

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you
is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us....

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

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 25: 6 - 10*

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah.
On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare
for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of
fine wines, of food rich and juicy,
of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said:
See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has
saved us; for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps.22*

**R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **[R]**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. **[R]**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **[R]**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **[R]**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians**

I know how to be poor and I know how
to be rich too. I have been through my
initiation and now I am ready for anything
anywhere: full stomach or empty
stomach, poverty or plenty. There is
nothing I cannot master with the help of
the One who gives me strength. All the
same, it was good of you to share with
me in my hardships. In return my God will
fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God,
our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Word was made flesh and lived
among us; to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of
God. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 22: 1-14 (*shorter form 22:1-10)*

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

**Jesus said to the chief priests and elders
of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven
may be compared to a king who gave
a feast for his son's wedding. He sent
his servants to call those who had been
invited, but they would not come. Next he
sent some more servants. "Tell those who
have been invited" he said "that I have
my banquet all prepared, my oxen and
fatted cattle have been slaughtered,
everything is ready. Come to the wedding."*

*But they were not interested: one went off
to his farm, another to his business, and
the rest seized his servants, maltreated
them and killed them. The king was
furious. He despatched his troops,
destroyed those murderers and burnt
their town. Then he said to his servants,
"The wedding is ready; but as those who
were invited proved to be unworthy, go
to the crossroads in the town and invite
everyone you can find to the wedding."*
*So these servants went out on to the
roads and collected together everyone
they could find, bad and good alike; and
the wedding hall was filled with guests.**
When the king came in to look at the
guests he noticed one man who was not
wearing a wedding garment, and said to
him, "How did you get in here, my friend,
without a wedding garment?" And the
man was silent. Then the king said to the
attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and
throw him out into the dark, where there
will be weeping and grinding of teeth."
For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

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

**The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly,
O Lord, that, as you feed us with the
nourishment which comes from the most
holy Body and Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine
nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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, glorifying the Lord
by your life. **Thanks be to God.**



**God is generous to his people; his is the gift of life and love, of
reconciliation and of justice. He expects us to be generous in
return so that others may know his generosity.**



Jesus often refers to the Kingdom of God as a feast, at which
God presides.

He always talks about the guests who will be present. In
this Gospel, Matthew had in mind the Jewish authorities who
believed that they were entitled to be at the feast, but, by rejecting Jesus, the
king's son, they were rejecting God's invitation. Jesus announces that everyone
was welcome, "good and bad alike," some with whom the Jewish leaders would
simply refuse to share a meal. And the poor man without a wedding garment? At
first sight, it seems very unjust to banish him, maybe he couldn't afford a proper
garment or didn't know he needed one. But no, Matthew was writing to a Christian
community, many of whom had converted from Judaism. They were having a
very hard time, their families often rejected them and their Jewish communities
ostracised them for abandoning the God of their ancestors. So some of them were
minded to give up the Christian commitment and return back to their Jewish faith.
The wedding garment refers to the Christian faith that they had accepted and put
on. Matthew is trying to encourage them to stay, even though life is very difficult
for them.

He is warning them, that if they renounce the Christian faith, they may be excluded
from the feast in the Kingdom. In the midst of all the difficulties in life which we
may face, Jesus asks us to continue being faithful to him.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Heaven, seeing The Face of God, Is like a happy birthday party.
Everyone is invited. Everyone is happy. St.Peter will meet us at
The Door of Heaven, and give us a big welcome. We don't need
to bring any presents to heaven.
We need only empty hands to receive all God's gifts.



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 Cads 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 14th Oct	5.00pm	Noel Blanche, The Bungalows, Cross Street	1st Anniversary
Sun 15th Oct - Twenty - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	9.00pm	Jim, Margaret & John Sutton, The Maudlins	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Martin Tobin, Ballyanne	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Victor Hennessey, Southknock	Months Mind
Mon 16th Oct	8.00am	Diocesan Assembly	Church closed
	10.00am	Diocesan Assembly	Church closed
Tues 17th Oct	8.00am	Diocesan Assembly	Church closed
	10.00am	Diocesan Assembly	Church closed
	10.00 am - 8.00pm	NO Eucharistic Adoration taking place.	
Wed 18th Oct	8.00am	Diocesan Assembly	Church closed
	10.00am	Diocesan Assembly	Church Closed
	11.30am	Open meeting of the Carmelite Secular Order in Mount Carmel Convent	
Thurs 19th Oct	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Laurence (Larry) Furlong, Mary Street	Anniversary
	11.15am - 4.00pm	Ecumenical Quiet Day in Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre	
	3.00 - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 20th Oct	8.00am	Jim & Ellen Walsh, Marley, Graigenamanagh	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Pat Dunne Senior, Terrerath, Dan Dunne, Portmarnock, Dublin & Jimmy Robinson, Athy, Co. Kildare	Anniversaries
Sat 21st Oct	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Anthony Rochford, Clonea, Co. Waterford & Parkfields	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass with Adoration afterwards	
Sun 22nd Oct - Twenty - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Mission Sunday	8.00am	Martin Kielthy, The Bosheen	6th Anniversary
	9.00am	Joe & Bridget O'Mahony, Camblin	3rd & 2nd Anniversaries
	10.00am	John Garrahe & deceased members of the Garrahe Family, Pondfields, Nan & Martin Droney, Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon		Months Mind

