

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
 Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 May almighty God have mercy on us.... Amen.

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

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:14.36-41
 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' 'Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.'

He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 22:1-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want, or Alleluia!

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. [R]
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. [R]
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. [R]
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2: 20 - 25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 10: 1 - 10.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

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.



focus on sunday

We are all called into God's service, some as priests and religious. Today we pray for all people who have given their life to serving God and living his Gospel. We pray that many others may follow the Lord in this way.

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

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. 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..

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

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

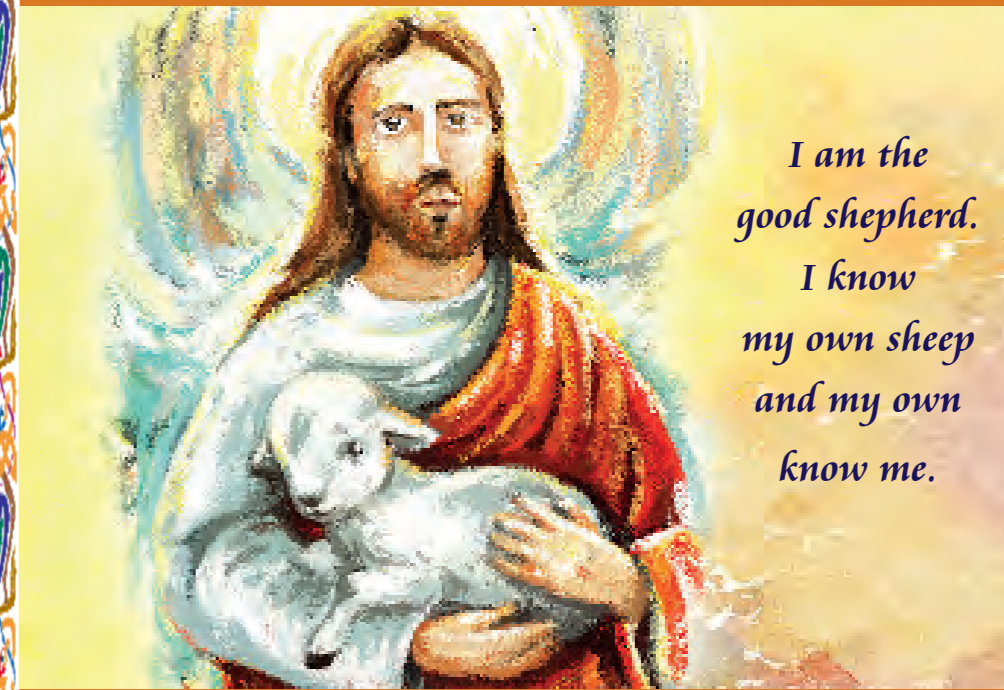
Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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.



I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and my own know me.



God works from the goodness inside each of us - The goodness that reaches out to others to help them and to him in prayer.

He plants this goodness from the first moment:

Small beginnings from the bodies of father and mother To grow, develop right through until eternity.

Nourish that goodness - by working for good, and in mindfulness, meditation, prayer, and community, and care and concern the poor near and far, by service in the local community.

Your goodness will bring good to the world and to others. But first and even more so

Believe in the eternal goodness inside yourself! This is the beginning of vocation.


Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey


Jesus tells us that God Our Father is like A GOOD SHEPHERD. The Good Shepherd minds his sheep. He knows the name of every sheep. He does not drive the sheep. He leads them to find good food. He coaxes them, does not frighten them, and He cares specially for the hurt one. So God Our Father invites us all the time with His Love. We have special food from Heaven in Holy Communion, and Jesus says "Come to me when you feel weak and lonely. Take and eat I am your Forever Friend".

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 29th April	5.00pm	Mickey Foley, Irishtown	1st Anniversary
Sun 30th April - Vocations Sunday - 4th Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Special Intention	Special Intention
	9.00am	Craig Breen, Waterford	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Patricia Rowsome, Mountross	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Brendan (Cully) Cullen, Dun Na Ri, Kildare Ted St. Ledger, Bewley Street	Months Mind Months Mind
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations led by Bishop Ger Nash in St. Aidan's, Enniscorthy.	
Mon 1st May - Bank Holiday	8.00am	Tom Murphy, Upper William Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Seamus Burke, Chambersland	14th Anniversary
	7.00pm	Rosary around the Grotto in Irishtown for the month of May every evening Monday to Friday.	
Tues 2nd May	8.00am	Intentions of the people	
	10.00am	Arron Phillpot, Nunnery Lane	4th Anniversary
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
	7.00pm	Rosary around the Grotto in Irishtown.	
Wed 3rd May	8.00am	Sr. Kathleen McGlynn, Dominican Sisters, Dublin	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Margaret Malone, Lower Michael Street	2nd Anniversary
	7.00pm	Rosary around the Grotto in Irishtown.	
Thurs 4th May	8.00am	Ned Cash Junior, Hospital Road	2nd Anniversary
	10.00am	Jimmy Martin, Ard Na Greine	95th Birthday Remembrance
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour	
	7.00pm	Rosary around the Grotto in Irishtown	
Fri 5th May	8.00am	Imelda O'Rourke, Hewittsland	17th Anniversary
	10.00am	Stephen O'Gorman, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	7.00pm	Rosary around the Grotto in Irishtown for the month of May every evening Monday to Friday.	
Sat 6th May	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	John Dreelan, Mountross	9th Anniversary
Sun 7th May - 5th Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Benefactors of Mount Carmel	
	9.00am	Special Healing Intentions	
	10.00am	Willie Reeves, Mount Carmel	
	12.00 Noon	Michael Hanrahan, Lower Southknock Shay Kehoe, Nunnery Lane	Months Mind Months Mind

