

World Day of the Sick

Day of Prayer for Temperance

When Jesus cured the leper he was restored back to health and to his family and friends. By being renewed with the body and blood of Christ at this Mass we are strengthened and restored to God's family.



The mention of leprosy in scripture awakens thoughts of illness and isolation and the hope of healing and "re-belonging". The mention of TB in our own recent history produces similar thoughts. Sanatorium campuses were developed at Peamount and Blanchardstown on the outskirts of Dublin and Merlin Park on the outskirts of Galway city. These hospitals offered respiratory care in airy wards to patients who had to spend time away from their families.

What a coincidence that we are hearing these themes of healing and "re-belonging" on this Temperance Sunday and also on this World Day of the Sick. A Sunday for Prayer for the Sick is observed every year on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes! These two events merge today and blend beautifully with our scripture texts.

For 125 years, Pioneers have been praying every day for people who have been impacted and isolated by addiction. The need is still great as we see the amount of people who are waiting on a place in a Treatment centre. These people from all walks of life need our prayers as they entrust themselves to the Lord for His healing or to a Higher Power.

If you would like to learn more about spiritual support which Pioneers offer, visit [www.pioneerassociation.org](http://www.pioneerassociation.org)

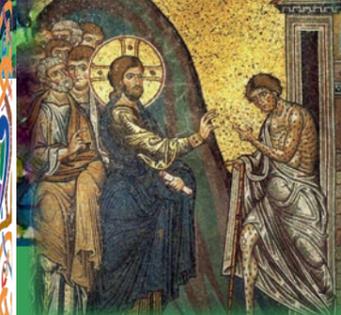
Fr Robert McCabe

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## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Today is a special day to pray for your friends that may be sick or a member of your family that is sick. Ask God to heal them just like he healed the leper and always remember to say thank you. Look out for anyone you think might be feeling lonely or sad and include them in your games. We are all God's children and He loves us with an everlasting love.



## 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

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. 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.**

### 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.

### THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. 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.**

### GOSPEL Mark 1:40-45

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

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

**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 of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

### GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**  
 Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
 Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **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 teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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 Leviticus 13 :1-2. 44-46

**A reading from the book of Leviticus**  
 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head.'

A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 31:1-2.5.11

**R. You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

- Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **(R)**
- But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **(R)**
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **(R)**

### SECOND READING

#### 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**A great prophet has appeared among us;**  
**God has visited his people.**  
**Alleluia!**

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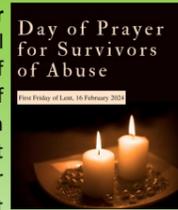
Date	Time	Details	Notes
Sat 10th Feb 2024	5.00pm	Martin Andrew Doyle, Priory Lodge, Ballylane West	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 11th Feb 2024 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: World Day of the Sick	8.00am	Billy Foley, New Ross & Cork	Anniversary
	9.00am	Denis & Moira Doyle & Nancy Deegan, Mount Elliott	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Kathleen Byrne (nee Power), Camblin Live on Southeast Radio	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Kevin, Buddy and Bill Flanagan, Irishtown Villas Communion Preparation Mass	Months Mind & Anniversaries
Mon 12th Feb	8.00am	Maurice Foley, Cross Street & deceased members of the Foley & Brennan families, New Ross & Castlecomer, Kilkenny	Anniversaries
	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	Micheal Farrell & his Granddaughter, Ruth, Camblin & Hospital Road	Anniversaries
Tues 13th Feb - Shrove Tuesday	8.00am	Intentions of the people of the Parish	
	10.00am	Margaret & Thomas Kielthy & deceased family members, Michael Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 14th Feb - Ash Wednesday & St. Valentines Day	8.00am	Paddy Grennan, Ballyreddy, Kilkenny	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Geraldine Foley & her brother Thomas, Charleton Hill	2nd & 9th Anniversaries
	1.05pm	Ashes ONLY	
Thurs 15th February	6.00pm	Ashes ONLY	
	8.00am	Larry & Josie Murray, Boley, their son Sean & daughter Mary Walsh, Duncannon	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Michael Freaney, Ballylane East	Anniversary
Fri 16th Feb	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	8.00am	Michael O'Donnell, Mountgarrett	17th Anniversary
Sat 17th Feb	10.00am	Patrick, Sara & son Patrick Doyle, Carnew	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Mary Whitty, her husband Don, their son John & brother Tom, Camblin	1st Anniversary & Remembrance
Sun 18th Feb - First Sunday of Lent	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
	8.00am	Mary Cashin, JKL Place	Anniversary
	9.00am	Joe Murphy, Castlemoyle Heights	Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance
	10.00am	Andy Cullen, Abbeyview House, Church Street	12th Anniversary
Sun 18th Feb - First Sunday of Lent	12.00 Noon	Rev. Ben (Ger) O'Brien, O.S.A., Abbeyside, Dungarvan	Months Mind

