

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

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

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING** Ezekiel 34:11 - 12. 15 - 17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. [R]

2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. [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

1 Corinthians 15: 20 - 26.28.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 31 - 46.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place

the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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

NICENE CREED

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

**focus on sunday**

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 26th November 2023

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

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. 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

The mystery of faith.

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 Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

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Jesus' kingship is the kingship of one who is dedicated to his Father. He lives and dies for the truth. In his death and resurrection he is enthroned in the glory of his Father. This is the kingship we celebrate: one who has passed through the worst of human life to a life and joy that is eternal.

The Kingdom of God is accessible to all.



We might expect readings full of praise for the feast of Christ the King; they are rather readings of care. Ezekiel writes of the God who looks after the lost, the stray, the wounded. He has God going out with bandages for our wounds! Our gospel goes further – that in caring for people, especially the needy, we are in fact caring for Jesus, Son of God. He thanks us for doing good for others, for that is doing good for him.

In the gospel Jesus presents us with a representative list of those who need the most looking after in the world then and now, like the hungry and thirsty, who will die if help is not given. He highlights people who are often neglected as not worth our time – the stranger, the prisoner and the sick. He looks out for the least ones. He had a care for children who were often forgotten in his time.

A challenge today in trying to care for the millions who starve and lack good water; the people confined in nursing homes because of age and infirmity; the prisoner, locked and hidden away. And many others. They are ones Jesus remembers every day himself. Can we do the same, and put our remembrance into action?

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Heaven will be full of surprises. God will say "Thank you for helping me." I will say that I don't remember seeing YOU, and God will say that whenever you helped another person, at home, at school, at work, playing games, as long as you do good to make a better world, you helped Me.

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

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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 25th Nov 2023	5.00pm	Ellen (Eileen) Merrigan (nee Sheehan), The Bungalows, Cross Street	7th Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 26th Nov - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	8.00am	Elizabeth & Michael Martin, Arnestown	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Tom Power, Wexford Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Annie Doyle, Carnagh	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	John & Kathleen Culleton, Clongeen	Anniversaries
Mon 27th Nov	8.00am	Evelyn, Denis & Tony Hennessy & Mary Lou Fahy, "Mount Alto", Cross Street	Anniversaries
	9.30am	The Rosary is recited every morning in the Parish Church from Monday to Saturday, however on the 1 st Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am.	
	10.00am	Pious 7	
Tues 28th Nov	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Colin Bradley, Knockavilla	12th Anniversary
	10.00 am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 29th Nov	8.00am	Special Intention for Religious Profession	Special Intention
	10.00am	Robert Power, Church Lane now Church Street	Anniversary
Thurs 30th Nov	8.00am	Patrick Mears, William Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Pious 8	
	2.45pm	Secondary Schools Remembrance Prayer Service in Parish Church	
	3.00 - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 1st Dec 2023	7.30pm	Advent Reflections "The Season of Waiting" in Room 3, St. Michael's Pastoral Centre.	
	8.00am	Pious 9	
	10.00am	Craig Tracey, Parkfield & his mother Jean Tracey, Scotland	1st Anniversary & Remembrance
Sat 2nd Dec	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Kathleen Bowe (nee Ryan), Convent Hill	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 3rd Dec - First Sunday of Advent	8.00am	Special Intentions	
	9.00am	Phil & Liam Bruen, Dundalk, Co. Louth	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Alice Cullen, "Hillcrest", Cross Street Live on Southeast Radio	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Bernard Horton, New York, USA	Recently Deceased



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:
Available @ €10.00 / week.
Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am.

**Our Lady's (Left):
Special Intention Altar (Centre):
Catherine O'Rahilly - 7th Anniversary**

**St. Joseph's (Right):
Nicky Murphy & Arron Phillpot - Remembrance**



Thursday 30th November 2023: Secondary Schools Remembrance Prayer Service @ 2.45pm in Parish Church.

Thursday 30th November 2023: Advent Reflections "The Season of Waiting" commence in Room 3, St. Michaels Pastoral Centre @ 7.30pm for four weeks. Organised by the Parish Lectio Divina Group. All Welcome

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.

Monday 18th December 2023: Reconciliation Service @ 5.00pm

Friday 22nd December 2023: Parish Office closes for the Christmas period @ 2.00pm and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024 @ 10.30am.