The New Ross Active Retirement will hold their general meeting in the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane on Friday May the 5th at 10.30am After the meeting we will celebrate our Beltane Tea. All members are welcome

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:
Available @ €10.00 per week.
Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am.

Our Lady's (Left):
Aaron Phillpot - RIP
Altar (Centre):
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St. Joseph's (Right):
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Sunday 30th April 2023: Vocations Sunday. Bishop Ger will lead Eucharistic Adoration in St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy @ 3.00pm

Month of May: Rosary at the Grotto in the Irishtown from Monday to Friday @ 7.00pm

Monday 1st May 2023: Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed.

Wednesday 17th May 2023: Ms. O'Connor & Ms. O'Shea Class First Communions Preparation meeting in Parish Church @ 7.00pm.

Saturday 20th May 2023: Ms. O'Connor & Ms. O'Shea Class First Communions @ 11.00am & 1.00pm.

Sunday 21st of May 2023: The Ascension of the Lord, World Communications Day.

Wednesday 24th May 2023: Diocesan Safeguarding Information Sessions in Brandon House Hotel @ 7.00pm.

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.

Monday 7th August 2023: Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed.

Tuesday 15th August 2023: Holy Day - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Vigil Mass @ 5.00pm Monday 14th August in Parish Church. Mass @ 8.00am in Mount Carmel, 10.00am & 1.05pm Tuesday 15th August in Parish Church.

Saturday 23rd - Friday 29th September 2023: New Ross Parish Mission.

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: On Tuesday the 2nd of May we will be taking Mass Bookings up to and including October 2023.

Next Weeks Readings: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 6:1-7. Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, R/ v 22. 1 Pt 2:4-9. Jn 14:1-12.

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 23rd April 2023 @ € 1,996.49 (Envelopes No. 180 & 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. 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.

Parish Office / Shop in Legion of Mary Pastoral Centre: All items for sale is Blessed on the First Friday of every month.

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.'

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the soul of Sr. Kathleen McGlynn, Dominican Sisters, Dublin, who passed recently. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember and pray for the soul of Anne Hamilton, Ard Na Greine & Seamus Burke (14th Anniversary), Chambersland, who's anniversary occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian Community Alex Sutton, Dun Mhuire Lane, William Street & Erin Murphy, Nunnery Lane, who were baptised recently in our Parish Church. **To facilitate a large volume of Baptismal enquiries additional dates have been added to our diary up to and including June 2023.** 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 Cherries Road & Rivergate area's for house blessing or just a chat. Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
will be observed on Sunday, April 30th, 2023. It is also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' because the Gospel is always from John chapter 10 where Jesus speaks of himself as being a caring shepherd.
The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction when he asked us: "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). This year, a whole year is dedicated to prayer and promotion of the vocation to the diocesan priesthood. The theme of the year is entitled 'TAKE THE RISK FOR CHRIST'. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life and the Church will always have pastors who care for God's people with the heart of Christ himself.
This Sunday 30th April, at St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy, Vocations Sunday will be marked by a holy hour of prayer led by Bishop Ger.
All are welcome. Please come and pray with us.

Parish Mission Autumn Saturday 23rd - Friday 29th September 2023:

To mark the 121st Anniversary of the opening the Parish Church September 1902 the Parish Pastoral Council is planning a PARISH MISSION for September 23rd - 29th 2023. The MISSION will be facilitated by two the Redemptorist priests and a layman and promises to be a mission WITH A DIFFERENCE.
A first meeting took place last week with Fr. Lar (Redemptorist) in which the general outlines of the week were agreed. Morning Masses as usual at 8.00am and 10.00am with some Mission input.
The main Mission Services will take place at 7.00 each evening.
Some of the following topics suggested :-

- Sacrament of Baptism
- Blessing of Children/families/pets....Peoples' Park/Youth Centre
- Healing of Hurts
- Anointing
- Camino walk from Irishtown Grotto to Church.
- Harvest Thanksgiving
- Celebrating Community groups
- Honouring the Faithful Departed
- Community
- Creation celebration
- (other topics welcome)

Many of these services will be presented in drama form. Invitations are hereby issued to parish stage groups, musicians and artists of all categories to be involved. If you wish to get involved please contact the Parish Office Regular updates will appear in the Parish Newsletter as preparations continue.
Monsignor Joe, Fr. Tom & Pastoral Council.

Anam Cara South East
Will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 9th May 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.

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.