel, Jesus begins his ministry with the first of many 'gatherings'. Matthew interprets Jesus' arrival in Galilee as fulfilment of the prophet Isaiah's declaration that a 'great light' would shine in the darkness. The reference to 'Galilee of the Gentiles' offers a clue as to who will be gathered and included in Jesus' mission. Fishing metaphors feature heavily throughout Matthew's Gospel. Jesus starts his ministry in the fishing village of Capernaum by gathering a crew of disciples – two sets of brothers, all fishermen. In terms of social status, fishermen were low down in the pecking order. Their occupation was precarious at best, leaving them economically vulnerable, and they had to pay taxes to the Roman Empire, which made them unpopular. They might seem an unlikely choice for a Messiah starting his mission. Simon (Peter) and Andrew are casting their net out when Jesus calls them, quipping 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Similarly, James and John abandon their net-mending 'immediately' to follow him. They are 'all in'. The mission has momentum; these fisherfolk are needed as the sea is ripe for fishing. Their task will be to draw others in, and the net will be cast indiscriminately, far and wide. Later, Jesus will compare the kingdom of heaven to a 'dragnet', catching fish of every kind (Mt 13:47).
When we join together for liturgy, we often begin by acknowledging our 'gathering', indicating that we are being called out of our ordinary, everyday lives to gather as community, aware of God's presence among us. We are also called every day into God's service, invited to repentance, a change of heart. Like the disciples, we are called, and we call; we are gathered, and we gather. When we are drawn in by Jesus, we extend the same open welcome to others. The kingdom is at hand, and Jesus' net gathers indiscriminately, regardless of social or economic status. This week, we might reflect on how we gather as community and how we welcome others.

Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty, The Deep End – A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew, Messenger, Dublin 2022.

Jesus' Story *Fr. Liam Hickey*
Jesus wanted to tell people new ways to be happy. He asked Peter and Andrew to help him. They were fishermen. They will catch people now with God's message, telling everyone that God is Our Loving Father, giver of all blessings, knows each person by name, loves everyone, can never be angry, and always coaxes us to love, care and help each other.

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

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All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel

Date	Time		
Sat 21st Jan 2023	5.00pm	Moira Doyle (nee Deegan), Mount Elliott	1st Anniversary
Sun 22nd Jan	8.00am	Tommy & Molly Connolly, Glenmore	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Michael Byrne, Neville Street	5th Anniversary
First Communion Enrolment Masses	10.00am	Sean Sutton, Lower Southknock	2nd Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Declan Kehoe, formerly Robert Street	Months Mind
Church of the Holy Trinity, Bunclody	7.00pm	Ferns Diocesan Ecumenical Service Prayer for Christian Unity with Preacher Rev. Michael Anderson, Do good; seek justice (Isaiah 1:17).	
Mon 23rd Jan	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Edward & Mary Colfer, South Street	Anniversaries
Tues 24th Jan Grandparents Day	8.00am	Jim & Ellen Walsh, Marley	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary	Remembrance
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 25th Jan	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Joan Byrne, Coventry, UK	Recently Deceased
Thurs 26th Jan	8.00am	Tom Walsh, Clonleigh	13th Anniversary
	10.00am	Thomas Gannon, Priesthaggard, Campile	Anniversary
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
St. Michaels Pastoral Centre	7.30pm	Guided Prayer using the Word of God Programme with Sr. Stephanie. All Welcome.	
Fri 27th Jan	8.00am	Sr. Margaret Theresa, Carmelites, New Ross	1st Anniversary
	10.00am	Patricia (Tricia) O'Neill, Mount Carmel	Anniversary
Sat 28th Jan	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the soul of Marie Doyle (nee Smith), Chapel Lane, who has passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Fred Mc Elwee (1st Anniversary), England & Rosbercon, Teresa Rochford (12th Anniversary), Parkfield, John Dalton, Bosheen & Thomas Gannon, Priesthaggard, Campile, 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.

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.



Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

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

Our Lady's (Left):
Lil O'Brien - Birthday Remembrance
Altar (Centre):
William St. Ledger - RIP
St. Joseph's (Right):
Maureen Nixon - 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.'



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.



Fr. Niall Coll has been chosen by Pope Francis to be the next bishop of Ossory. He was the Parish Priest of Drumholm (Ballintra)

when he returned and in Donegal Town but now will move on to this prestigious role.

We wish him every blessing.

Candlemas Day Thursday 2nd February Presentation of Our Lord

6 Pack Traditional Beeswax Candles @ €10.00 available from 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: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13. Ps 145:7-10, R/ Mt 5:3. 1 Cor 1:26-31. Mt 5:1-12.

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 15th January 2023 @ € 2126.34 (Envelopes No. 198 & 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

Church Carpark: In the interest of safety we request Parking to take place in designated areas ONLY.



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. Brigid'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.

Saturday 11th February 2023: World day of the Sick.

Wednesday 22nd February 2023: Ash Wednesday, ashes will be disturbed at all masses.

Every Friday evening during Lent @ 7.00pm: Stations of the Cross @ 7.00pm

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

Friday 17th March 2023: St. Patrick's Day. Vigil Mass @ 5.00pm Thursday the 16th of March in Parish Church. Masses @ 8.00am in Mount Carmel, 9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00 Noon in Parish Church Friday 17th March. Parish Office Closed.

Sunday 2nd April 2023: Palm Sunday.

Thursday 6th April 2023: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper @ 7.30pm in Mount Carmel & the Parish Church.

Friday 7th April 2023: Good Friday Ceremonies of the Last Supper @ 3.00pm in Mount Camel & Parish Church. Parish Office Closed.

Saturday 8th April 2023: Easter Saturday Vigil @ 7.30pm in Mount Camel & Parish Church. No 10.00am mass in Parish Church.

Sunday 9th April 2023: Easter Sunday The Resurrection of The Lord. Masses @ 8.00am in Mount Carmel, 9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00 Noon in Parish Church.

Monday 10th April 2023: Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed.

Sunday 16th April 2023: Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions @ 3.00pm in Parish Church.

Monday 1st May 2023: Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed.

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

Going to Mass

We go to Mass on Sunday because Sunday is the Lord's Day. On Sunday many people take a break from the ordinary things they do during the week. Instead, people like to spend time with their family, to remember how much God loves us and to thank God for all the gifts we have received, especially for the gift of his Son, Jesus.

What gifts do you like to thank God for?



We go to Mass in the church building. The church is a special building where we gather with other people to pray and to give thanks to God. The people who come together in the church for Mass are called the assembly. Members of the Christian community gather in the church to celebrate many of the important occasions in their lives, such as when a baby is baptised or when two people get married.

What is the name of the church in your parish?

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.



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.