

(Day of Prayer for Temperance)

It is hard to forgive and forget, but Jesus asks us to go one step further: we must love those who offend us - be forgiving and tolerant of our enemies. If we strive to achieve this Jesus favours us with his compassion and love.



## Forgive



Temperance has been described as “the seatbelt for the decision-making parts of our minds”. Perhaps this is why we have a Sunday for Temperance just before Lent as we repair our “just one more” lack of control on Shrove Tuesday!

Some of you may be familiar with the damage which has been caused by lack of control and by intemperance at other times of the year. They are saying the Serenity Prayer every day as they cope with a trail of broken promises, shattered trust, and dashed hopes. They and their families need - and they deserve - our spiritual support. The Gospel today is about forgiveness and acceptance, part of the journey to recovery is about asking for forgiveness and learning to forgive. The staff in Cuan Mhuire and in other addiction treatment centres also need our spiritual support. Their skills address the problems of addiction for each individual who is humble and honest enough to admit that they are out of control. Treatment and counselling leads individuals who are living with addiction and their families towards decisions which will be fruitful once they return home.

While Pioneers have always prayed for people who are struggling with addiction we would also like the help of others along this journey of spiritual support. Can I invite you to consider “taking the pledge for Lent” or to become a “spiritual sponsor” for a resident of Cuan Mhuire this Temperance Sunday?

Just drop a line to me at Fr Robert, PTAA, PO Box 13492, Dublin 7 or visit [www.pioneers.ie/pray](http://www.pioneers.ie/pray).

Fr. Robert McCabe, PTAA Spiritual Director



### Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus tells us today that God is all love and caring, never angry, heals our wounds, and forgives all our failings. The answer to all commandments is Love. God's love in our hearts helps us to love others, to care, to help, to heal.



### 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

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty 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.*  
 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

**I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. 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.**

must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PS. 102:1-4.8.10.12-13**

**R. The Lord is compassion and love.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R)**
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **(R)**
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R)**

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians

**3:16 - 23 A reading from the first**

**letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Matthew 5: 38-48

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on

the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

"You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**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.



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

### 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

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us.....  
**Amen.**

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

### 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, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

**Leviticus 19: 1 - 2. 17 - 18**

**A reading from the book of Leviticus**

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: "Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You

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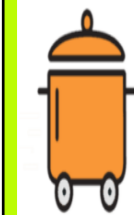
Date	Time		
Sat 18th Feb	5.00pm	Margaret, Lily & John Dunphy, Irishtown	Anniversaries
Sun 19th Feb	8.00am	Maurice & Josie Kehoe, Ryleen	8th & 4th Anniversaries
	9.00am	Richie Butler, Mount Carmel	5th Anniversary
	10.00am	The Leacy Family, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Martin Murphy, Ryleen	Months Mind
	8.00am	The deceased people of Bewley Street	Remembrance
Mon 20th Feb	10.00am	James (Jim) Ryan, Ard Na Greine	42nd Anniversary
	8.00am	Jack Foley, Irishtown	Anniversary
Tues 21st Feb - Shrove Tuesday	10.00am	Paddy Barron, Convent Hill	Anniversary
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 22nd Feb - Ash Wednesday	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Joan Kinsella & Rita Rose Bailey, Knockmullen	Anniversaries
	1.05pm & 7.00pm	Ashes ONLY with a short Service	
Thurs 23rd Feb	8.00am	Larry Kehoe, Ryleen	Anniversary
	10.00am	Fred McElwee, Richard & Sr. Margaret & Mary, UK & Rosbercon	Anniversaries
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 24th Feb	8.00am	Healing	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Eileen & Ned Larkin	Anniversaries
Sat 25th Feb	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the souls of Sonny Bennett, UK & formerly Neville Street, Maire Fitzsimmons (nee Ni Mhuirthe), Magheraclone & Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan & formerly Priory Street, Kathleen Byrne (nee Power), Camblin, Martin Andrew Doyle, Priory Lodge, Ballylane West & John Michael Byrne, Sommerville, Tramore & New Ross, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We remember & pray for the souls of Josie Kehoe (4th Anniversary), Ryleen, Don Whitty, his son John & his brother Tom, Camblin, 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.



### Meals on Wheels

To maintain this valuable service, funding is greatly appreciated at any time. To donate € 10.00 on a monthly basis or on a once off payment, please contact the Manager on 051-445711. Thank you.

