

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.**

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 RITE

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way
to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you have given us the
consolation of the truth:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd,
leading us into everlasting life:
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

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may
honour you with all our mind, and love
everyone in truth of heart. 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 Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: "Your God will
raise up for you a prophet like myself,
from among yourselves, from your own
brothers; to him you must listen. This is
what you yourselves asked of the Lord
your God at Horeb on the day of the
Assembly "Do not let me hear again"
you said " the voice of the Lord my God,
nor look any longer on this great fire, or
I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All
they have spoken is well said. I will raise
up a prophet like yourself for them from
their own brothers; I will put my words
into his mouth and he shall tell them all
I command him. The man who does not
listen to my words that he speaks in my

name, shall be held answerable to me for
it. But the prophet who presumes to say in
my name a thing I have not commanded
him to say, or who speaks in the name of
other gods, that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS. 94)

**R. O that today you would listen to his
voice! Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving
thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **[R]**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made
us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **[R]**

3. O that today you would listen to his
voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw
my work.' **[R]**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

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

I would like to see you free from all worry.
An unmarried man can devote himself to
the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about
is pleasing the Lord; but a married man
has to bother about the world's affairs
and devote himself to pleasing his wife:
he is torn two ways. In the same way
an unmarried woman, like a young girl,
can devote herself to the Lord's affairs;
all she need worry about is being holy
in body and spirit. The married woman,
on the other hand, has to worry about
the world's affairs and devote herself to
pleasing her husband. I say this only to
help you, not to put a halter round your
necks, but simply to make sure that
everything is as it should be, and that you
give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and
shadow of death a light has dawned.
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28**

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

Jesus and his followers went as far as
Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath
came Jesus went to the synagogue and
began to teach. And his teaching made
a deep impression on them because,
unlike the scribes, he taught them with
authority.

In their synagogue just then there was
a man possessed by an unclean spirit,
and it shouted, 'What do you want with
us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come
to destroy us? I know who you are:
the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said
sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And
the unclean spirit threw the man into
convulsions and with a loud cry went out
of him. The people were so astonished
that they started asking each other what
it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is
new' they said 'and with authority behind
it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits
and they obey him.' And his reputation
rapidly spread everywhere, through all
the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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.**

**focus on sunday**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28th January 2024

**Jesus speaks the words of his Father today with an
authority that made a deep impression on his listeners.**



*His Authority,
His Ability,
and His Affection*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, we bring to your altar
these offerings of our service:
be pleased to receive them, we pray,
and transform them
into the Sacrament of our redemption.
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

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

**O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,

we pray, O Lord,

that through this help to eternal salvation

true faith may ever increase.

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.

**Mark 1:21-28 - The Holy One of God**

Unclean spirits or 'demons' in Jesus' time offered an explanation
for physical or psychological illness but having an 'unclean spirit'
was a phrase also used to describe someone who was opposed
to that which was considered 'holy'. There is an irony throughout
Mark's Gospel in that it is the 'demons' and not the disciples who speak the truth about
Jesus: 'I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' While the man in the Gospel today
speaks the truth, it is also an example of how it is not enough to *know* a thing. You
can *know* the truth and still be opposed to it if it doesn't suit your agenda. The real
example of faith involves trusting with the heart and responding with action to the truth.
The demons are unable to do this. Jesus responds quite bluntly to 'the unclean spirit',
literally telling it to 'Shut up' or 'Be muzzled'.

There are many 'demons' in our world that need to be cast out – hatred towards
migrants and refugees, racism, war, discrimination of all kinds, greed, inequality, self-
centredness. One message from the narrative today is that it is not enough to know a
thing, you can know that Jesus is the Holy One of God, but faith is a way of living, not
just believing. Jesus is the one who comes to restore and to liberate, he brings healing
and frees people from that which tries to overpower them. As we journey through this
week, we might ask ourselves what needs healing in ourselves, in our lives? What
needs healing in society, in our church today?

*'Once brought into the light of mutual love, demons lose their power and quietly leave
us.'* – Henry Nouwen

These reflections are extracts from *The Deep End – A Journey Through the Sunday Gospels in the
Year of Mark*, Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2023. (Jane Mellett and Triona Doherty).

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

We get to know Jesus especially by listening to His Love Stories which are about God,
God's people and God's world. Before we read a Jesus Story we ask Jesus to help us.
We can touch our head, lips and heart. Sometimes we can light a candle. I like to watch
to see how Jesus touches people, the little children in his arms, the man with disease, the
widow who lost her only son; how He stops and listens, praises those who help the sick,
how He enjoys meals and organises people. It is not enough to read words, but to catch
THE WORD in the journey of life is a great blessing.