**HAPPY St. Patrick's Day** ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE Preparations have started for New Ross St. Patrick's Day Parade 2024. The parade will begin in the Irishtown and follow the same route as last year. The Theme this year is "Community Togetherness". We want to get our groups together, our floats ready, shop windows decorated and our own windows ready and make this year amazing. The committee welcomes anyone interested in volunteering to help out on the day. For more information or an application form check out our Facebook page "St. Patrick's Day - New Ross" or phone Anthony 0872338350 or Ollie 0872571841.

**DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE** on Saturday 24th February in RDS, Dublin. Bus from Clonard Church, Wexford at 7.15am collecting at Enniscorthy, Ferns and Gorey. To book seat ring 086 2608454.



This year's **Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse** will take place on 16 February, the first Friday of Lent. The Day of Prayer is an initiative of Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses in 2017. Blessed candles will be lit in parishes across the country as a reminder to the faithful of the need for atonement and to symbolise repentance; light in the darkness and hope. These 'Candles of Atonement' will be lit in diocesan cathedrals and churches on the Day of Prayer, and thereafter during the celebration of Mass and other liturgies. The lighting of the 'Candle of Atonement', and the following prayer, are based on the very moving Penitential Rite composed and prayed by Pope Francis at the final Mass of the 9th World Meeting of Families on 26 August 2018 at Phoenix Park, Dublin, when the Holy Father implored the Lord's mercy for the crimes of abuse and asked for forgiveness.



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**Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service**  
Towards Peace is an independent organization that provides a spiritual support and professional service for survivors of physical, emotional, sexual and spiritual abuse who suffered in an institutional, clerical or religious setting in Ireland. Funded by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Association of Missionary and Religious in Ireland, the vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people and their families, whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. Through spiritual accompaniment with a qualified spiritual director, Towards Peace endeavours to accompany people as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse and seeks to raise awareness about this within the Church. The Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service is free of charge and for more please see <https://towardspeace.ie/>

**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.'



**History Notes—Part XI1**  
**The Wrong Apple**  
A small laneway ran uphill beside the Royal Hotel (now demolished). The building on the other side of the laneway is now occupied by Hillary Murphy Travel. This building, in the early 1900s was the residence of a local bank manager, with a garden at the rear of the premises. A young man from the Irishtown was heading home via the laneway on a sunny September evening when he stopped to talk to an old woman sitting in a cottage doorway above the hotel. She admired the beautiful apples on the tree overhanging the garden wall and the young man without hesitation scaled the wall and fetched an apple for her. As he did so, the garden door opened in the wall and the bank manager emerged and arrested the young man who had stolen his apple. He was handed over to an RIC man standing outside the hotel and appeared in court on a charge of theft. The local magistrate who lived in Scarke was a friend of the bank manager and the young man was sentenced to three months with hard labour. On his release he went to America and never returned. He stole the wrong apple!  
**Courtesy of Jim Sutton**



**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](mailto:rosberconparish@gmail.com) for info.



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

**Our Lady's (Left):** Anthony Larkin RIP

**Altar (Centre):** Billy Cashin, Remembrance

**St. Joseph's (Right):** Muriel Murphy RIP

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:** John & Ellen Finn, Adamstown RIP

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the souls of - Anthony Griffin, Nunnery Lane, Breda Burns (nee Fitzgerald), Naas, Kildare & New Ross, Thomas (Tom) O'Shea, Newtown Commons & Piltown, Kilkenny, Rev. Fr. John P Nolan, PP, Duncannon, Michael Duffin, Ballyfarnogue, Richard (Dick) Bennett, Clonroche, Marianne Ward (nee Murphy), Kylemore, The Rower & Ballyrue who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:** We remember & pray for the souls of - Canon John Carey, Rosbercon, Breda & Ned Sinnott, Rosbercon, Clare McCormack, Brandon Park, Michael & Margaret Sutton, Michael Street, Regina Laffin (4th Anniversary), MacMurrough Court, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our Christian Community - Jackson McMahan, Maiden Lane & Sienna Murphy, Priory Court, 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 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.

An Ecumenical Service led by Bishop Adrian Wilkinson and Bishop Ger Nash in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, ENNISCORTHY on Sunday 18 February at 7.00pm.



*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.*