Saturday 23rd December 2023: Mass in Parish Church @ 10.00am & 5.00pm. "Gloria In Excelsis Deo" Oh Come let us Adore Him Event from 1.00pm - 4.00pm. Confessions between 2.00 - 4.00pm.

Sunday 24th December 2023: Christmas Eve. Mass in Mount Carmel @ 8.00am & 8.00pm. Mass in Parish Church @ 9.00am, 10.00am, 12.00 Noon, 5.00pm & 7.00pm. Polish Mass in Parish Church @ 9.00pm.

Monday 25th December 2023: Christmas Day. Mass in Mount Carmel @ 8.00am. Mass in Parish Church @ 9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00 Noon.

Saturday 9th March 2024: Confirmations for pupils of Bunscoil Ris.

Saturday 25th May 2024: First Communions for pupils of Bunscoil Nic Amhlaidh & Educate Together.

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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 Friday the 1st of December 2023 we will be taking mass bookings up to and including **May 2024**.

Next Weeks Readings: 1st Sunday of Advent - Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17. Ps 22: 1-3, 5-6, R/ v 1. 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28. Mt 25: 31-46.

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 19th November 2023 @ € 1,638.81 (Envelopes No. 167 & 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. We can also accept donations over the telephone. Please ring the Parish Office. Thank you for the support.

Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.

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.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Therese Burke, College Road, Ardross, Nellie Brennan, Graiguenamanagh, Richard (Dick) Cahill, Tower Grove & Brendan O'Callaghan, Ballinabanogue, who passed recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of Billy Tubritt, Gurtins, Saltmills, Robert Power, Church Lane now Church Street, Bridie Farrell (7th Anniversary), Edward & Mary Colfer, South Street, Anne Somers (4th Anniversary), The Maudlins, Aidan Byrne, Cross Street & Angus Walsh, Dungarvan, whose anniversaries occur around this time.


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 candidates 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.

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".



New Ross ACTIVE RETIREMENT will hold their General Meeting on Friday 1st @ 10.30am in the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane. Party time after the meeting look forward to seeing you all there.



First Chorus Rehearsal for New Ross Musical Society Production of "Fiddler on the Roof" - Tuesday 28th November @ 7:30pm in CBS Secondary School, we would love to see as many as possible past members and as always new members very welcome.

History Notes—Part 11
St. Michael's Church (in Michael Street)

St. Michael's Church was located in Michael Street where the old St. Joseph's School now stands. It was a very early church, built by the townspeople and may have pre-dated St. Mary's in Mary Street. Little on known of it's early history, but Art McMurrrough, King of Leinster, with his chief adviser, O'Dorain, was carried there to die in 1417, having been poisoned by his enemies. It was confiscated in 1537 as belonging to Dunbrody Abbey during the dissolution of monasteries. During the Great Rebellion of 1641 it was re-opened as a church by visiting Jesuits who ministered during the Cromwellian terror but following the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, it's troubled history as a church came to a close. The site was given over to a cavalry barracks in 1700, and this stronghold featured in Battle of Ross in 1798 when John Kelly ("The Boy from Killane") was disabled during it's capture. When the foundations of St. Joseph's school were being dug in 1940 on the site, an extensive graveyard was revealed dating back to the early years of St. Michael's, and the insignia of a bishop was amongst the items unearthed.

Courtesy of Jim Sutton

CHARTING OUR COURSE TOWARDS 12 PASTORAL AREAS

Part of the work of the priest's assembly in October of this year considered a pastoral area map of our Diocese, where parishes were clustered into 12 pastoral areas. Following the assembly, individual submissions indicated broad agreement for this map of 12 pastoral areas with some adjustments to cater for geographical considerations and future possibilities.

The priests of our diocese met once again on Thursday 16th November in Ballyvalloo Retreat & Conference Centre to weigh up the factors that either support or hold back the move to 12 pastoral areas. Overall, the priests deemed the factors that support the transition to 12 pastoral areas as being more significant than the factors that hold back the transition.

This approach sheds light on the context of pastoral areas and thoughtfully contributes to the work needed to implement pastoral areas in the year ahead. Bishop Ger intends to widen this consultation to include lay people across the diocese. This synodal approach also offers us ways of working together within and between pastoral areas to sustain the future of our faith communities in the diocese.

Monthly catholic discussion group **THE PATRICIANS** topic Matt Talbot, on Wednesday 29th of November 2023 @ 7pm - 9pm in St. Micheals Pastoral Centre, Room 3, organised by **Legion of Mary**, refreshments served. All welcome.

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.