

There is a thirst for the love, joy and meaning of the gospel in the hearts of our people today. It is sometimes ignored in the rush of modern consumerism. The readings today invite us to bring that deep thirst for life to Jesus and his gospel.



...anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again...

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen. The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 May almighty God have mercy on us..... **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 17: 3 - 7

A reading from the book of Exodus
 Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 94:1-2.6-9

R. O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

- Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **[R]**
- Come in; let us bow and bend low;

let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **[R]**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-2.5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glorify to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL John 4: 5-15.19 - 26. 39 - 42

(Shorter Form Only)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans.

Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'
 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this

well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, All bow for following two lines:
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. 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

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands. 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 is about a person coming to the well when nobody else came. It would be the middle of the hot day; she seems a person of poor repute and would be gossiped about in her town. It is likely she came to the well at this time to avoid other people.

She had looked for truth and love in her life, in empty places. Jesus just sat with her, listened, shared his life story and then she knew she had found living water. It was unusual she would speak to him, and the disciples were amazed he would speak to her. But wasn't he a great man for conversations with all sorts of people? His mission was to save all of us not just some of us.

The living water is like the times when you get a real sense of love; of knowing very well another person and being known, warts and all; of finding the truth; of courage and endurance, of growing in faith. The living water lasts.


Jesus offers this in prayer and in the Mass and in the sacraments. The living water is commonly thought of as the Holy Spirit. In the coming weeks the Gospel will cover three great symbols of our faith - water (the woman at the well), light (the man born blind) and life (Lazarus).

Whatever it did for her brought her running back to town, a woman who spoke to nobody and was looked down on. One of the first to spread the gospel. She was a new witness to Jesus. She said little except that the joy of her life brought people to him..

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus met a lonely woman at the well. She was a Samaritan. Jesus asked her for a drink. The woman was very surprised because Jewish people did not speak to Samaritans. Jesus said "I can give you water that is full of life, and you will never thirst again." She ran home to tell all the neighbours to come and meet this man, who knew all about her and accepted her.

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 11th Mar	5.00pm	Ann McMahon, Michael Street	1st Anniversary
Sun 12th Mar	8.00am	Birthday Blessings	Special Intentions
	9.00am	Joan & Nicholas Cashin, William Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Sean Finn, Ard na Greine	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Martin Andrew Doyle, Priory Lodge, Ballylane West Kathleen Byrne (nee Power), Camblin	Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 13th Mar	8.00am	Eamon Bradley, Tralee, Co. Kerry	2nd Anniversary
	10.00am	Peg & Paddy Cleary, Priory Street	Anniversaries
Tues 14th Mar	8.00am	Mr. Tran, Vietnam	Remembrance
	10.00am	Clodagh Kehoe (nee Cleere), Brooklawn	2nd Anniversary
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 15th Mar	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Martin Wickham, Pondfields	Anniversary
Thurs 16th Mar	8.00am	Mrs Anna Drohan, Pondfields	Anniversary
	10.00am	Marian Kiethy, Mary Street	Anniversary
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	5.00pm	Michael Browne, Chapel Lane	5th Anniversary
Fri 17th Mar - St. Patrick's Day.	8.00am	Thomas, Elizabeth & deceased members of the Mernagh family, Ard na Greine	Anniversaries
	9.00am	John Moriarty, Mount Elliott	Anniversary
	10.00am	Owen (Owenie) Furlong, Ballyrue Lower	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Edward & Ellen Larkin, Mary Street	Anniversaries
Sat 18th Mar	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Bridget O'Neill (nee Hamilton) Tinnerany, Rosbercon formerly Ballyneale, Bridget Higginbotham (nee Dalton), The Bosheen & Michael Hanrahan, Lower Southknock, Richard Anthony (Tony), Mernagh, formerly Ard na Greine & London, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Michael Browne, Chapel Lane, Martin & Nancy Mernagh, Harvey Place & Bridget Purcell (2nd Anniversary), JKL, who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

WEDDING: We congratulate Ann Connors, Clonleagh, Palace East & Patrick Connors, Ballycullane, who were married recently in our Parish Church.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian Community, Jayda May Caulfield, Woodbine Terrace, Levi Jason Walsh, Barrow View Hights, Harley Rae Colfer, Barrow View Hights, who were 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.

Parish Visitation: Fr. Tom is available during the coming week to visit any household or family in Mount Elliott & the Bosheen area's for house blessing or just a chat. Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:
Available @ €10.00 per week.
Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am.
Our Lady's (Left):
Clodagh Kehoe (nee Cleere) - RIP
Altar (Centre):
Special Intentions
St. Joseph's (Right):
Joan & Nicholas Cashin- 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".



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 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 Carmel & Parish Church. Stations of the Cross in Parish Church @ 7.00pm. Parish Office Closed.

Saturday 8th April 2023: Easter Saturday Vigil @ 7.00pm in Mount Carmel & 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.

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 August 2023.

Next Weeks Readings: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13. Ps 22, R/v 1. Eph 5:8-14. Jn 9:1-41.

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. Michael's Pastoral Centre on the first Thursday of every month @ 11.00am.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 5th March 2023 @ € 1,849.61 (Envelopes No. 177 & 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. Michael's Pastoral Centre.

Legion of Mary: Meetings every Tuesday evening @ 7.30pm in St. Michael's 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.

The basket collection taken up at all Masses on St Patrick's Day this year will be used for the **Education and Development Fund for the Diocese.** As we go into the future we will need to invest money in the training of lay people and priests and seminarians to lead and support the faith development in our parishes. Your contribution will be your commitment to responding to a changing church.



Taizé LENTEN PRAYER

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

Saint Patrick's Breastplate
Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

You are invited next Saturday 18th March, to a talk hosted by Human Life International Ireland entitled: 'St Therese & the Holy Face of Jesus, a Love Story for our Times' in the pastoral centre, St Michael's Church, Gorey, on the huge but little known impact of the Holy Face devotion on the spiritual giant that is everyone's beloved 'Little Flower!' Refreshments: 3pm followed by the Holy Face prayers (including St. Therese's prayer to the Holy Face) in St Michael's Church at 3.30pm. (Holy Face relic and blessed oil from shrine of the Holy Face, Tours, France available afterwards). For more info: 0852525612

New Ross St. Patrick's Day Parade - 2pm Friday 17th March 2023 New Ross is going Green. There is still some time and plenty of ways to get involved....
Would your Club or Organisation like to participate
Is your home on the route - you could decorate it
Would your business like to entry our shop window competition
Are in interested in being a Steward for the day
Do you like fancy dress.... Would you like to dress up and join us
Have you seen a house or business decorated that you would like is to look at... or post a picture on our FB page. Let us know if you are interested in any way by contacting us on our our Facebook page St. Patrick's Day - New Ross or phone or text Anthony 0872338350 or Ollie 0872571841



INVITATION FOR LENT
Quiet time & Prayers using Scripture
On Thursday evenings beginning
February 23rd
Time: 7.30—8.30pm
Venue: Room 3, St. Michael's Pastoral Centre, New Ross. All are Welcome



Anam Cara South East
will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 14th March 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.



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