

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation  
that is faithless. From the deceitful  
and cunning rescue me, for you, O  
God, are my strength.

## GREETING

In the name of the Father..... Amen.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our  
God, may we walk eagerly in that same  
charity with which, out of love for the  
world, your Son handed himself over to  
death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING Ezekiel 37: 12 -14

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

The Lord says this: I am now going to  
open your graves; I mean to raise you  
from your graves, my people, and lead  
you back to the soil of Israel. And you  
will know that I am the Lord, when I open  
your graves and raise you from your  
graves, my people. And I shall put my  
spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall  
resettle you on your own soil; and you will  
know that I, the Lord, have said and done  
this - it is the Lord who speaks.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 129

**R. With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. (R)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. (R)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.) (R)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. (R)

## SECOND READING Romans 8: 8 - 11

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

People who are interested only in  
unspiritual things can never be pleasing  
to God. Your interests, however, are not  
in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since  
the Spirit of God has made his home in  
you. In fact, unless you possessed the  
Spirit of Christ you would not belong to  
him. Though your body may be dead it  
is because of sin, but if Christ is in you  
then your spirit is life itself because you  
have been justified; and if the Spirit of him  
who raised Jesus from the dead is living  
in you, then he who raised Jesus from  
the dead will give life to your own mortal  
bodies through his Spirit living in you.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life,  
says the Lord;  
who ever believes in me will never die.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

GOSPEL John 11:3-7.17.20-27.33-45  
(Shorter Form Only)

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**  
The sisters sent this message to Jesus,  
'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiv-  
ing the message Jesus said, 'This sick-  
ness will end not in death but in God's  
glory, and through it the Son of God will  
be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and  
Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus  
was ill he stayed where he was for two  
more days before saying to the disciples,  
'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus  
had been in the tomb for four days  
already.

When Martha heard that Jesus had  
come she went to meet him. Mary  
remained sitting in the house. Martha  
said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my  
brother would not have died, but I know  
that, even now, whatever you ask of God,  
he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said  
Jesus to her 'will rise again.'

Martha said, 'I know he will rise again  
at the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and  
the life. If anyone believes in me, even  
though he dies he will live, and whoever  
lives and believes in me will never die. Do  
you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you

are the Christ, the Son of God, the one  
who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh  
that came straight from the heart,  
'Where have you put him?' They said,  
'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and  
the Jews said, 'See how much he loved  
him!' But there were some who remarked,  
'He opened the eyes of the blind man,  
could he not have prevented this man's  
death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the  
tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close  
the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone  
away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now  
he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus  
replied, 'Have I not told you that if you  
believe you will see the glory of God?'  
So they took away the stone. Then Jesus  
lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my  
prayer. I knew indeed that you always  
hear me. But I speak for the sake of all  
these who stand round me, so that they  
may believe it was you who sent me.'  
When he had said this, he cried in a  
loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!'  
The dead man came out, his feet and  
hands bound with bands of stuff and a  
cloth round his face. Jesus said to them,  
'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come  
to visit Mary and had seen what he did  
believed in 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

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled  
in your servants the teachings of  
the Christian faith, graciously purify them  
by the working of this sacrifice.  
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....

## AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and  
profess your Resurrection until you come  
again.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Everyone who lives and believes in me  
will not die for ever, says the Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God,  
that we may always be counted  
among the members of Christ,  
in whose Body and Blood  
we have communion.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless, O Lord, your people,  
who long for the gift of your mercy,  
and grant that what, at your prompting, they  
desire they may receive by your generous  
gift. 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, glorifying the Lord  
by your life. Thanks be to God.

## focus on sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 26th March 2023

The gospel of Jesus is one of hope. In raising someone from death he  
promises companionship, hope and eternal presence to  
all his people. This is the message of Christian hope.



*'Lazarus, here! Come out!'*



The raising of Lazarus is a strange story – it is not about the  
afterlife but about coming back to the present life and living it fully.  
The writers knew Jesus as the God of the living. We also get to  
see Jesus, as a man, grieving for his friend and as the Son of God

raising him from the dead.

I think of Lazarus coming back with new light in his eyes. Had he seen a bit of what  
is to come? Jesus comes to bring life and to the full.

We kill ourselves on the inside often. Grief can overcome us; we can live with anger  
for years. We need the shared love that comes from being heard, being listened  
to; and we need the faith that comes from our love of God, often the love of faith.  
Pope Francis lists three elements of Prayer – Faith, Perseverance and Courage.

