

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

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 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..... **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 cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you
command and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 22: 19 - 23*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna,
the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 137:1-3, 6, 8

**R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **[R]**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **[R]**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Romans 11: 33-36*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
How rich are the depths of God - how
deep his wisdom and knowledge - and
how impossible to penetrate his motives
or understand his methods! Who could
ever know the mind of the Lord? Who
could ever be his counsellor? Who
could ever give him anything or lend him
anything? All that exists comes from him;
all is by him and for him. To him be glory
for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter and on this rock
I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld
can never hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 16: 13 - 20*

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this question
to his disciples, 'Who do people say the
Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say
he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and
others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'
'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?'
Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are
the Christ', he said, 'the Son of the living
God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah,
you are a happy man! Because it was not
flesh and blood that revealed this to you
but my Father in heaven. So I now say
to you: You are Peter and on this rock I
will build my Church. And the gates of the
underworld can never hold out against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall
be considered bound in heaven;
whatever you loose on earth shall be
considered loosed in heaven.' Then he
gave the disciples strict orders not to tell
anyone that he was the Christ.

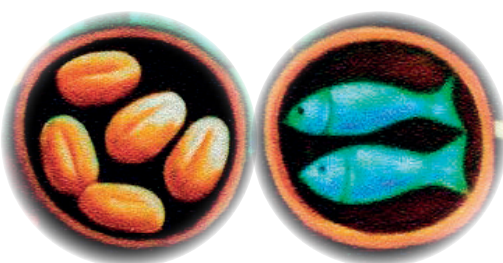
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people
by adoption through the one sacrifice
offered once for all, bestow graciously on
us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace
in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



focus on sunday

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27th August 2023

Our Christian life will call on us at times to make a decision for or
against Jesus, as for the apostles in today's gospel.
We know with him we have the message of the deepest human love
we are capable of.



EUCCHARISTIC 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.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my
blood has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
Amen.

May he let his face shine upon you
and show you his mercy. **Amen.**

May he turn his countenance towards you
and give you his peace. **Amen.**

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 forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God.



Jesus was a mystery to the Jews. They were expecting a
Messiah who would be a powerful king, leading an army and
conquering the surrounding hostile kingdoms which kept
invading Israel and dispersing the people, and thereby ensure
that Israel could live in peace. They could not accept that this poor, wandering
Rabbi, who "had nowhere to lay his head" could possibly be the Messiah.
Nevertheless, they saw that Jesus was clearly a good man, spoke about God
with authenticity, and his preaching was admired by all – except perhaps some
of those in authority! So who was he, then? Was he a prophet, like Elijah or
Jeremiah, come back to admonish Israel and call them back to true obedience
to God? His preaching was certainly very similar to theirs. Peter's recognition
of Jesus for who he was, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," was not
just an intellectual affirmation. Jesus said, "Not everyone who says Lord, Lord,
will enter the Kingdom of Heaven," (Matthew 7 v 21). No, Peter was not just
stating a fact. He was making a commitment, a commitment to following Jesus.
He was throwing in his lot with Jesus. Jesus was now his leader and he would
go wherever Jesus went. When Jesus washed his feet at the Last Supper, he
understood that following Jesus meant being at the service of others. Our belief
in Jesus as the Christ involves being willing to sacrifice ourselves for others, as
He did for us.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

God Our Father loves every person, even when they don't feel good. He sent
Jesus from Heaven to tell all the people about His Love. God The Father
makes the sun shine on everybody, on the good and not so good. When
chatting with his friends about God, Peter said "You are The One God sent."
Peter became The Leader and Teacher for Jesus and was The First Pope.



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Date	Time		
Sat 26th Aug	5.00pm	Mary Dalton (nee Roche), Pondfields	1st Anniversary
Sun 27th Aug - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	John & Ann Dwyer, Cross Street & Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Mary Bolger, Ard Na Greine	9th Anniversary
	10.00am	John J. King, Mountgarrett	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Timothy Coughlan, Southknock	Months Mind
Mon 28th Aug	8.00am	Special Intentions	Thank You
	10.00am	Paddy McGrath, Ross Na Nole, The Rower	Anniversary
Tues 29th Aug	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Nicholas Murphy, McMurrough	Anniversary
	10.00 - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 30th Aug	8.00am	William Merrigan, The Bungalows, Cross Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Sadie & Mattie Brazil, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Final evening of Rosary at the Grotto, Irishtown.	
Thurs 31st Aug	8.00am	Frank & Bridget Royce, Dublin	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Frank Dalton, Ballyrue	Anniversary
	3.00- 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 1st Sept	8.00am	Angela Daly, Greystones, Co. Wicklow	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Laurence Fortune, Shambough	Anniversary
Sat 2nd Sept	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	James Doyle, Ardross	Anniversary
Sun 3rd Sept - Twenty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Tom O'Connor, Pondfields	Anniversary
	9.00am	William & Mary Donovan, Mary Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am Live on Southeast Radio	Anastasia O'Brien, Mary Street & deceased members of the Brennan family.	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Thomas & Bridget Sommers & family, William Street	Anniversaries

