

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and  
splendour, strength and honour in his  
holy place.

## 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

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have  
failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us  
and bring us strength:  
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,  
direct our actions according to your  
good pleasure, that in the name of your  
beloved Son, we may abound in good  
works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your  
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 *Jonah 3:1-5.10*

**A reading from the prophet Jonah:**

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.'

And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 24)

**R. Lord, make me know your ways.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and  
teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **[R]**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from  
of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **[R]**
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **[R]**

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31.**

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

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The kingdom of God is close at hand;  
believe the Good News.**

**Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Mark 1:14-20*

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

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

**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

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,  
and in sanctifying them  
grant that they may profit us for salvation.  
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.*  
When we eat this Bread  
and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
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

**Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, receiving the grace by which you bring  
us to new life, we may  
always glory in your gift.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## 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. **Thanks be to God.**

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## focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21st January 2024

*Sunday of the Word of God*

*(Catholic Schools Week begins)*

The calling of Jesus is a calling to a generous and wholehearted  
following of his gospel.



## Repent and believe



Imagine two children looking up at the stars. One says, "I bet you those stars are five miles away." The other replies, "No, stupid, they are ten miles away." And they have a big argument over how far away the stars are. The children have no concept of 41,000,000,000,000 kilometres, (which of us has?), the distance of the nearest star to us, so they use concepts, five miles and ten miles, which, to them, means a long way away, but which are hopelessly inadequate to express the reality. Similarly, our human concepts can never understand God because God is mystery. So, when our Christian denominations argue over theological issues, we are like the children arguing over five miles or ten miles! And we allow those arguments to divide us! But we are united by all that we have in common: we believe in God, the mystery; we believe that Jesus was born, died on a cross and rose again; we commit ourselves to obeying, as best we can, the extremely difficult new commandment which he gave us, to "love one another as I have loved you," and we seek to continue the task Jesus began, to build the Kingdom of God "on earth as it is in Heaven." In all our parishes, working with other denominations to promote justice, peace and inclusion on earth is both Christian Unity in action, and in progress. All Christians are called, not only to pray for Christian Unity, but to work together for it.

Fr. Peter McVerry

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus wanted to tell people new ways to be happy. He asked Peter and Andrew to help him. They were fishermen. They will catch people now with God's message, telling everyone that God is Our Loving Father, giver of all blessings, knows each person by name, loves everyone, can never be angry, and always coaxes us to love, care and help each other.



# 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 20th Jan 2024	5.00pm	Sean Sutton, Lower Southknock	3rd Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 21st Jan - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Michael Byrne , Neville Street	6th Anniversary
	9.00am	John Michael O'Brien & deceased members of the families O'Brien & Gaffney, Mary Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Eileen, Edward & George Delaney, Ard Na Greine	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Benny Rowe, The Maudlins Patrick Lee, Church Lane	Months Mind Months Mind
	7.00pm	Ferns Diocesan Ecumenical Service in St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy	
Mon 22nd Jan	8.00am	A Special Intention	
	9.30am	The Rosary is recited every morning in the Parish Church from Monday to Saturday, however on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am.	
	10.00am	Mary & Joseph Kielty, Mary Street	Anniversaries
Tues 23rd Jan	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Tony McGee & Annie Kenny, Carnew	Anniversaries
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 24th Jan	8.00am	Moirra Place, Rosemount Hill	Anniversary
	10.00am	Eassy, T. A., India	Remembrance
Thurs 25th Jan	8.00am	Jim & Ellen Walsh, Marley, Graiguenamanagh	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Thomas & Catherine McGee, Carrigbyrne	Anniversaries
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 26th Jan	8.00am	Tom Walsh, Clonleigh	Anniversary
	10.00am	Bishop Ger is live streaming a special Catholic Schools week mass from Bride Street Church, Wexford	
	10.00am	Thomas Gannon, Priesthaggard, Campile	Anniversary
Sat 27th Jan	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Paddy Donovan, Ballyrue Lower	Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 28th Jan 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	James Somers & deceased family members, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Eamon Somers, Chambersland	2nd Anniversary
	10.00am	Thomas & Kathleen Caulfield, Wexford Street	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Monica O'Grady (nee Keenan), Mountgarrett	Months Mind



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

**Our Lady's (Left):**  
Ryan Family - RIP

**Altar (Centre):**  
Anne Murphy, Priory Street - Anniversary


**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
Special Intentions for Health

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the souls of - Helena Carroll, Inistogie, Kilkenny, Paddy O'Reilly, Whitemoore, Michael Clarke, St. Mullins, Carlow, Graiguenamanagh, Kilkenny & New Ross, Marie Goss (nee Delaney), Rathcoole, Dublin & Ard Na Greine, & Kevin Flanagan, Irishtown Villas, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.