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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 27th Jan 2024	5.00pm	Paddy Donovan, Ballyrue Lower	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 28th - 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 Communion Enrolment Mass	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Monica O'Grady, Mountgarret	Months Mind
Mon 29th Jan	8.00am	Therese Burke, Ardross	Remembrance
	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	Fergal May, Priory Street	2nd Anniversary
Tues 30th Jan	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Eassy, T. A., India	Remembrance
	10.00am - 8.00pm Eucharistic Adoration		
Wed 31st Jan	8.00am	Sr. Elizabeth Forde, Carmelites, Tallow, Waterford	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Eassy, T. A., India	Remembrance
Thurs 1st February Feast of St. Bridget	8.00am	Bridget Somers, Charleton Hill	Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance
	10.00am	Arthur & Eileen Dugdale, Ballykeeroige, Campile & UK	Anniversaries
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 2nd Feb Presentation of Our Lord: Candlemas Day	8.00am	Rena McManus, Lower Southknock & May Lannigan, Bewley Street	Anniversary & 23rd Anniversary
	10.00am	Paddy & Mary Heffernan, Southknock	Anniversary
	Blessing of Candles after all Masses		
Sat 3rd Feb Feast of St. Blaise: Blessing of Throats	7.00pm	Prayer Service for Peace	
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Tom Doyle, Charleton Hill	1st Anniversary
Sun 4th Feb 2024 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Blessing of Throats after all Masses		
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
	8.00am	Bridget & Patrick Green, Jamestown, Glenmore	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Pat & Noeleen Kehoe, The Maudlins	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Paddy Kehoe, Charleton Hill	8th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Frances Kelly (nee Roche), Parkfield Clare O'Reilly (nee Crerand), Woodland Grove	Months Mind Months Mind



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

Our Lady's (Left):
Special Intention Healing

Altar (Centre):
Special Intention

St. Joseph's (Right):
Maureen Nixon R.I.P

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Thanksgiving

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of - Catherine (Kit) Nugent, Southknock, Evelyne O'Riordan (nee Haughey), Dublin & Waterford, Michael Lawlor, New Ross & Ballyknock, Rosbercon, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of - Fred McElwee, England & New Ross, McElwee Family, Rosbercon & Ballyknock, David Connick (16th Anniversary), Mount Carmel, Jerry Kelly, Kilcullen, Jimmy Scully, Ballyrue, Jim and Bridget Higgins, Houghton Place, Esther and Patsy O'Connor, Houghton Place, Mary Carletti-Lawler, Rosbercon, 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.

Quiz Night

Friday 9th Feb 24

The Theatre Tavern New Ross @8pm

€40 Table of 4

In Aid of New Ross Musical Society's 55th production

"Fiddler on the Roof"

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis wrote a letter some years ago in which he suggested that the Third Sunday of the year (last Sunday) should be celebrated as the SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD. We read it at every Mass and we are all asked to read it privately. Today he would like us to give a little more attention because it is central to our lives as followers of Jesus Christ. We are created by the power of the word of God; we are saved by the word of God in the person of Jesus. We are guided all through life by the word of God and will be judged at the end by the standards of the word of God. If we listen to the word of God it never fails to speak to us. So today we are asked to look again at the part the Scripture plays in our lives– if any. Sadly the history of the Catholic Church does not show a great attachment to the Bible. In a sense this goes back to the formation of the Protestant religion. After the break with the Catholic Church the Protestants rejected everything Catholic Church the Protestants rejected everything Catholic and they put the Bible at the centre of their new Church.

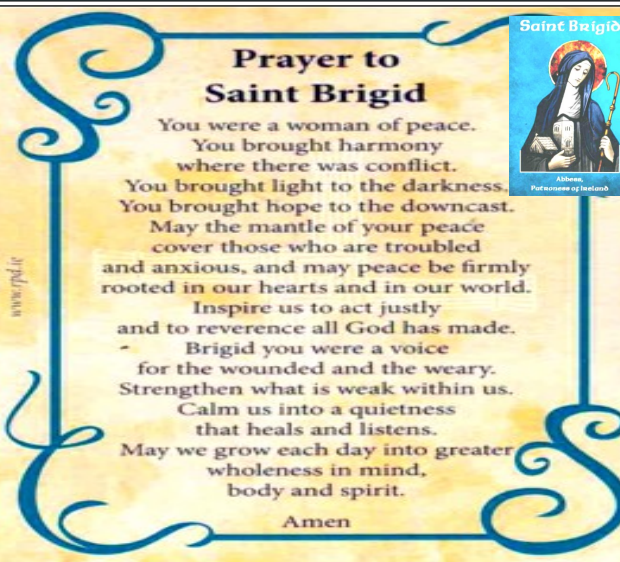
As a result, to counteract that development, the famous Council of Trent was held. That council lasted off and on from 1545 to 1563 and its purpose was to reinforce all catholic teachings but sadly, it also placed strict limits on the study of the Bible and how it was to be understood - in contract to the Protestant practice of a kind of personal interpretation of what the Bible said. It could be said that the Church 'cut off its nose to spite its face'!

