

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **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

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55: 10-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *PS. 64: 10-14*

R. Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **(R)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **(R)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R)**
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R)**

SECOND READING *Romans 8: 18-23*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds this seed will remain forever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

*Matthew 13: 1-23 (*shorter form 13: 1-9)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'* * Then the disciples went up to him and

asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

***The Gospel of the Lord.* Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

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

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. 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

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

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 sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. 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.**

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Our faith is nourished and grows through the experiences of our lives. It can also weaken and disappear. We need the support of our Church and fellow - christians to strengthen and direct our growth when we lose our way.



Blessed are your ears

Today's Gospel is in three parts: the parable Jesus taught, an explanation on why Jesus teaches in parables and an explanation of the parable of the sower. The parable itself is well known and concerns seeds, where they land and what happens to them. We might take note of the seeds as representing God's Word and the effect it has, or does not have, on us. What makes the difference in the parable is the type of soil the seed lands on and how suitable it is for growth to take place. Let us consider our hearts the soil for a moment: how open are we to receiving seeds that may be planted there? Any decent gardener will know that good soil is key in order to cultivate anything. Soil is basically rock that has been broken down by various forces such as wind, rain, freezing and thawing. It can be too acidic, or it can be too alkaline. Good soil needs lots of air and water, and some manure; it needs to be tended to and prepared. We too are weathered down by various forces in our lives which can either close us down and harden our hearts or can open us up and help us to grow into greater awareness. The disciple is one who hears the word and understands it, and it bears fruit (13:23).

"The soil is the great connector of lives, the source and destination of all. It is the healer and restorer and resurrector, by which disease passes into health, age into youth, death into life. Without proper care for it we can have no community, because without proper care for it we can have no life." - Wendell Berry


Jane Mellett, Laudato Sí Officer, Trócaire
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


When Jesus saw a farmer sowing seeds in the ground, He was reminded of God Our Father, who gives the seed of life to all the world, and the seed of His Spirit is present in every person's heart. God Our Father can never stop loving us, but sometimes the seed of God's love is forgotten, when we miss giving thanks, and sharing, and when we hurt others. But the seed of God still loves us all the time.

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 15th July	5.00pm	Marion Doran, High Hill	9th Anniversary
Sun 16th July - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Benefactors of Mount Carmel and Friends Mass is also celebrated in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Special Intentions
	9.00am	Jim Cooney, Mark & Seamie Doyle, Robert Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Nora Sutton, Shallows Park	Anniversary
Mon 17th July	12.00 Noon	Patricia Fitzgerald, Nunnery Lane	Months Mind
	8.00am	Mary Foley & Eileen Sinnott, Irishtown & UK	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Deceased members of the Ryan & Holden Families, Abbey Hall	Anniversaries
Tues 18th July	8.00am	Intentions of the People	
	10.00am	Aidan & Mollie St Ledger, Upper William Street	Anniversaries
	10.00 - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 19th July	8.00am	Golden Jubilarian, Sr. Patrice, Carmelite	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Anthony Larkin, Parkfield	Anniversary
	7.00pm	Rosary at the Grotto, Irishtown, every Wednesday evening for the Summer months	
Thurs 20th July	8.00am		
	10.00am	Paddy Foley, Chambersland	22nd Anniversary
	3.00- 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 21st July	8.00am		
	10.00am	John O'Byrne, Cushinstown	Anniversary
Sat 22nd July	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Mary Dale, Irishtown	Anniversary
Sun 23rd July - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly.	8.00am	Betty Ronan, Irishtown	Anniversary
	9.00am	Susan Halpin, Mountgarrett	17th Anniversary
	10.00am	Mary Haddie Richardson, Pondfields & Margaret Coleman, Michael Street	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Nellie Larkin (nee Dunphy), Priory Street James (Jim) Rowe, Mary Street	Months Mind Months Mind

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

Our Lady's (Left):
Anthony Larkin - RIP
Altar (Centre):
Aidan & Mollie St Ledger - RIP
St. Joseph's (Right):
Anthony Bradley - RIP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 16th July 2023: 8.00am Mass in Mount Carmel will be celebrated in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday 23rd July 2023: World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly.

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.

Tuesday 15th August - Friday 8th September 2023: Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage.

Wednesday 23rd August 2023: Pastoral Area Mass @ 7.30pm in Our Lady's Island. Bus departing from New Ross Parish Church car park @ 5.00pm, stopping @ Cushinstown Parish Church & Carrigbyrne. Cost @ €10.00 per seat. Please contact New Ross Parish Office to book.