The call from Jesus is to live to the full; with love and prayer; and to us to unbind  
each other from what cripples our spirits. We live life to the full in our care for those  
in need: the freedom of the migrant arriving here to a world which will not torture  
them and will give them their dignity; of the young person scared of exams and  
unemployment and wondering will they ever find real love; for all of us when fear  
and worry and anxiety gets us down.

In the time of bereavement Martha shared her grief with Jesus. Death will always  
call on our faith, as it did for the friends of Jesus. We can do that in what keeps us  
down in life. She looked to him and prayed to him for hope and new life. Prayer like  
that is also the door to a freer life.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Lazarus died and Jesus gives him new breath again, to remind us  
that God Our Father promises new life and joy to all people who  
pass through death. Life passes, but is not ended. So we ask our  
dear departed family and friends to pray for us.




# New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael

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 **Radio Mass 104.7Fm & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH WEBSITE.**  
All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel

Date	Time		
Sat 25th Mar	5.00pm	Richard (Dixie) & Biddy Brazil, Abbey View	Anniversaries
Sun 26th Mar	8.00am	Bea Walsh, Irishtown	2nd Anniversary
	9.00am	Josephine Moore, Henry Street	Anniversary
Communion Classes	10.00am	Malachy Tully, Mountgarrett	Anniversary
Preparation Masses	12.00 Noon	Special Healing Intentions	Special Intentions
Mon 27th Mar	8.00am	Seamus Ryan, The Maudlins	3rd Anniversary
	10.00am	Eily O'Donoghue, Waterford	Anniversary
Tues 28th Mar	8.00am	Michael Hunt, Pondfields	12th Anniversary
	10.00am	James & Margaret Howlett & Ellen Kelly, William Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 29th Mar	8.00am	Intentions of people	
	10.00am	Kitty Foley & deceased members of the Foley & Brennan families, New Ross & Castlecomer, Kilkenny	Anniversaries
	2.30pm	Prayer Service for Lent with Secondary Schools. All Welcome!	
	7.00pm	Ms. O'Connor & Ms. O'Shea classes First Confession	
Thurs 30th Mar	8.00am	Thomas Merrigan, Knockmullen	Anniversary
	10.00am	Margaret Mulhall, Kiltealy	Anniversary
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour	
	7.00pm	Ms. Fitzpatrick, Ms. O'Neill & Ms. Mears classes Frist Confession	
Fri 31st Mar	8.00am	Kathleen Kennedy, 'Lisheen', Southknock	Anniversary
	10:00am	Larry & Josie Murray, their son Sean & their daughter Mary, Late of Boley, Ballyculane	Anniversaries
Sat 1st April	10:00am	Parish Mass Association	

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the souls of Josephine (Josie) Treacy (nee Doherty), Glenmore, Kilkenny & Ard Na Greine, Margaret Rigley (nee Kane), Southknock, Kevin Cottrell, Neville Street, Peter Barry, Corach Avenue, Wellington Bridge, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We remember & pray for the souls of Enda Somers (19th Anniversary), The Maudlins, Ned Cash Junior (2nd Anniversary), Hospital Road, Anna Belle Kehoe (9th Anniversary), Tower Grove & Michael Kavanagh (1st Anniversary), Mountgarrett, 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.**

**A Date for your Diary:** May 12/13.... **Conversations with Women in the Bible.**

A day to explore insights from their stories and God's transforming presence in their lives.  
Speaker: Sr. **Therese Fitzgerald** SND. Venue: Ballyvaloo Centre, Blackwater, Co. Wexford - Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> or Pembroke Hotel, Kilkenny - Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. More details later/ check out [www.ssja.org](http://www.ssja.org)

## Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

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

### Our Lady's (Left):

**Ned Walsh - RIP**

### Altar (Centre):

**Mona Walsh - RIP**

### St. Joseph's (Right):

**The Laffan Family - 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'.



**Tuesday 28th March 2023:** Margaret Rossiter interviews Elma Sutton during the Schools Corner Program on Southeast Radio @ 8.05pm.

**Wednesday 29th March 2023:** Prayer Service for Lent @ 2.30pm with Secondary Schools. All Welcome.

**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

**Tuesday 4th April 2023:** Chrism Mass @ 7.30pm in St. Aidan's Cathedral Enniscorthy.

**Thursday 6th April 2023:** No 8.00am Mass in Mount Carmel or 10.00am Mass in Parish Church. Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7.00pm in Mount Carmel & the Parish Church.

**Friday 7th April 2023:** No 8.00am Mass in Mount Carmel or 10.00am Mass in Parish Church. Good Friday of the Lord's Passion @ 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 Parish Church & @ 8.00pm in Mount Carmel. No 10.00am mass in Parish Church on this day. Confessions 2.00 - 4.00pm.

