

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in
his house; he himself gives might and
strength to his people.**

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

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...
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, protector of those who hope
in you, without whom nothing has firm
foundation, nothing is holy, bestow
in abundance your mercy upon us and grant
that, with you as our ruler and guide, we
may use the good things that pass in
such a way as to hold fast even now to
those that ever endure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5.7-12**

A reading from the first book of the Kings
The Lord appeared to Solomon in a
dream and said, 'Ask what you would like
me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord,
my God, you have made your servant
king in succession to David my father.
But I am a very young man, unskilled in
leadership. Your servant finds himself in
the midst of this people of yours that you
have chosen, a people so many its
numbers cannot be counted or reckoned.

Give your servant a heart to
understand how to discern between good
and evil, for who could govern this people
of yours that is so great? It pleased the

Lord that Solomon should have asked
for this. 'Since you have asked for this'
the Lord said 'and not asked for long life
for yourself or riches or the lives of your
enemies, but have asked for a discerning
judgement for yourself, here and now I do
what you ask. I give you a heart wise and
shrewd as none before you has had and
none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord how I love your law!

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more
to me than silver and gold. **[R]**

2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall
live
for your law is my delight. **[R]**

3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your
precepts:
I hate false ways. **[R]**

4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 8: 28 - 30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to
their good God co-operates with all those
who love him, with all those that he has
called according to his purpose. They
are the ones he chose specially long ago
and intended to become true images of
his Son, so that his Son might be the
eldest of many brothers. He called those
he intended for this; those he called he
justified, and with those he justified he
shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt
from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 44-52 (*shorter form 13:44-46)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom
of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field
which someone has found; he hides it
again, goes off happy, sells everything he
owns and buys the field.*

*'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a
merchant looking for fine pearls; when he
finds one of great value he goes and sells
everything he owns and buys it.**

'Again the kingdom of heaven is like
a dragnet cast into the sea that brings

in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the
fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting
down, they collect the good ones in a
basket and throw away those that are no
use. This is how it will be at the end of
time: the angels will appear and separate
the wicked from the just to throw them
into the blazing furnace where there will
be weeping and grinding of teeth.
'Have you understood all this?' They
said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well,
then, every scribe who becomes a
disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like
a householder who brings out from his
storeroom things both new and old.'

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

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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.**



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 30th July 2023

**We choose good or evil often in our lives. To follow something good,
we reject paths which are less good. Following Christ means saying 'No' to
other riches. The gospel today is a call to be joyful
in giving up our bad habits for Jesus.**



What is my treasure in life?

**Hidden treasure**

The three short parables in today's Gospel - comparing the
kingdom of heaven to treasure, a pearl and a fishing net -
are unique to Matthew's Gospel. Jesus wants to show the
disciples, and us, that the Kingdom of God is precious - so precious that its
discovery requires us to put aside everything else in order to immerse ourselves
wholeheartedly in it. We are called to set aside all self-interest, judgement, all our
certainties and live the kingdom values of humility, openness and compassion.
Jesus emphasises that 'kingdom people' "bring out of their treasure what is new
and what is old". This would have resonated with Matthew's community, a mix of
Jews and Gentiles who were discerning the parameters of this 'new' movement.

Perhaps the fishing parable, the last in this series of parables, holds the key. It
echoes the tone of the parable of the weeds among the wheat - everything is
gathered in, a variety, "good" and "bad" alike. As he addresses his disciples, Jesus
is aware that they are not perfect. Like us all, they have flaws and weaknesses.
Yet we are called to this wide-open vision of Jesus, where all are gathered and
none are excluded, and the hidden treasures of the kingdom are revealed. The
diversity of this gathering is seen in Jesus' outreach to all those considered
'outside', sinners and tax collectors, Roman centurions, lepers, traitors and
deniers. All are gathered. Today, may we look at our own communities and reflect
on who is welcome, who is 'invited'.

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

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



We are in God's Love all the time, but we forget. When people find
God's Love, and Kingdom, they always do loving actions, like caring and
minding children, doing work everyday, helping others, being grateful for
all the wonders of nature, the colours of the day, the new inventions, that
make life exciting. They are treasures that fill our hearts with surprise.



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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Radio Mass 104.7Fm & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH WEBSITE. All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel			
Date	Time		
Sat 29th July	5.00pm	Amy Aylward (nee Malone), Grange Road	1st Anniversary
Sun 30th July - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Michael Kane, The Bosheen	10th Anniversary
	9.00am	Henry Pressman, St Mullins, Graiguenamanagh	2nd Anniversary
	10.00am	Oliver Darby, Barrow View Heights	9th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Special Get Well Intentions	Special Intentions
Mon 31st July	8.00am	Golden Jubilee Profession	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Anna, Dick, Jimmy & Val Reynolds, Kilkenny & USA & Irene Cramer, Maypark, Waterford	Anniversaries
Tues 1st Aug	8.00am	Intentions of the People	
	10.00am	May & Clare Dunne, Terrerath & Deirdre Dunne, Portmarnock	Anniversaries
	10.00 - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 2nd Aug	8.00am	Special Wedding Day Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Michael Connolly, Mary Street	Anniversary
	7.00pm	Rosary at the Grotto, Irishtown, every Wednesday evening for the Summer months	
Thurs 3rd Aug	8.00am	Carmelites Deceased & Benefactors	Special Intentions
	10.00am	John Cullen, Pondfields & his daughter Trish	Anniversaries
	3.00- 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 4th Aug	8.00am	Sr. Teresa Keohane Carmelite, Loughrea, Galway & New Ross	Months Mind
	10.00am	Martin & Mary Guy & deceased family members,	Anniversaries
Sat 5th Aug	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Philomena (Phil) Brennan (nee Aylward), Mountelliott	1st Anniversary
Sun 6th Aug - The Transfiguration of the Lord	8.00am	Marie Kehoe, The Rower Village	3rd Anniversary
	9.00am	Pat Walsh, Mullinavat	1st Anniversary
	10.00am	Jimmy Grangel, Ballyrue Lower	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon		

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

Our Lady's (Left):
Special Intentions
Altar (Centre):
Mollie & Aiden St. Ledger - RIP
St. Joseph's (Right):
James Boland - RIP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 the 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.

