

focus on sunday

The followers of Jesus are the "light of the world" if they are seen to care for the oppressed, the hungry and the homeless. When such care is shown then the light of Christ is seen in our world.



You are the light of the world.



The light is what we receive. We are light because He shares light with us – a gift at baptism. Our baptismal candle will be lit at big times of life, like confirmation, maybe Easter celebrations and at our funeral Mass. It is lit from the paschal candle. This gesture is saying we get our light from Christ. The centre of our faith is our relationship with Jesus Christ. The second reading brings out the way we shine!

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, Clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn If you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness,

Light isn't just a light for me to see by. The light of Christ is for the sharing: giving a hand at home, looking for the family when they need a hand; caring for the poor, the migrant and refugee, working for the good of our neighbourhoods, volunteering at home or abroad. Our lives should reflect the light of Christ and shine like a beacon – to bring hope to others.

Jesus talks very often about light – light to the nations, shining in the darkness. He is called the 'light of the world'. When we share some of that light in ordinary ways, our lives improve and so do the lives of others.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus liked talking about "Light." God is full of light. We light a candle to pray. At the candle shrine there was a Jesus Story about a man, who was robbed and hurt. Two men passed by. A third man stopped, helped to lift up the man, and bandage his wounds. God is full of kindness for everyone. God's light is in our hearts to help others at home, at work, in our travelling.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. 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. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. *And with your spirit.*

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

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. 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.**

GOSPEL *Matthew 5:13 - 16* **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father 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 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.

call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 111: 4 - 9

R. The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright or Alleluia!

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **[R]**
2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **[R]**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **[R]**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

GREETING

In the name of the Father **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 forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **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

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 58: 7-10* **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer;

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All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel



Date	Time		
Sat 4th Feb	5.00pm	John Dalton, The Bosheen	1st Anniversary
Sun 5th Feb	8.00am	Craig Tracey & his mother Jean Tracey, Parkfield	Birthday Remembrance
	9.00am	Eileen & Jack Dwyer, Michael Street	Anniversary
Live on Southeast Radio	10.00am	Pat Kehoe, The Maudlins	2nd Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Peter Caulfield, Knockmullen & Kilmore Jimmy Murphy, Fairgate	Months Mind Months Mind
	7.00pm	Feast of St. Brigid service at Clonard Church for an evening of song, poetry & prayer. All welcome.	
Mon 6th Feb - Bank Holiday	8.00am	Paddy Byrne, The Bosheen	Anniversary
	10.00am	Ernie Bailey, Arnestown	2nd Anniversary
Tues 7th Feb	8.00am	Margaret Quinn, Rochestown	Anniversary
	10.00am	Rena McManus, Southknock & May Lannigan, Bewley Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 8th Feb	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Patrick & Edith O'Donovan, Arhurstown	Anniversaries
Thurs 9th Feb	8.00am	John Dalton, The Bosheen	Anniversary
	10.00am	Pat & Mary Furlong, Stephensland & Red House	Anniversaries
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 10th Feb	8.00am	Billy Foley, Irishtown	Anniversary
	10.00am	Michael Cullen, Victoria Place	11th Anniversary
Sat 11th Feb - World Day of the Sick	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Sean Rossiter, "Muskoka House", Southknock, Eoin Minihan, Woodland Grove & Paddy Donovan, Ballyrue Lower, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Margaret Bennett, Pondfields, Paddy Kehoe (7th Anniversary), Charleton Hill, Aidan Maddock, The Bullawn, Kenny Boland, Charleton Hill, Phyllis Dolan, Dublin & Johnny Sinnott, Chapel Lane, 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.

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

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

Our Lady's (Left):
Jim Dunne - RIP
Altar (Centre):
Mary & Michael Horgan - RIP
St. Joseph's (Right):
Muriel Murphy - 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.'



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. Ashes ONLY @ 5.00pm & 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.

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.

Saturday 8th April 2023: Easter Saturday Vigil @ 7.00pm in Mount Camel & Parish Church. No 10.00am mass in Parish Church. Confessions 2.00 - 4.00pm.

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 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: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Eccles (Sir) 15:15-20. Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34, R/v 1. 1 Cor 2:6-10. Mt 5:17-37.

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 29th January 2023 @ € 2342.06 (Envelopes No. 200 & 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

Thankyou 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.



Large Selection of
Communion Gifts
&
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

Anam Cara Southeast will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 14th February at 7:15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



2023 DIVINE MERCY NATIONAL CONFERENCE:
Friday 17th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th February 2023.
"Act justly, Love mercifully and Walk humbly with your God."
The Divine Mercy Conference will be available Free on www.divinemercyconference.com or churchservices.tv or via audio-only on www.RadioMaria.ie or Saorview 210 or dial up listening service at 01 4373277

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 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.