The next Church Council – THE FIRST VATICAN COUNCIL was held 300 years later in 1869-70 and the same approach to the Bible was still strongly followed. It was said that the most important books guiding that Council were the books on technology of St. Thomas Aquinas. The Bible was a very poor second. However at the next Council - THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL– held from 1962- 65 a major reversal happened. Now the only book on the table guiding the Council was the Bible. And since then it is central to everything in there Church. It is central - as it always was - to our spiritual lives - to our relationship and friendship with Jesus Christ.

We believe that the Scripture is the inspired WORD OF GOD and that Jesus Christ is that WORD OF GOD IN PERSON, WHO IS OUR GUIDE IN LIVING THE LIFE GOD HAS IN MIND FOR US. To celebrate the Word of God in a special way on this Sunday Pope Francis issues an invitation to ask what place it has or what part it plays in our lives. By the power of the word of God we are created - God said LET THERE BE LIGHT, LET THERE BE LIFE. By the power of the word of God's word we are changed into the best versions of ourselves INTO COPIES OF HIS OWN GLORIOUS BODY.

In the first reading the people of Nineveh were days away from destruction - if they did not change their ways. They listened to God's word; they were changed by its power and their relationship with God was restored. The same can be true of us. But for us the first step is to accept THAT WE NEED TO CHANGE in the light of God's word. To know just HOW and WHAT TO CHANGE we need TO LISTEN to God's word.

IN OUR EFFORTS TO CHANGE we have the example of Jesus to guide us. He said very plainly at the Last Supper ' I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE SO THAT YOU SHOULD DO AS I HAVE DONE'. He couldn't have been clearer. As He says in another place 'IF THEY HAVE EARS TO HEAR, LET THEM LISTEN!'



Prayer to Saint Brigid

You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen


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 X
Attached to Artillery

Fr. William Fortune was a native of Clearistown, and went to France in 1917 to serve as a chaplain to the forces in the First World War. He later recounted an incident which occurred there during his time in France. He explained that he was trudging towards the front through very difficult underfoot conditions, when he passed a group of soldiers harnessed with chains to a field gun on wheels. The party, covered with mud, were taking a rest from their towing labours and as he passed a voice called “Hello, Fr. Fortune!”. The priest peered at the mud covered speaker but failed to recognise him. “Don’t you know me, Fr. - I’m Paddy Doran from Ross”. Fr. Fortune immediately recognised him as a member of the traveller community from home, and in surprise asked “And what are you doing here, Paddy?”. The reply was immediate – “ Well, at the moment, I’m attached to artillery”. Fr. Fortune spent his last years in ministry as a curate in our town where he was chaplain to the Good Shepherd Sisters until his death in 1939.

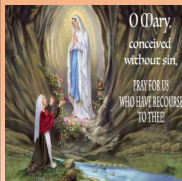
Courtesy of Jim Sutton

The **New Ross Active Retirement’s AGM** will take place on Friday the 2nd February at the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane at 10.30am. All members welcome.



PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE

Friday 2nd February 2024 @ 7.00pm in New Ross Parish Church



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.

Environmental Worker in New Ross Parish.

Application Details
Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 year or more or 18 years and over for certain disadvantaged groups. Your eligibility will have to be verified by the Department. You can register your interest by selecting the ‘Register your interest’ button or you can contact a case officer in your local Intreo Centre. This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Environmental support worker. Duties include the design and maintenance of horticultural projects for New Ross Parish CONTACT: 086 - 3642592 rosberconparish@gmail.com for info.

Wexford County Pro Life are holding a meeting in the Friary Wexford town at 7pm on Thursday 1st February, St Bridget's Feast day.

Dates for your Diary 2024

Thursday 1st February: Feast of St. Bridget. Mass booking will commence for July 2024 @ 10.30am. Mr Griffin & Miss Deevy Classes Confirmation preparation meeting for parents in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre @ 7.00pm.

Friday 2nd February: The presentation of Our Lord. Blessing of Candles at all Masses. Prayer Service for Peace @ 7.00pm in Parish Church.


Saturday 3rd February: Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats after all Masses.

Monday 5th February: Bank Holiday, Parish Office Closed.

Thursday 8th February: Ms Walsh & Mr Ring Classes Confirmation preparation meeting for parents in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre @ 7.00pm.

Sunday 11th February: Communion candidates attending 10:00am Mass. 10.00AM Mass Live on Southeast Radio.

Tuesday 13th February: Shrove Tuesday.



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