**Sunday 9th April 2023:** Easter Sunday of The Lord's Resurrection. 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:** PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION Procession Mt 21:1-11. Mass Is 50:4-7. Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, R/ v 2. Phil 2:6-11. Mt 26:14 - 27:66.

**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 March 2023 @ € 2,064.90 (Envelopes No. 200 & 2nd Collection combined). You can donate via. The Ferns Diocesan Website ([www.ferns.ie](http://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.

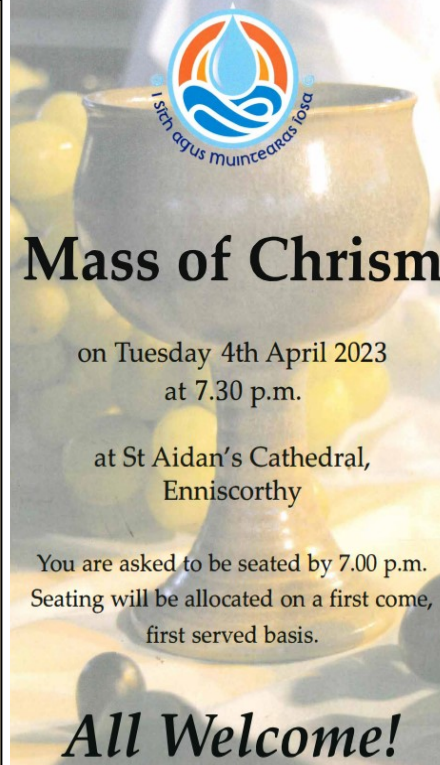
**Lectio Divina:** Every Wednesday morning at 10.45am for one hour in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre.

**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](http://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.



**Mass of Chrism**

on Tuesday 4th April 2023  
at 7.30 p.m.

at St Aidan's Cathedral,  
Enniscorthy

You are asked to be seated by 7.00 p.m.  
Seating will be allocated on a first come,  
first served basis.

**All Welcome!**



**New Ross Singers**  
perform  
**Gounod: St. Cecilia Mass**  
with  
MUSICI ORCHESTRA  
JADE PHOENIX, SOPRANO  
WILLIAM PEARSON, TENOR  
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**Church of Assumption Rosbercon, New Ross**

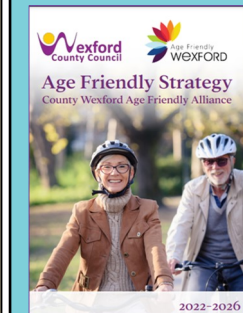
**Saturday 1st April 2023 at 7.30pm**

Tickets €20  
Available from Choir Members and at the door

## Join your local older people's council

Older People's Councils are established in every local authority area of Ireland under the local Age Friendly Programme. They are a vehicle to bring the voice of older people into local government and help to inform private and public service provision. Contact your Age Friendly Programme Manager, Miriam Hillis

to find out more on: 053 9196384 / 087 3511457 or [miriam.hillis@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:miriam.hillis@wexfordcoco.ie) See our locations and times for our 5 Municipal District Meetings overleaf. Please join us and get your voice heard. All meetings will run from 2pm – 3.30pm



Enniscorthy	Riverside Park Hotel, Tuesday March 21 <sup>st</sup>
New Ross	Horse & Hound Hotel, Tuesday March 28 <sup>th</sup>
Wexford	Maldron Hotel, Tuesday April 18 <sup>th</sup>
Rosslare	Coast Hotel, Rosslare Strand Thursday April 20 <sup>th</sup>
Gorey	Amber Springs Hotel, Tuesday April 25 <sup>th</sup>



## A FOND FAREWELL

Over the next few weeks the Parish will say a sad GOODBYE to three retired **SISTERS OF MERCY**, who will transfer to other Convents of the Congregation.

We say a heartfelt THANK YOU to them for their quiet presence and important contribution to the life of the Parish over many years.

Thankfully the link with the Mercy Sisters will be maintained in three important ways:

- (1) Two Sisters will continue that important presence - unbroken since the Congregation first arrived in New Ross in 1853. We acknowledge all those generations of Sisters for their selfless dedication to education and generous commitment to many social services in the town.
- (2) (lest we forget) the wonderful CATHERINE MCAULEY JUNIOR SCHOOL - named in honour of the Sister Foundress - will stand as a permanent reminder to future generations of the contribution of so many Sisters and their lay staffs to the lives of so many over 170 years.
- (3) The MERCY SPIRIT of care, concern and compassion is being and will continue to be safeguarded and promoted by the present and future dedicated staffs of the Catherine McAuley Junior School. (A fuller account of the history of the Mercy Sisters in New Ross will be carried here in coming editions).



*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.*