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'.

General meeting for anyone interested in Handball
Wednesday 2nd August 2023 @ 8.00 pm in Ball Ally, Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane.
Purpose is to set up a Handball Club in New Ross.
All are welcome.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK
The importance of good communication in the Church cannot be overstated. In a very interesting interview from 'Word on Fire', the point is made that what is important is not just information or tools of communication but the overall vision communicated that invites others to be part of it. We share resources for the 'Season of Creation' that takes place from 1st Sept.-4th Oct. We include Pope Francis' prayer intention for August for 'World Youth Day' in Lisbon and include reflections from Philip Quirke and Sean Byrne. The Homily for the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time delves into the richness of more of Jesus' parables. Finally, we feature three outstanding saints whose feast days we celebrate this week – St Ignatius of Loyola, St John Vianney and St Alphonsus Liguori. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com



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 1st of August we will be taking Mass Bookings up to and including January 2024.

Next Weeks Readings: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14. Ps. 96:1-2, 5-6, 9, R/ v 1, 9. 2 Pt 1:16-19.
Mt 17:1-9. Lect I:984 or II: 1131

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 July 2023 @ € 1,904.90 (Envelopes No. 185 & 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.



RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Pauline Ellen McCormack (nee Walsh), Greystones, Wicklow & New Ross, who passed recently. May she rest in peace.


ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember and pray for the soul of Mary Haddie Richardson, Pondfields, Margaret Coleman, Michael Street; Michael Kane, The Bosheen; Martin Whelan (4th Anniversary), Tanyard ; John J. King, Mountgarrett; Joe Grace, Windmill Lane; Michael Connolly, Mary Street; James Boland (19th Anniversary), Charleton Hill & Kitty Wall (18th Anniversary), Dublin & New Ross, who's anniversaries occur around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian community Ellie Cummins Feeney, Brooklawn; Mason Madigan, The Bosheen & Cillian Harford, Maryland, USA 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.

World Youth Day 2023 Lisbon, Portugal 3rd—6th August: WYD is an event organised by the Church where the youth of the world are invited to celebrate their Faith with the Pope. It was first held in 1985 by Pope St. John Paul II. Our parish is sending three representatives and two of their friends to Lisbon for this year's event. We wish them a safe trip and an exciting experience. A full programme of activities has been arranged; the highlight of which will be Mass with Pope Francis. We will be with them in spirit. Bon Voyage.

TUESDAY 1-AUGUST	WEDNESDAY 2-AUGUST	THURSDAY 3-AUGUST	FRIDAY 4-AUGUST	SATURDAY 5-AUGUST	SUNDAY 6-AUGUST
Reception and allocation of pilgrims		Rise Up Encounters		Pilgrimage to the place of the Vigil	Missioning Mass (Pope Francis) Campo da Graça (Parque Tejo - Trancão)
19:00 Opening Mass (Dom Manuel Clemente) Colina do Encontro (Parque Eduardo VII)	17:45 Welcome Ceremony (Pope Francis) Colina do Encontro (Parque Eduardo VII)	18:00 Way of the Cross (Pope Francis) Colina do Encontro (Parque Eduardo VII)	20:45 Evening Vigil (Pope Francis) Campo da Graça (Parque Tejo - Trancão)	16:30 Meeting with the Pope and the volunteers Alges	
City of Joy		9:00 - 16:00 Belém Front		*Day 2 Reconciliation Park: 9h - 20h Vocational Fair: 9h - 22h	



New Ross Lace—Part II
Extract from The Monastery of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, New Ross - An insight into our way of life in poetry written by Sr. Cora Marie Lawlor



An Industrial Lace School was started in 1833 with the aim of providing the girls of the town with employment and to make them self sufficient. The needlepoint lace which was painstakingly produced by a needle and single thread provided an income for the poor and helped many local families to survive.


Mother Austin Dalton, a native of Ballygub, Inistioge, changed the reputation of New Ross Lace from ordinary to extraordinary, making it one of the most sought after status symbols in the world. Mother Dalton re-discovered the lost art of Venetian Point Lace, through painstakingly undoing stitch by stitch, a sample which chanced to come her way. She then designed variations such as Rose Point, Flat Point, and Needle Point etc., which experts judged to be better than the originals. Samples of this delicate work won awards at Exhibitions around the world—London, Edinburg, Brussels, Paris, Chicago, New York, Buenos Aires etc.

A shawl of Mount Carmel rose—point lace was presented to Queen Victoria on the occasion of her diamond jubilee in 1897. However the regular markets for Mount Carmel Lace was threefold,

- 1) Ecclesiastical, Altar Falls, Vestments, Veils
- 2) High Fashion, Collars, Cuffs, Handkerchiefs & Fan Covers
- 3) Tableware, Tablecloths, Napkins, Doilies

In the early 20th century , the demand for lace dwindled due to the production of synthetic fibres and machine made lace. World War I saw the end of its production in the Monastery. However many skilled lace makers worked from home.

Nowadays New Ross Lace is a treasured heirloom. Samples of the Lace may be seen in museums around the world and the Monastery treasures some precious heirlooms which are now destined to go on public display.



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.