Friday 15th September 2023: Bishop Ger Nash celebrates Mass @ 10.00am with New Ross School Children.

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

Wednesday 1st of November 2023: All Saints Day. Mass @ 5.00pm Tuesday 31st October 2023 in Parish Church. Mass @ 8.00am in Mount Carmel, 10.00am & 1.05pm Wednesday 1st of November in Parish Church. Parish Office Closed.

Thursday 2nd of November 2023: All Souls Day. Graveside Blessings will take place in Mount Carmel after 8.00am Mass, the Priests Graveyard in Parish Church grounds after 10.00am Mass, St. Stephen's Cemetery @ 11.00am & St. Mary's Cemetery @ 11.15am.

Saturday 4th November 2023: Deceased Parishioners Mass @ 5.00pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Fr. Stan Murray, Florida, USA & formerly Priory Street; James (Jim) Wade, Connecticut, USA & JFK Cup Team & Joan Byrne, Coventry, UK, who passed recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember and pray for the souls of Patrick Connelly, Mary Street; Michael & Kathleen Kent, Cross Street; Lena Furlong, Cherry's Road; Aidan & Mollie St Ledger, Upper William Street; Bert Gordon & his Mother Margaret, South Street; Margaret Cash (2nd Anniversary), Hospital Road & James Tubritt (26th Anniversary), Gurtins, Saltmills, who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian community Maria Gaszyk, Lower Southknock, Lily Soimos, Marsh Lane, Mia Power, Bishopsland, Paidi Somers, Woodbine Close & Loise Bugna, Millhouse, who were baptised recently in our parish Church. Baptisms take place on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday each month @ 1.00pm. Minimum two weeks' notice is required and a maximum of two candidates per booking. To book your child's baptism, please contact the parish office. Bookings are secured on receipt of baptismal booking forms with a copy of the candidate's Birth Certificate and Photographic ID for the Guardian.

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 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 December 2023.

Next Weeks Readings: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 12:13, 16-19. Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16, R/ v 5. Rm 8:26-27. Mt 13:24-43 (shorter form 13:24-30).

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 July 2023 @ € 2,003.01 (Envelopes No. 194 & 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.** We can also accept donations over the telephone. Please ring the Parish Office.

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.

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. Parish Office can now take card payments over the telephone.

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'.

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.
Amen.

Diocese of Ferns Pilgrimage to Fátima, Portugal October 2023:

11th October 2023 for 7 nights. (Present for the Feast Day Celebrations of 13th of October). €899 per person sharing. Includes Flights Dublin-Lisbon; 20kg Bag; Airport transfers Lisbon-Fátima; 7 Nights Hotel; Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day. Full Religious Programme. Guided Tours of: Sanctuary, Basilica, Village of Aljustrel & Valinhos, & visit to town of Santarém (site of Eucharistic Miracle).
Spiritual Directors: Fr. Denis Browne & Fr. Paddy Banville.
More information: Fr. Denis Browne 086 8926260
For Bookings Contact: Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800 & info@joewalshstours.ie


DIocese OF FERNs

Applications are invited for the role of:
Safeguarding Co-Ordinator/Designated Liaison Person
(25 hours per week)

The role will involve the following:

- Responsibility for implementing and maintaining the diocesan safeguarding policies and procedures
- Processing Garda vetting for parishes
- Outreach support for survivors of clerical abuse
- Co-ordination and delivery of safeguarding training to parishes.
- Upholding the seven standards of safeguarding of the church.

Excellent administration and interpersonal skills are a requirement for the position. Experience of volunteerism and parish involvement is desirable.

Please forward letter of application and CV on or before Friday 21st July to "Safeguarding Role Application", Bishop's House, PO Box 40, Summerhill, Wexford. Y35 X9C4 or adm@ferns.ie

NEW ROSS PARISH - CE SCHEME CARETAKER POSITION

Application Details: Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 year or more or 18 years and over for certain disadvantaged groups. Your eligibility will have to be verified by the Department.

You can register your interest by selecting the 'Register your interest' button or you can contact a case officer in your local Intreo Centre.
Duties Will Include:
This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career.

Environmental support worker. Duties include the design and maintenance of horticultural projects for New Ross Parish CONTACT: 086 - 3642592 or Email: rosberconparish@gmail.com for info