

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.**

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.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING** *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7***A reading from the book of Genesis**

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17*

**R. Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we have sinned.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **[R]**

2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **[R]**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **[R]**
4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Romans 5:12-19*

(or *5:12.17-19 Shorter Form) A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

**Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.* Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.*

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. **If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.**

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on
bread alone, but on
every word that comes
from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!**

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 4:1 - 11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the

wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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

NICENE CREEED

**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

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time.
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.

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

**One does not live by bread alone, but
by every word that comes forth from the
mouth of God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray, come down upon your people, that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured.
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.**

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focus on sunday

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 26th February 2023

Each day has its own temptations towards evil. Christ himself was tempted away from good and from what he knew was best in life. As the angels looked after him in his temptation, so he and his saints look after us in ours.



I was driving and pulled up at the traffic lights. I shared the space with a few other cyclists. A car was pulling across the road and was let into the space by a kindly motorist. When he pulled into the queue of traffic his bumper was ever so slightly in the cycling lane. Not a problem; no one wanted his tail end sticking out on on-coming traffic on the other side of the road. There was a courteous facilitation of his plight.

A cyclist appeared out of nowhere. He stopped and uttered some very colourful expletives to the motorist. Other cyclists, looked at one another, wondering what his problem was and then watched with amazement at what happened next. Having finished his tirade he belted off, breaking two red lights within a hundred yards of each other. The reflection is not about the merits of cycling nor is it the foundation of one of the many discussions that are had on the airwaves between motorists and cyclists.

This reflection is more about anger. There is a lot of it about. You don't have to be long on the road whether you are on a bike, in a car, or some other vehicle to spot anger, even to feel it. I suppose people get angry because they feel someone is in their way or they do something that the person who gets angry considers to be foolish. Maybe we do get in others' way or maybe we do foolish things, but an angry response normally helps no one. As a matter of fact, anger begets anger and even provokes more of it so it doesn't go away, and it can leave us feeling sorry for ourselves or even a feeling a little self-righteous – I'm right and the whole world is wrong.

Traditionally in Lent we've given up things or we've done other things to help us on our spiritual journey -this Lent why not watch the anger levels, remembering of course that not all anger is unjustified, and in the face of wrongdoing righteous anger can have a place but it can't last for ever..

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story


Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus was tempted to be selfish, and make food for himself, to do magic and be noticed, and have a lot of money. I bring Love, Jesus said, because God is Love. Only love makes us really happy. With love there is always giving with our hearts to help others. Everyday we can help at home, at work, and travelling on the road. Lord, You accepted temptation to bless us.

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 25th Feb	5.00pm	Andy Cullen, Abbey View House, Church Street	11th Anniversary
Sun 26th Feb	8.00am	Elizabet & Patrick St. Ledger, their sons, Pat & Jimmy & their daughter, Kit, Mount Carmel	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Rebecca Irwin, Ard Alaiinn & her grandfather Gerry Roche, Bewley Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Tom Kirby, William Street	2nd Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Ellen (Nellie) Doyle, Charleton Hill Marie Doyle (nee Smith), Chapel Lane	Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 27th Feb	8.00am	Benefactors of Mount Carmel	Remembrance
	10.00am	Margaret Rawsom, Ard Na Greine	10th Anniversary
Tues 28th Feb	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Micheal O'Murchu & Mary Murphy, Bridge Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 1st Mar	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Dick & Elsie Hanrahan, Lower Southknock	Anniversaries
Thurs 2nd Mar	8.00am		
	10.00am	Martin Byrne, Camblin	Anniversary
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	7.30pm	Quiet Prayer with Scriptures in Room 3, St. Michaels Pastoral Centre. All Welcome.	
Fri 3rd Mar	8.00am		
	10.00am	Patrick (Nicko) Hamilton, Cross Street	2nd Anniversary
Sat 4th Mar	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the soul of John Ryan, Ballinaboola & late of Pondfields, who has passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Walter Bradley (24th Anniversary), Knockavilla & Alice Quinn (20th Anniversary), Priory Street, who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian Community, Iga Bednarczyk, Stephens Court, 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.

"Come back to me with all your heart"
INVITATION FOR LENT
Quiet time & Prayers using Scripture
On Thursday evenings beginning February 23rd
Time: 7.30—8.30pm
Venue: Room 3, St. Michaels Pastoral Centre, New Ross
All are Welcome

Taize Lenten Prayer
8.00 - 9.00pm every Friday
during Lent commencing 24th
February & concluding Good
Friday Night @ 8.00pm in Good
Counsel College Church.

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:
Available @ €10.00 per week.
Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am.

Our Lady's (Left):
William St. Ledger - RIP
Altar (Centre):
Ann O'Neill - RIP
St. Joseph's (Right):
Stephen St. Ledger - 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'.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

Friday 17th March 2023: St. Patricks 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 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.

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



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 March 2023 @ 10.30am, we will be taking Mass Bookings up to and including August 2023.

Next Weeks Readings: **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
Gn 12:1-4. Ps 32:4-5 ,18-20, 22. R/ v 22. 2 Tm 1:8-10. Mt 17: 1-9.

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. 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 / donation, please contact the Manager on 051-445711.

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 19th February 2023 @ €1818.86 (Envelopes No. 185 & 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.

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.




NEW ROSS PARISH— Bun Scoil Ris

Confirmation 2023

Mr. Ring	Ms. Deevy	Ms. Kavanagh	Ms. Lynch	Ms. Cooney
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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

Communion 2023

Ms. O'Connor	Ms. O'Shea	Ms. Fitzpatrick & Ms. O'Neill	Ms. Mears
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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

THE AUGUSTINIANS IN IRELAND

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14th February 2023

Fr. Joseph McGrath PP
c/o New Ross Parish Office,
Legion of Mary Hall,
Robert Street,
New Ross,
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Y34N677

Dear Fr. Joseph,

I hope you are keeping well. I am writing to let you know that the burial grounds at the former Augustinian Priory and Church are deconsecrated and therefore no burials, including those of our own friars, can take place there. I would be very grateful if you could make this clear to parishioners who may make any such requests.

Thank you for all your help I wish you every blessing.

Yours sincerely,



Tony Egan OSA,
Prior Provincial.

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the letter above, please contact Fr. Tony Eagan OSA, Prior Provincial at the address stated on the letter head.

The New Ross Active Retirement will hold their general meeting on Friday March 3rd in the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane at 10.30am. All welcome.