**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We remember & pray for the souls of - Molly & Pat Hendrick( 17th Anniversary), Bewley Street, Peter & Betty Furness (17th Anniversary), Bewley Street, Sharon Butler, Mount Carmel, The Lyng Family, Ballyanne, Sean Rossiter, (1st Anniversary) Southknock, William Ryan, Graiguenamanagh, Teresa Rochford (13th Anniversary), Parkfield & Larry Malone (7th Anniversary), Pondfields, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our Christian Community, Alicja Lulek, Elm Park, who was 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 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 SERVICE FOR PEACE**  
Friday 2nd February 2024  
@ 7.00pm in  
New Ross Parish Church



Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! **Become** a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).



**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 June 2024.

**Next Weeks Readings:** **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Deut 18: 15-20. Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9, R/ v 9. 1 Cor 7: 32-35.

**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 14th January 2024 @ € 1,880.85 (Envelopes No. 176 & 2nd Collection combined). You can donate via The Ferns Diocesan Website ([www.ferns.ie](http://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.


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**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.**



*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.*





**History Notes—Part IX**  
**Our Missing Mace**

The medieval ports of New Ross and Waterford vied for trading supremacy which frequently resulted in conflict, as attempts were made to divert cargoes bound for New Ross to Waterford. Wine import trade to New Ross was a right secured by William Marshall in the early days of the town. When Waterford was designated the king's town, this right was challenged, with numerous legal petitions during the medieval period, and occasional eruptions of intense rivalry and warfare. This rivalry climaxed in an assault on New Ross during the reign of King Henry The Eighth in 1518, when a motley force of foreign mercenaries and Irish soldiers sailed up the Barrow from Waterford. New Ross was quickly overcome and, as a sign of submission, was compelled to deliver a mace of silver gilt to the Waterford men. This mace, the symbol of pride and independence, is still in the possession of Waterford and is on display in the Waterford Museum of Treasures.

**Courtesy of Jim Sutton**



Catholic Schools Week will take place from Sunday 21 to Saturday 27 January 2024 on the theme of Catholic Schools as Communities of Service. Christian service puts faith into action. In Catholic schools, as we study and look to Jesus Christ as our role model and Teacher, we come to a greater understanding of the depth of Christian service. During this week we will be live streaming mass to schools and Secondary school students will be visiting the church. Bishop Ger is live streaming a special mass to mark Catholic Schools Week from Bride Street Church Wexford beginning @ 10.00am on Friday 26th of January 2024.



**'New Ross Community Hospital Gala Dinner Dance takes place on March 2nd at the Brandon House Hotel.** Enjoy an exquisite Table D'Hote Dinner, followed by dancing to the incredible @davittjoe and his band to step out in support of our local care setting. A chance to dress to impress in smart attire for a night of dancing & sharing stories! Individual tickets available at €65 or host a table of ten for €650. Contact Kitty at the Hospital Office now to reserve: +353 (0)51 421 305 [info@nrch.ie](mailto:info@nrch.ie) Let's celebrate the spirit of 'for the community, by the community'!



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
**18-25 January 2024**

***"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27)***

Ferns Diocesan Ecumenical Society If you would like to be included on the mailing list of the Ferns Diocesan Ecumenical Society to receive notice of our events during the year, please contact Fr. James Murphy at 087 815 2637 or [frjamesmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:frjamesmurphy@gmail.com). Ecumenical Quiet Day in St. John of God Retreat Centre, Ballyvaloo, on Thursday 1 February, 11.15am - 4.00pm. The day will be led by Fr. Tom Dalton on Centering Prayer. €30 including lunch and coffee on arrival. Please text or ring Fr. James Murphy on 087 815 2637 if you wish to attend.



**FERNs DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**  
**16th - 21st May 2024**

Invalid Pilgrim Application Forms are now available from the Parish Office. Applications must be submitted by the 1st March 2024. Other Applications forms will be available at a later date.

**Catholics in the South East of Ireland Facebook Group** invites you to join our next Book Club Meetup on Saturday 27th January, 2024, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Club House Hotel, Kilkenny R95 DX76. Book: Theology for Beginners by Frank Sheed. For more information contact Gissell at 087-761-7792.



16 to 35 Year Olds. Adoration followed by Teas & chats. Tuesday 30th of January 2024 @ 6.30pm in Bunclody Parish Church. For further information please contact Fr. Pat Duffy 086 446 0232