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Mary Roe (nee Hanna), Southknock; Pat Ryan, London, UK, Freshford, Kilkenny & New Ross; Teresa Wickham, Haughton Place & Raheen & Breda DeLoughry (nee Conran), Kilkenny & New Ross, who passed recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Nicholas Murphy, McMurrough; John & Ann Dwyer, Cross Street & Charleton Hill & Ollie O'Brien, Lower Michael Street, who's anniversaries occur around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian community Millie Hammond, Mount Carmel, Mia Dunne, Irishtown, Fionn McDonald, Brooklawn, Oisín Cullen, Southknock & Nataniel Gebka, Elmpark, 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.

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

Our Lady's (Left):
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Altar (Centre):
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St. Joseph's (Right):
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PARISH INFORMATION.

Mass Bookings: On Friday the 1st of September we will be taking Mass Bookings up to and including February 2024.

Next Weeks Readings: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Jer 20:7-9. Ps 62:2-6, 8-9, R/ v 2. Rm 12:1-2. Mt 16:21-27. Lect 1:695

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish:
Collections 20th August 2023 @ € 1,779.34
(Envelopes No. 180 & 2nd Collection combined).

The Ferns Diocesan Ecumenical Society invites all to an Ecumenical Service in Our Lady's Island on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30p.m led by Bishop Ger and Bishop Adrian. Refreshments served afterwards.

The Pastoral Letter from Bishop Ger represents an exciting time for our Diocese as we invite committed lay women and men to prepare to take up new ministries to facilitate the flourishing of faith in our Diocese. This development responds to the need for training and formation for lay people identified in our Synodal listening sessions; Specific ministries were identified in Deanery meetings that focused specifically on training needs; This development also recognizes the foundational nature of Baptism for the life of the Church; There will be different strands of training available to suit people with different interests and time commitments; Roles will include Catechists, Pastoral Care Workers, Prayer Leaders, Parish Leaders and Facilitators with Accord; We continue to pray for the Diocese, that the decisions we make in the months and years ahead will draw us closer to Christ and his Kingdom.



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.



RE-IGNITE

Wednesday 27th Sept
8.00am Mass in Mount Carmel
10.00am Mass in Parish Church
11.00am - 1.00pm Missionaries visit Hospitals & Nursing Homes
12.00 Noon Church Historical Tour
7.00pm Gospel Stories in Drama
Justite and Values

Thursday 28th Sept
8.00am Mass in Mount Carmel
10.00am Mass in Parish Church
12.00 Noon Bereavement Drop-In in Parish Church Blessed Chapel
7.00pm Honoring the Faithful Departed

Friday 29th Sept
8.00am Mass in Mount Carmel
10.00am Mass in Parish Church with Stations of the Cross afterwards
12.00 Noon Icon Art Display
7.00pm Final Community Celebration

NEW ROSS PARISH MISSION 23rd - 29th September 2023

Saturday 23rd Sept
5.00pm
Invitation Mass Celebrated by the Redemptorists

Sunday 24th Sept
8.00am Mass in Mount Carmel
9.00am Mass in Parish Church
10.00am Mass with Confirmation Candidates
12.00 Noon Mass with First Communion Candidates
Blessing of Children after 12.00 Noon Mass in Church Carpark
6.00pm Camino Walk from Grotto in Irishtown to Church with Historical Tour along the way.
7.00pm Celebration of our Baptismal Roots.

Monday 25th Sept
8.00am Mass in Mount Carmel
10.00am Mass in Parish Church
12.00 Noon Missionaries meet Secondary Students
3.00pm Mass of Anointing
7.00pm Healing of Hurts
8.00pm Lightfever

Tuesday 26th Sept
8.00am Mass in Mount Carmel
10.00am Mass in Parish Church
11.00am Missionaries visit Junior School Pupils
12.00 Noon Missionaries visit Senior School Pupils
7.00pm Reconciliation Night with Prodigal Son Drama

RE-CONNECT