

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**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 have shown us the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

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**  
Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, .....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12 - 13  
A reading from the prophet Zephaniah  
Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

PS. 145:7 - 10  
**R. How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. or Alleluia !**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R)

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 1:26 - 31  
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians  
Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia !**



**GOSPEL**

Matthew 5: 1 -12  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

**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 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.

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

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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.

All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

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focus on sunday

The gospel today is the charter of a Christian (The Beatitudes): Jesus' sermon on the mount. It is an invitation to live like him, and a challenge to serve him in our neighbour.



**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption. 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.  
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**

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. 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.



The gospel today is often called the mission statement of the Church, like any organisation writes its mission statement. The mission statement lets us know what is essential to the Church: each of them is worth our consideration and worth our commitment.

However, they do not come out of fresh air. The mission statement is related to the vision of that the Church is – a vision based on the life and ministry of Jesus.

He himself lived the beatitudes before and as he preached them: a man who was humble, gentle, merciful in his relationships with everyone; who could mourn others and for his world; who had a commitment to justice and right; lived his message as he taught it and was himself persecuted to the end. Without our relationship with Jesus, the beatitudes would be just a set of regulations.

Pope Francis expands them, saying: "Blessed are those Christian communities who live this authentic gospel simplicity! Poor in spirit means they are rich in God. Blessed are the shepherds who do not ride the logic of worldly success, but follow the law of love: welcoming, listening, serving. Blessed is the Church who does not entrust herself to the criteria of functionalism and organizational efficiency, nor worries about her image, (quoting St. Thérèse), "Jesus does not demand great actions from us, but simply surrender and gratitude".

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

**Jesus' Story** Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus tells the people of new ways to be happy. Because God is Love, we are called to love God with our mind and heart. Our mind helps us to know about things, our heart helps to love and to give. It is not enough to see people who are hungry, who are lonely, who are different, who are at war. We have to try to help. We help with our heart, by talking, and listening. Peacemaking is trying to put oneself in the other person's shoes, to feel how they feel.

# 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 28th Jan 2023	5.00pm	Sheila Bouchier (nee Galvin), Mount Garrett	1st Anniversary
Sun 29th Jan	8.00am	Bridget & Patrick Greene, Jamestown, Glenmore	Anniversaries
	9.00am	John & Michael O'Brien & deceased members of O'Brien & Gaffney Families, Mary Street	Anniversaries
Communion Enrolment Masses	10.00am	Fergal May, Henry Street	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Michael Cashin, Woodbine Close Laurence (Larry) Doyle, Hazeldean, Arnestown	Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 30th Jan - Feast of St. Aidan	8.00am	Sr. Francis Teresa Worthington, Mount Carmel	Birthday Remembrance
	10.00am	Michael & Elizabeth Jefford & deceased members of the Jefford Family, Bewley Street	Anniversaries
Tues 31st Jan	8.00am	Sr. Catherina Murphy, Mount Carmel	Months Mind
	10.00am	Margaret Lyng & the O'Brien Family, Trinity Place	Remembrance
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 1st Feb - Feast of St. Bridget.	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Buddy & Bill Flannigan, Upper Mary Street	Anniversaries
	11.15am	Ecumenical Gathering in St. John of God, Retreat Centre Ballyvaloo	
Thurs 2nd Feb - Presentation of Our Lord	8.00am	Sr. Mary Brigid, Mount Carmel	Anniversary
	10.00am	Paddy & Mary Heffernan, Southknock	Anniversaries
Blessing of candles will take place at all masses @ 8.00am in Mount Carmel & 10.00am in the Parish Church.			
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 3rd Feb - Feast of St. Blaise	8.00am	Claire MaCormack, Brandon Park	Anniversary
	10.00am	Mary & Michael Horgan, Fisherstown, Campile	Anniversaries
Blessing of Throats at all masses @ 8.00am in Mount Carmel & 10.00am in the Parish Church.			
	7.00pm	Blessing of Throats ONLY will take place in Parish Church.	
Sat 4th Feb	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

### Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

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

**Our Lady's (Left):**  
Ryan Family - Remembrance  
**Altar (Centre):**  
Kathleen Bowe - RIP  
**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
Bowe Family - Remembrance

### 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.'



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the souls of Martin Murphy, Ryleen & Denise Casey, Church Lane, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We remember & pray for the souls of Jimmy Scully, Ballyrue, Jim and Biddy Higgins, Haughton Place, Hetty and Patti O'Connor, Haughton Place, Mary Carletti Lawlor, Chilcomb, UK, David Connick (15th Anniversary), Mount Carmel, Michael Nestor (1st Anniversary), Southknock, Mollie & Pat Hendrick, Bewley Street, Peter & Betty Furness, Bewley Street, Michael O'Sullivan, Charleton Hill, Larry Malone (6th Anniversary), Pondfields, who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:** We remember & pray for Paschal Murphy, Hewittsland, who's birthday 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.**

### 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:** On Wednesday the 1st of February 2023 @ 10.30am, we will be taking Mass Bookings up to and including July 2023.

**Next Weeks Readings:** FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Is 58:7-10. Ps 111:4-9, R/ v 4. 1 Cor 2:1-5. Mt 5:13-16.

**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 22nd January 2023 @ € 1,840.08 (Envelopes No. 163 & 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.

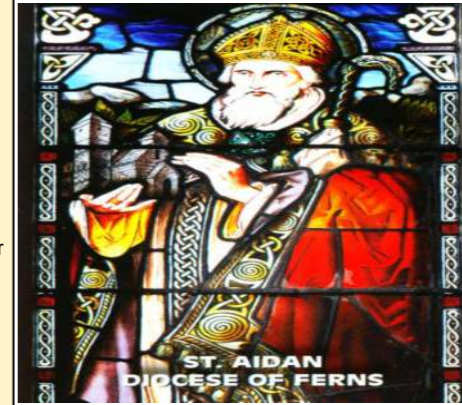
**Legion of Mary:** Meetings every Tuesday evening @ 7.30pm in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre. Contact: Alex Doyle, Tel: 087 273 8703.

**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.

**Wednesday 1st February 2023:** St. Bridget's Day.  
**Thursday 2nd February 2023:** Candlemas Day, 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 at all masses @ 8.00am in Mount Carmel & 10.00am in the Parish Church. Blessing of Throats ONLY will take place @ 7.00pm 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.  
**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 Carmel & Parish Church. Parish Office Closed.  
**Saturday 8th April 2023:** Easter Saturday Vigil @ 7.30pm in Mount Carmel & 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, 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.



**Q. Why do we make the sign of cross on head, lips and chest before reading the Gospel?**



**Answer:** This gesture of signing ourselves with the Cross is a way of praying, 'May the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart.' It is said prior to the reading of the Gospel as a way of prayerfully inviting Christ to come to us in these ways as His sacred Word is proclaimed. The hearing of the Gospel must change our minds, it must be proclaimed by our lips, and it must affect our heart. By heart we especially mean our will, affections, emotions and passions. It's more than just an external gesture, make sure it is also a prayer and an invitation to Christ.

The **New Ross Active Retirement** will hold their AGM on Friday the 3rd February in the youth Centre at 10.30 am all members are welcome.

**Ecumenical Gathering:** After a three year gap owing to the Covid-19 pandemic we will have an Ecumenical Gathering in the St. John of God Retreat Centre, Ballyvaloo, on **Wednesday 1st February 2023** under the guidance of St. Brigid. We have chosen the theme, **New opportunities for the Churches to work together.** Rev. Trevor Morrow former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland will lead us. The day will begin at **11.15a.m.** with registration and coffee. It will conclude at 4.00p.m. The contribution, payable on the day please is €25 (including lunch, and coffee on arrival). All are most welcome to join us. Please contact Fr. James Murphy on 087 8152637 (phone or text) by Monday 30 January if you wish to attend.

*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.*