

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen. 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.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 12: 1 - 4

A reading from the book of Genesis
The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 32: 4-5.18 - 20.22
R. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. [R]

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. [R]
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. [R]

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:8-10
A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL Matthew 17: 1-9
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah. He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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.

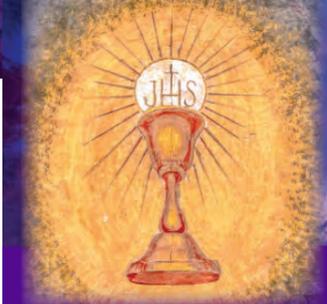
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. 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.....



focus on sunday

The gospel presents the glory of Christ, the One in whom we can always hope, the One who takes our sadnesses and despair into his own heart, and gives us through his death and resurrection the promise of eternal hope.



AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. 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.

Reflection
We too should follow Jesus to the mountain top but we should follow him too - down again for it is in living and serving others, in seeing in all people the image of God that we can truly follow Jesus to his home with the Father
Lord, the glory which we see in your Transfiguration will one day be ours. We thank you for your promise and the gift of hope in this promise. Help me to see in all people the image of your glory, that in each person I meet lives the love and light of your Holy Spirit. Amen.



Today's Gospel describes an overwhelming experience for three of the disciples, Peter, James and John - Jesus' 'inner circle'. Mountains are important locations in Matthew's Gospel, always associated with divine revelation, places where heaven touches earth. The trio realise there is something deeper going on as Jesus is transformed before their eyes. The presence of Moses (representing the Law) and Elijah (representing the prophets) invites parallels between these figures and Jesus, who fulfils both the law and the prophets.

"It is good for us to be here." These words of Peter recognise the enormity of the moment. Life is full of opportunities to acknowledge and appreciate the presence of God and others. How often do we take a moment with God to simply say "Here I am"? Lent gives us that opportunity to press pause and come into the presence of God.

Every moment holds the gift of God's presence. Sometimes this is referred to as the 'sacrament of the present moment', a realisation that God is not 'out there' but here and now, in this time and place. We encounter God in both the extraordinary and ordinary moments of life. In times of laughter and joy, when we delight in our loved ones, God is to be found. In times of rest and reflection, God is within. So while we might not identify with the disciples' experience of the Transfiguration Jesus, if we are attentive to the present moment, we may just find that our world is ablaze with divine love.

Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty are the authors of *The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*, Messenger Publications, 2022

Jesus' Story *Fr. Liam Hickey*
Jesus hides himself in human clothes to comfort and help people, and not to frighten them. Behind his human face to day, on the mountain, his friends get a taste of Heaven...Jesus' Face is dazzlingly beautiful....his friends want to stay with Him forever. God's image, part of God's Face, is in every human being. When we die we see God's Face fully lit up. A smile from our face is a blessing from God. Why don't we try today?

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

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10.30am to 2.00pm. Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays. Wide range in stock of Mass Cards, General Cards & Gift Ideas for all occasions. Mass Cards are also available in Nugent's Newsagents, Cooney's & Ryan's Funeral Homes.

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All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel



Date	Time		
Sat 4th March	5.00pm	Jim, Molly & Willie Reeves, Mount Carmel	Anniversaries
Sun 5th Mar	8.00am	John Ronan, Irishtown & deceased family members	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Tim Ryan, Priory Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	The North family, Abbeyview	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Paddy Donovan, Ballyrue Lower Tom Doyle, Charleton Hill	Months Mind Months Mind
Mon 6th Mar	8.00am	Nancy & Andy Harte, Cross Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Martin O'Neill, Pondfields	2nd Anniversary
Tues 7th Mar	8.00am	Mary & Michael Meaney, Nunnery Lane	12th & 4th Anniversaries
	10.00am	Seanie Byrne, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 8th Mar	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Mary Knight & family, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	7.30pm	Mr. Ring, Ms. Deevy & Ms. Kavanagh's Confirmation Class Preparation meeting in Parish Church.	
Thurs 9th Mar	8.00am	Benefactors of Mount Carmel	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Matty & Molly Crowdle, Irishtown	Anniversaries
	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 10th Mar	8.00am	Healing & Remembrance	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Marcella Meehan, Charleton Hill	20th Anniversary
	8.00pm - 9.00pm	Taize Lenten Prayer in Good Counsel Church. All Welcome.	
Sat 11th Mar	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	11.00am	Mr. Ring's Class Confirmation	
	12.00 Noon	Ms. Deevy's Class Confirmation	
	1.00pm	Ms. Kavanagh's Class Confirmation	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Brendan (Cully) Cullen, Grey Abbey, Kildare Town, Michael O'Neill, Rosbercon, P. J. Whitty, Hillview, Carnagh & Tom Delahunt, Ballinacloy, Wicklow, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Patrick (Nicko) Hamilton (2nd Anniversary), Cross Street, Mary Dwyer, Fr. Cullen Terrace, Stephen Mullett, Charleton Hill, Betty Murphy (9th Anniversary), Fairgate & Stephen Turbitt (2nd Anniversary), Gurteen, Saltilms, 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.

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:

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

Our Lady's (Left):
Margaret Walshe - RIP
Altar (Centre):
Pat & Annie Dunne - RIP
St. Joseph's (Right):
Healing

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 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. Stations of the Cross in Parish Church @ 7.00pm. 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: We are currently taking Mass Bookings up to and including August 2023.

Next Weeks Readings: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Ex 17:3-7. Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R/ v 8. Rm 5:1-2, 5-8. Jn 4:5-42.

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 26th February 2023 @ € 2,686.90 (Envelopes No. 222 & 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.

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE - A SIX WEEK PROGRAMME

'The Word of God is alive and active'. It relates to us and to our lives today. A six-week programme for beginners and those who want to deepen their understanding of the Bible.

Presented by Fr. Jim Finn

When: Tuesdays from 7.30 to 9.30 beginning on April 18th

Venue: St. Peter's Pastoral Centre

To Register: Send a Deposit of 5 Euro to Sr. Stephanie, Conabury House, Newtown Court, Wexford Y35W6W7

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.



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.

NEW ROSS DRAMA FESTIVAL



This years festival kicks off in St Michaels on March 13th Running for Eight nights to March 23rd. Some great classics including "Sive", "The Field", "Beauty Queen of Leenane", "The Importance of Being Earnest" and The Playboy of the Western World, along with some new plays will perform on stage. Box office is now open with great value for Patrons @ €50 or €10 nightly. Students half Price. St. Michaels Theatre (051) 421255



New Ross Musical Society's presents the Irish Premiere of 'Chaplin The Musical' at St. Michael's Theatre (051-421255) from Tuesday 7th to Saturday 11th March 2023 at 8pm nightly.

St. Patrick's Day preparations are under way for the annual New Ross, **St. Patrick's Day Parade** which will begin in the Irishtown at 2pm. The Theme this year is "New Ross Lets go Green" ... so let's get our groups together, our floats ready, the shop windows decorated and our own windows ready and make this year bigger and better than ever before. The committee welcome anyone interested in volunteering to help out on the day. For more information or an application form check out our Facebook page St. Patricks Day - New Ross or phone Anthony 0872338350 / Ollie 0872571841



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

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

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.



WOMEN'S SHED
Please come join us to celebrate
International Women's Day
The newly formed Women's Shed New Ross invites you to a free
**Afternoon Tea/
Spill the Coffee Beans
Event**
WEDNESDAY
MARCH
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Come anytime
4:30 to 6pm
Upstairs at O'Brien's
34 South St

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.