## **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

## GREETING

In the name of the Father .....Amen. The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God have mercy on us.....

## 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**

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

# FIRST READING Acts 2:42 - 47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple everyday but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God

and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

# Ps117: 2-4.13-15.22-24

- R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
- 1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'
- 2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

[R]

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. [R]

## SECOND READING 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9

## A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

## Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia! GOSPEL John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,

'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saving this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said. 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

## THE 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

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

hands for the praise and glory of his name.

for our good and the good of all his holy

the oblations of your people (and of those

you have brought to new birth), that,

renewed by confession of your name and

by Baptism, they may attain unending

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts .....

When we eat this Bread and drink this

Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Pray brothers and sisters....

Accept, O Lord, we prav.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We lift them up to the Lord.

Lift up your hearts.

It is right and just.

The mystery of faith.

until you come again.

And with your spirit.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

my soul shall be healed.

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Church.

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) 16th April 2023





We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often, they bring some sort of growth into our lives and usually it is not a pleasant experience. The Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and in today's Gospel invites Thomas to get in touch with this reality. The great

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

## CONCLUDING RITE

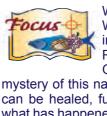
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

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, alleluia, alleluia, Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Risen from the dead is present in a new way through His Spirit. Jesus shows Thomas his wounded hands and side. Jesus says "Thomas, here are my Hands, give me your hands." Jesus has the whole world in His Hands. He asks us to bless others with our hands, in our work, in our hugs and friendship, in our music, art and sport, and prayer to heal others.

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mystery of this narrative is that the cross and new life are deeply intertwined. We what has happened remain, almost like a reminder of how far we have come. When we recall times of our own 'wounded-ness' do we also hear Jesus's "peace be with you"? This peace, this Shalom, is more than a wish for a peaceful day. It expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving.

can be healed, fully transformed, even experience resurrection yet the scars of

In difficult times, becoming aware of Christ's presence amongst us can open our

hearts, we keep going in confidence that any suffering we are experiencing is not the end of the story. For the disciples this experience moves them from being closed off to the world, to rejoicing, and this in turn opens up the mission for them to be unending witnesses to God's love, to be for others what Jesus has been for them. The Risen Christ is active in all our lives and in the world around us. May we

be open to transformation, to growth and to share this life-giving Spirit with others. "For even if the whole world believed in resurrection, little would change until we began to practice it. We can believe in CPR, but people will remain dead until someone breathes new life into them." - Shane Claiborne

# focus on sunday

Easter for Thomas was a rediscovery of his faith in Jesus. The risen power of the Lord is the basis for his people's faith.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe

Jane Mellett is the co-author of The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew, Messenger Publications, 2022

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

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

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Radio Mass 104.7Fm & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH WEBSITE. Sanctuary Lamps Intentions: All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel Available @ €10.00 per week. Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am. Date Time Our Lady's (Left): Sat 15th April 5.00pm Mary Shannon 'Naomh Ioseph', Henry Street 1st Anniversary **Family Intentions** Altar (Centre): 8.00am Sun 16th April Peter, Marian & Breda Maher, Knockmullen Anniversaries Michael Browne - RIP **Divine Mercy** 9.00am Special Healing Intentions Special Intentions St. Joseph's (Right): **Special Intentions** 10.00am Joseph Caulfield, Southknock & Pat Dunne, Anniversaries Terrerath PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS God our Father, we trust in your 12.00 Richard Anthony (Tony), Mernagh, Months Mind oving kindness. Bless our Diocese Noon late of London, UK & Ard na Greine of Ferns with many priestly and eligious vocations. Give the men 3.00pm **Divine Mercy Devotions in Parish Church** and women you call the light to inderstand Your gift and the love Mon 17th April 8.00am Pat Doyle, Lower Mount Carmel 12th Anniversary o follow always in the 10.00am Mary & William Connolly, Mary Street Anniversaries ootsteps of your Son. Amen' 8.00am **Tues 18th April** Intentions of the People 10.00am John Moran. South Street Anniversarv 10.00am Eucharistic Adoration 8.00pm Wed 19th April 8.00am 641 9960 for further information. 10.00am Mary Walsh, Mary Street Anniversary Monday 1st May 2023: Bank Holiday. Thurs 20th April 8.00am Alan Murphy, The Bosheen Anniversarv Parish Office Closed 10.00am **Special Birthday Intentions Birthday Blessing** -3.00pm **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** meeting in Parish Church @ 7.00pm. .00pm Fri 21st April 8.00am Bozena Jastrzebska. Ballvrue 2nd Anniversary 1 00pm 10.00am Helen O'Kennedy & her parents, Margaret & Anniversaries John Dillon, Mary Mount Lord, World Communications Day. Sat 22nd April 10.00am **Parish Mass Association <u>RECENTLY DECEASED</u>**: We pray for the souls of Kathleen (Kay) Doyle (nee Mullins), Southknock & Anastatia (Lally) Murphy (nee Bailey), Ursuline Court & Ballytruckle, Waterford & Bridge Street, New House Hotel @ 7.00pm. Ross, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace. ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Bridie & George Echlin, Mountross,

Mary & William Connolly, Mary Street, Ada Cass (10th Anniversary), Mary Street, 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.

