

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.  
**The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.**

**GREETING**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

**PENITENTIAL AC**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
 You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
 You bring light to those in darkness:  
 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 in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him.  
 Who lives and reigns with you .....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD****FIRST READING Daniel 7:9-10,13 - 14**

**A reading from the book of Daniel**  
 As I watched:

Thrones were set in place  
 and one of great age took his seat.  
 His robe was white as snow,  
 the hair of his head as pure as wool.  
 His throne was a blaze of flames,  
 its wheels were a burning fire.  
 A stream of fire poured out,  
 issuing from his presence.  
 A thousand thousand waited on him,  
 ten thousand times ten thousand stood

before him.

A court was held  
 and the books were opened.  
 I gazed into the visions of the night.  
 And I saw, coming on the clouds of  
 heaven,  
 one like a son of man.  
 He came to the one of great age  
 and was led into his presence.  
 On him was conferred sovereignty,  
 glory and kingship,  
 and men of all peoples, nations and  
 languages became his servants.  
 His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
 which shall never pass away,  
 nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 96:1-2, 5-6**

**R. The Lord is king,  
 most high above all the earth.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
 let all the coastlands be glad.  
 Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
 his throne, justice and right. **[R]**
2. The mountains melt like wax  
 before the Lord of all the earth.  
 The skies proclaim his justice;  
 all peoples see his glory. **[R]**
3. For you indeed are the Lord  
 most high above all the earth  
 exalted far above all spirits. **[R]**

**SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16 - 19**

**A reading from the second letter of St Peter**

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

**The word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**This is my Son,**  
**the Beloved,**  
**he enjoys my favour;**  
**listen to him. Alleluia**

**GOSPEL Matthew 17: 1-9**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**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**

Sanctify, O Lord, we pray, these offerings here made to celebrate the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son, and by his radiant splendour cleanse us from the stains of sin.  
 Through Christ our Lord.

**focus on sunday**

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 6th August 2023

**At every moment of our lives God is caring for us. He knows our hopes and our fears, our joys and our worries. When we feel anxious he is close to us, saying, 'I will never forget you.'**

*'This is my Son, the Beloved....*

*Listen to him.'*



We are told that Jesus took three disciples up a high mountain where they could be alone. Already there's an intimation of mystery. Jesus was surrounded by mystery. When we enter a church, whether for Mass or otherwise, we enter a place of mystery, wrapped in it as if in a blanket. The poet William Wordsworth, in his long poem The Prelude spoke of such a mysterious experience when he crossed the Alps. God seems overwhelmingly present at certain vantage points in nature. A kind of rapture in a horizon beyond our knowing. We need to be touched by such moments as we go through life.

"This is my Son, the Beloved...Listen to him!" Talking comes to us more easily than listening despite that we have two ears and only one tongue! And Bob Dylan asked "How many ears must one man have before he can hear people cry? The experts say there's a difference between hearing and listening: hearing informs, listening transforms. How keenly do we listen to the cry of those who are in need of help? While sacred scripture doesn't distinguish between hearing and listening we can be sure that 'listening' is meant whenever we are told in the bible to hear God's word. Jesus came from God to transform us by his message. Listening involves mind, heart and conscience, and has a way of making us stop and think. How often have we allowed the cry of the poor to change us?

Fr. Joe Walsh

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus asks why do we worry so much, about yesterday or tomorrow when A LOVING FATHER carries us in his hands, through all the sorrows and joys of life. At Mass we pray for joyful hope in the coming of Our Saviour Jesus Christ.