The Rosary is recited every morning @ 9.30am in the Parish Church from Monday to Saturday, however on the 1st Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Liam O'Farrell, Sallins & Naas, Co. Kildare & New Ross & Peter (James) Mulcahy, Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary & Waterford, who passed recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Liam Carroll (2nd Anniversary), Pondfields; Patrick Rossiter, Michael Street; Noeleen Kehoe, The Maudlins; Steven Malone (1st Anniversary), Campile & Celbridge, Co. Kildare; Michael Malone, JKL & Oxford, UK; Julie Cullen (3rd Anniversary), Convent Court & Lower Mount Carmel; Thomas Hamilton, Ard Na Greine, The Roche Family, Lower Michael Street, The Roche Family, Walton on Thames, UK, & Paddy Connors (32nd Anniversary), Graigenamanagh, who's anniversaries occur around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian Community Mollie Delaney Ryan, An Caislean Maol, April Carroll, Bantry, Co. Cork, Danny Hunt, Ard An Bhile & Grace Lambert, Ard An Bhile, 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):

Anthony Rochford - RIP

St. Joseph's (Right):

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October 2023: No daily Masses, the church will remain closed to the public for these days for floor renovation. The priests of this Parish and local Deaneries will be attending the Diocesan Assembly on these dates also. No Adoration will take place on Tuesday 17th of October 2023.

Wednesday 18th October 2023: Open meeting of the Carmelite Secular Order in Mount Carmel Convent @ 11.30am.

Thursday 19th October 2023: Ecumenical Quiet Day in Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre from 11.15am - 4.00pm.

Sunday 22nd October 2023: 10.00am Mass will be live on South East Radio. World Mission Sunday collection.

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.

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

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 March 2024.

Next Weeks Readings: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Is 45:1, 4-6. Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10, R/ v 7. 1 Th 1:1-5. Mt 22:15-21. Lect 1:714

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 8th October 2023 @ € 1,852.48 (Envelopes No. 191 & 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.

LECTIO DIVINA: Come and join our Group every Wednesday morning at 10.45am in the Pastoral Centre and experience God in our lives through the Sunday Gospel.

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.

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

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.

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'.

The **NEW ROSS TOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** switch on will take place on Saturday 18th November with Santa leaving the old fire station in Michael St at 4.30pm and parading to the Tholsel for the switch on and where the children can meet him!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
22nd October 2023

Some tips for a happy life - Pope Francis - Part 2 / 2

"Find ways to make jobs for young people" - The rate of drug use and suicide is high among unemployed people Under 25. Work, honest work, gives us dignity

"Respect nature" - Isn't humanity committing suicide with this indiscriminate and tyrannical use and misuse of nature?

"Letting go of negative things quickly is healthy" - BE JOYFUL. Shun sourpusses, pessimists and negativity, it is healthy to let negative things pass quickly and quietly.

"Stop proselytizing (preaching)" - Yes, you read that right. Francis' recipe for happiness includes cooling it with the aggressive conversion tactics. Each person sees the world in his or her own way, and that should be respected. Ultimately people will join the Catholic Church if they are attracted to it, not if they are argued into it.

"Work for peace" - I ask you with all my heart, it's time to stop this violence. Stop, please! And care for refugees and those displaced by conflict. Working for peace must be proactive, and never quiet: Peace is the language we must speak.

Lectio Divina:
An ancient way of reading our Sacred Scriptures. This way of reading the Scriptures allows us to discover God at work in our past and to experience Him in our present, in our communities and in our world. Every Wednesday at 10.45am in St Michael's Pastoral Centre for one hour.

DEPARTURE OF PRESENTATION SISTERS FROM WEXFORD

After 205 years, the Presentation Sisters are leaving Wexford town. It is an historic moment that marks the end of a long chapter that began with the arrival of the Sisters in 1818. In that time, the Presentation Sisters have dedicated themselves to the education of both boys and girls of the town and surrounding district. To mark their departure, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving, presided by Bishop Ger, on Friday 13th October at 5.45pm in Rowe St followed by refreshments served afterwards in the Presentation school. All are welcome. All priests of the diocese are welcome to come and concelebrate. Wexford parish encourages our parishioners, past pupils from across the diocese and former teachers to come along and join us to pray in thanksgiving on the evening. It will also be an occasion to celebrate the seeds sown by the Sisters that still grow in the ethos of the Presentation School and good carried forward. While there is sadness at the end of an era, we still look forward in hope and thank the Sisters for their loyal dedication to the people of Wexford for over two centuries.

Ecumenical Quiet Day in Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre on next Thursday 19 October, 11.15am - 4.00pm. The day will be led by Canon Trevor Sargent and Fr. James Murphy. €25 including lunch and coffee on arrival. Please text or call Fr. James on 087 8152637 if you wish to attend.

Carmelite Secular Order
An OPEN meeting of the Carmelite Secular Order will take place on Wednesday, Oct 18th, at 11.30am in the Mount Carmel Convent, New Ross. The meeting lasts one hour so please feel free to come along if you would like to know more about it. For further information contact 087 259 6159.