## **Conversations with Women** in the Bible

Exploring insights from their stories and God's transforming presence in their lives

A Date for your Diary: May 12/13... Speaker: Sr. Therese Fitzgerald SND. Venue: Ballyvaloo Centre, Blackwater, Co. Wexford Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> or Pembrook Hotel, Kilkenny Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. More details later/ check out www.ssjg.org

Thank you to all who helped in any way with our Easter Ceremonies & a special thanks to all who attended. Also, contributions with MA. collections & dues is very much appreciated 8

Saturday & Sunday 22nd & 23rd April 2023: Annual Pilgrimage to Knock. Please contact 087 Wednesday 17th May 2023: Ms. O'Connor & Ms. O'Shea Class First Communions Preparation Saturday 20th May 2023: Ms. O'Connor & Ms. O'Shea Class First Communions @ 11.00am & Sunday 21st of May 2023: The Ascension of the Wednesday 24th May 2023: Diocesan Safeguarding Information Sessions in Brandon Wednesday 24th May 2023: Ms. Fitzpatrick, Ms O'Neill & Ms. Mears Class First Communions Preparation meeting in Parish Church @ 7.00pm Saturday 27th May 2023: Ms. Fitzpatrick, Ms O'Neill & Ms. Mears Class First Communions @ 11.00am & 1.00pm

Sunday 28th May 2023: Pentecost Sunday. Sunday 4th June 2023: The Most Holy Trinity. Monday 5th June 2023: Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed

Sunday 11th June 2023: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi

Friday 23rd June 2023: Patron St. Marys Cemetery @ 7.00pm

Sunday 25th June 2023: Patron in Mount Carmel after 8.00am Mass, in Priests Cemetery, Parish Church after 10.00am Mass & St. Stephens Cemetery@ 3.00pm

## PARISH INFORMATION.

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## 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: At present we are taking Mass Bookings up to and including September 2023.

Next Weeks Readings: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 2:14, 22-33. Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11, R/ v 11. 1 Pt 1:17-21. l k 13-35

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 9th April 2023 @ € 2,861.13 (Envelopes No. 221 & 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.

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Irish Catholic Newspaper: Available in the Parish Office @ € 2.50 each. Price increase to € 3.00 from 1st of May 2023. Church Carpark: In the interest of safety we request Parking to take place in designated areas ONLY.



WORLD YOUTH DA

## World Youth Day Gathering with Pope Francis **OPEN TO ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 35** MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS BY 3RD AUGUST 2023

Pilorim pack Parishes may be in a position to partially fund the cost of the trip. Please enquire with your Parish Priest.

Registration form must be returned fully completed along with €100 nonrefundable deposit and a picture/copy of your Passport Details Page, in order to secure your place

> To enquire please contact: Ferns WYD Pilgrimage Director: Fr Brian Whelan FernsWYD@gmail.com 053-9428163

## The Diocese of Ferns will be holding Safeguarding Information Sessions throughout May 2023

(Clergy and Parish Safeguarding Reps are required to attend full day and refresher courses)

These sessions are particularly aimed at staff and parishioners involved in any capacity in the life of the church;

secretaries, sacristans, cleaning teams, choir leaders, catechists, altar server supervisors,

flower arrangers, readers, collectors etc

### However, all who are interested are encouraged to attend.

This short session (approx. 90 minutes) will give you an insight into safeguarding in the context of the Catholic Church, and through the lens of our faith and community.

	Topics will include: What is safeguarding?			THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN THE CATHOLIC CHIRDRI
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Recognising, Responding, Reporting & Recording knowledge, suspicions and concerns of abuse				
Wednesday	24th May	7.00pm	Brandon House Hotel	New Ross
Free to attend, no booking required				
For more information please contact:				
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## COST €650

The price includes:

Return Flights from Dublin to Lisbon, August 3rd-6th

Transfer in Lisbon Airport to hotel and return transfer for departure. 2 nights B& B accommodation in a city centre hotel in Lisbon. Meals (lunch and dinner) provided by the WYD Organising Committee World Youth Day Package with Insurance, Free Public Transport

New Ross Parish Community strives to be a welcoming, life-giving PEOPLE, nourished by