# New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael



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Date	Time		
Sat 5th August	5.00pm	Philomena (Phil) Brennan (nee Alyward), Mountelliott	1st Anniversary
Sun 6th August - The Transfiguration of the Lord	8.00am	Mary Kehoe, The Rower Village	3rd Anniversary
	9.00am	Pat Walsh, Mullinavat	1st Anniversary
	10.00am	Jimmy Grangel, Ballyrue Lower	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Claire & Tony O'Flynn, Hospital Road	Anniversaries
Mon 7th August - Bank Holiday	8.00am	John Dalton, The Bosheen	Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance
	10.00am	Elizabeth Larkin & her father Lar, Priory Street	Anniversaries
Tues 8th August	8.00am	Intentions of the People	
	10.00am	Deceased members of the Lyng family, Ballyanne	Anniversaries
	10.00 - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 9th August	8.00am	Annie Reddy, Marsh Lane	Anniversary
	10.00am	Bridey Connors, Late of UK & Bawnmore Terrace	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Rosary at the Grotto, Irishtown, every Wednesday evening for the Summer months	
Thurs 10th August	8.00am	Maisie O'Sullivan, Charleton Hill	10th Anniversary
	10.00am	John, Eileen & Brendan Butler, Newtown	Anniversaries
	3.00- 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 11th August	8.00am	Pauline McCormack (nee Walsh), Greystones, Wicklow & New Ross	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	John & Mary Lyng, Newtown	Anniversaries
Sat 12th August	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Nancy Martin, Ard Na Greine	7th Anniversary
Sun 13th August - Nineteenth Sunday in	8.00am	Kathleen North, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	9.00am	Billy Woods, Bawnmore Terrace	2nd Anniversary
	10.00am	Edward Cash, Irishtown Heights	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon		

NEW ROSS MEALS ON WHEELS CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

THIS SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST AT ALL MASSES.

YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED FOR THIS VITAL SERVICE TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

New Ross



**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.

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

**Our Lady's (Left):**  
**Pat & Leila Laffan & Family - RIP**  
**Altar (Centre):**  
**Special Healing Intentions**  
**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
**Special Intentions**



**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.

**Sunday 3rd September 2023:** 10.00am Mass will be live on South East Radio.

**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.

**Friday 8th December 2023:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass @ 5.00pm Thursday 7th December 2023 in Parish Church. Mass @ 8.00am in Mount Carmel, 10.00am & 1.05pm Friday 8th December in Parish Church. Parish Office Closed.

**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 January 2024.

**Next Weeks Readings:** NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 1 Kg 19:9, 11-13. Ps 84: 9-14, R/ v 8. Rm 9: 1-5. Mt 14: 22-33.

**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 30th July 2023 @ € 2012.25 (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.** 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 soul of Tim Coughlan, Southknock, who passed recently. May he rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We remember & pray for the soul of John Doran, High Hill, Michael Connolly, Mary Street; Claire & Tony O'Flynn, Hospital Road; Maisie Hearne, The Maudlins; Cathal Mooney & his son Eamon, Mountross, who's anniversaries occur around this time.

**BIRTHDAY REMBEMBRANCE:** We remember & pray for the soul of John Byrne (80th Birthday), London, who's birthday occurred around this time.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:** We congratulate Emma Kehoe, Deerpark & James Byrne, Athy, Co. Kildare, who were married recently in our Parish Church, wishing them both many years of happiness together.

**BAPTISMS:** 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.

**Part III - 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.**



**Sr. Cora's Rose Border**

The roses in the border came mostly from Loughrea, They were mostly gifts for her Profession day. For the donors and benefactors we pray, In the daily prayers that we say.

The roses in the border are very strong, And indeed they flower all summer long. The roses make a colourful display, They are long-term, they are here to stay.

The yellow and the white, Are colours very bright. While the crimson and the gold, Are colours very bold.

There are several shades of pink, And the cream rose, is lovely I do think. There's a lovely red and white two-tone bloom, While the orange rose would brighten any room.

In the rose border there is a variety, We use them often in arrangements of piety. For the sanctuary they really fit the bill, The rose border is on a slight hill.

The roses annually need a good feed, In late autumn you do this deed. The roses are pruned once a year, The reason for this is very clear.

To buy a good rosebush, it is quite dear, But they last a lifetime of many a year. They are a good choice to commemorate, That very special memory or date.

Of types of roses there are many, They are all well considered in botany. In Cora's border they are mainly Hybrid-T Just perfect for a cut-flower devotee.

**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'.

**Bishop Ger has expressed his support and compassion for those in the farming community who are experiencing difficulties because of the recent spell of poor weather. He asks everyone in the Diocese of Ferns to join with him in praying for favourable weather and also in praying for all whose work or livelihoods depend on the weather conditions.**

**"God our loving Father, we know that you care deeply for us. We ask you to bless us with the good weather we so badly need at this time.**

**Bless the work and efforts of all your people so that their endeavours may produce the results they need. Grant success to the work of our hands.**

**We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen"**



Every Tuesday

**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.**

