

focus on sunday

Wherever the love and compassion of Jesus is present; there we find his Spirit. Wherever his people try to spread some justice and equality, we find his Spirit. In any work of reconciliation or of peace, his Spirit is present. We are called to be people who spread the work and the presence of his Spirit.



He is with you,
He is in you



“And you in me and I in you”

We continue to read this Sunday from the Farewell Discourse of John's Gospel (Ch 14-17) where Jesus is consoling the disciples, “I will not leave you orphaned”; he will send an “advocate” (*paraklētos*) to them. This term is only found in John's writings and translates as a helper, a comforter, someone whom you call to your aid. Jesus has been this advocate for the disciples but now he will be present for them in a different way, dwelling amongst them, dwelling in them, in-dwelling. This in turn calls for a loving response from the disciples and from all followers of Christ.

In a famous reflection, Joseph Whelan SJ, wrote about this type of love; he said, “Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way.” This love will decide everything, what gets you up in the morning, how you spend your time, what breaks your heart, what amazes you. Whelan says, “Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.” Experiencing something of this indwelling presence of God and keeping God's commandments are deeply interconnected. This love will decide everything because it must flow outwards, be lived out in our daily lives, for it cannot be contained.

The words of the Gospel today are deeply intimate, they cannot be understood with the head, only with the heart. As we spend time with them we begin to realise that it is not just the disciple's story, it is also our story, a story we experience on a deep level. It is another reminder to us that all beings are sacred, all beings carry Divine DNA within. Let us begin again to see God present within ourselves, in others and in all of creation.

“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.” Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

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Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus tells that His Spirit will be with us, living in our hearts, enlightening our minds. Signs of The Spirit are everywhere, the breath we take, the sun that gives heat and light, the joy, colour, delight in Nature, smiles, friendship, helping hands, new ideas and inventions. Another name for Spirit is Love. May the love in our hearts grow as we follow the Way of

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, 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

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 8: 5 - 8. 14 - 17.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for

the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65: 1-7. 16.20

R. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, or Alleluia!

- Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' **[R]**
- 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **[R]**
- He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules forever by his might. **[R]**
- Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject
my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **[R]**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3: 15 - 18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 14: 15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to 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

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. 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.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
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.

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God.




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	Intention	Notes
Sat 13th May	5.00pm	Mary Murphy (nee Hennessy), Mount Garrett	1st Anniversary
Sun 14th May - 6th Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	9.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	William & Catherine O'Rahilly, The Bosheen	Anniversaries
Official Opening of the Church Museum	12.00 Noon	Kathleen (Kay) Doyle (nee Mullins), Southknock Anastasia (Lally) Murphy (nee Bailey), Ursuline Court, Waterford & late of Bridge Street	Months Mind Months Mind
	8.00am	John & Josie Furlong, Wexford	Anniversaries
Mon 15th May	10.00am	Maurice Doyle, Southknock	12th Anniversary
	7.00pm	Rosary around the Grotto in Irishtown.	
	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
Tues 16th May	10.00am	Larry Lyons, Longstone Drive, Irishtown	Anniversary
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
	7.00pm	Rosary around the Grotto in Irishtown.	
	8.00am	Annie Mears, William Street	Anniversary
Wed 17th May	10.00am	Mollie & Jim Moran, Wexford Street	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Ms. O'Connor & Ms. O'Shea (Mr. O'Mahony) Class First Communion Preparation meeting in Parish Church	
	7.00pm	Rosary around the Grotto in Irishtown.	
Thurs 18th May	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Thomas Purcell, Kilbrahan	Anniversaries
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour	
	7.00pm	Rosary around the Grotto in Irishtown.	
Fri 19th May	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	John & Bridie Furlong, William Street	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Rosary around the Grotto in Irishtown.	
Sat 20th May	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	11.00am	Ms. O'Connor Class First Communion in Parish Church	
	1.00pm	Ms. O'Shea (Mr. O'Mahony) Class First Communion in Parish Church	
	5.00pm	Nicholas & Sheila Doyle, Chambersland	Anniversaries
Sun 21st May - The Ascension of The Lord	8.00am	Rita Byrne, The Bosheen	Anniversary
	9.00am	Billy & Josie Swan, their Sons Willy & Paddy	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Liam & Philomena Bruen, Dundalk, Co. Louth	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Bernard (Benny) Kinsella, Knockmullen Thomas Caulfield, Pondfields	Months Mind Months Mind
3.00 - 6.00pm	AIMS Sacred Music Choral Festival in Parish Church		

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

Our Lady's (Left):
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Altar (Centre):
Joan Byrne, Birthday Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
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Wednesday 17th May 2023: Ms. O'Connor & Ms. O'Shea (Mr. O'Mahony) Class First Communion Preparation meeting in Parish Church @ 7.00pm.

Saturday 20th May 2023: Ms. O'Connor & Ms. O'Shea (Mr. O'Mahony) Class First Communion @ 11.00am & 1.00pm.

Sunday 21st of May 2023: The Ascension of the Lord, World Communications Day. AIMS Sacred Music Choral Festival in Parish Church from 3.00 - 6.00pm

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

Wednesday 24th May 2023: Ms. Fitzpatrick, Ms. O'Neill & Ms. Mears Class First Communion Preparation meeting in Parish Church @ 7.00pm.

Saturday 27th May 2023: Ms. Fitzpatrick, Ms. O'Neill & Ms. Mears Class First Communion @ 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.

If anyone is interested in setting up or joining a **Handball Club** in New Ross Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane. Please contact the New Ross Parish Office.

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

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 October 2023.

Next Weeks Readings: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Acts 1: 1-11. Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9, R/v 6. Eph 1: 17-23. Mt 28: 16-20.

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 7th May 2023 @ € 2,366.31 (Envelopes No. 198 & 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 @ € 3.00 each.

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 are 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 souls of Mary Heaslip (nee Murphy), University Road, Galway City, Theresa Murphy (nee Hamilton), Tinneranny, Rosbercon & Chrissy Aspel (nee Roche), Oldcourt, Inistioge and formerly Coolshane, Inistioge, Co Kilkenny, who passed recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember and pray for the souls of Baby Dermot O'Connell (8th Anniversary), Thomas & William Quinn (13th Anniversary), Grange Road & Kitty Keating, Ballygalvert, who's anniversary occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian Community Bonnie Ryan, Brooklawn & Sophie Griffin, Charleton Hill, 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.

NEW ROSS PARISH MISSION PRAYER

GOD, OUR FATHER,
BLESS & DIRECT OUR PREPARATIONS FOR OUR
PARISH MISSION.

RE-IGNITE

OUR MINDS TO NEW IDEAS.

RE-CONNECT

OUR EARS TO HEAR YOUR WORD ANEW.

RE-IGNITE

OUR HEARTS TO WELCOME OTHERS IN LOVE.

RE-CONNECT

OUR WILLS SO THAT RENEWED IN FAITH & JOYFUL IN HOPE, WE
MAY AT ALL TIMES TRY TO SERVE YOU & OUR COMMUNITY.

An Open Evening entitled;
JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF With DENIS O'CONNOR
Date: Thursday 25th May 2023
Time: 7.30pm.
Venue: St Michael's Pastoral Centre,
Michael St., New Ross.

The event is organised by New Ross Bethany Bereavement Support Group.