### Holy Water Fonts

Are back to normal use again.



**Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:**  
Available @ €10.00 per week.  
Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am.  
**Our Lady's (Left):**  
The Maher & Rawson Families - RIP  
**Altar (Centre):**  
Michael O'Sullivan - RIP  
**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
Eric Walshe - 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".



**Wednesday 22nd February 2023:** Ash Wednesday, ashes will be disturbed at all masses. Ashes ONLY @ 1.05pm & 7.00pm with a short Service.

**Wednesday 8th March 2023:** Mr. Ring, Ms. Deevy & Ms. Kavanagh's Confirmation Class Preparation meeting in Parish Church @ 7.00pm.

**Saturday's 11th March 2023:** Mr. Ring, Ms. Deevy & Ms. Kavanagh's Class Confirmations @ 11.00am, 12.00 Noon & 1.00pm.

**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.

**Wednesday 22nd March 2023:** Ms. Lynch & Ms. Cooney's Confirmation Class Preparation meeting in Parish Church @ 7.00pm.

**Saturday's 25th March 2023:** Ms. Lynch & Ms. Cooney's Class Confirmations @ 11.00am & 12.00 Noon.

**Wednesday 29th March 2023:** Ms. O'Connor & Ms. O'Shea Classes First Confession @ 7.00pm in Parish Church.

**Thursday 30th March 2023:** Ms. Fitzpatrick, Ms. O'Neill & Ms. Mears Classes First Confession @ 7.00pm in Parish Church.

**Sunday 2nd April 2023:** Palm Sunday.  
**Monday 3rd April 2023:** Penitential Service @ 7.00pm

**Thursday 6th April 2023:** Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper @ 7.00pm in Mount Carmel & the Parish Church.

**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 taking Mass Bookings up to and including July 2023.

**Next Weeks Readings: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7. Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R/ cf v 3. Rm 5:12-19. Mt 4: 1-11.

**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 12th February 2023 @ € 1898.74 (Envelopes No. 179 & 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.

**CHY's Tax Forms**

Thank you to anyone who has already returned your CHY forms to the Parish Office to date. For those who haven't, we would be most grateful if you could do so as soon as possible. If you are not eligible for tax please sign the bottom of the letter you received and return.

Large Selection of Communion & Confirmation Gifts just in. Please contact the Parish Office.

NEW ROSS PARISH— Bun Scoil Ris					
Confirmation 2023					
Mr. Ring	Ms. Deevy	Ms. Kavanagh	Ms. Lynch	Ms. Cooney	
Preparation Meeting @ 7.00pm		Wednesday 8th March		Wednesday 22nd March	
Confirmation Date		Saturday 11th March		Saturday 25th March	
Confirmation Time		11.00am	12.00 Noon	1.00pm	11.00am 12.00 Noon

NEW ROSS PARISH—Bunscoil Nic Amhlaidh					
Communions 2023					
Ms. O'Connor	Ms. O'Shea	Ms. Fitzpatrick & Ms. O'Neill	Ms. Mears		
First Confessions @ 7.00pm		Wednesday 29th March		Thursday 30th March	
Preparation Meeting @ 7.00pm		Wednesday 17th May		Wednesday 24th May	
Communion Date		Saturday 20th May		Saturday 27th May	
Communion Time		11.00am	1.00pm	11.00am	1.00pm



**Diocese of Ferns Lourdes Pilgrimage**  
The Diocese of Ferns Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place from the 16th to the 21st May 2023, led by the Bishop of Ferns, Most Rev Ger Nash.  
Fr. Matt Boggan is Pilgrimage Director and Fr. Brian Broaders is Spiritual Director.  
The 5-night Diocese of Ferns Lourdes Pilgrimage is a fully escorted tour including:

- Return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- Transfer and assistance between Lourdes airport and your hotel on arrival and departure
- 5 nights accommodation in Lourdes
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner each day
- Pilgrimage Badge
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- Airport tax
- 20kg check-in bag and 1 small cabin bag

Price: €879 per person sharing – Hotel Agena  
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Price: €899 per person sharing – Hotel Eliseo

**FOR BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES:**  
Contact the Joe Walsh Tours team by email: info@joewalstours.ie or by phone: 01 241 0800, application forms available from the New Ross Parish Office.