

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

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.....
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Exodus 20:1-17*
(or shorter version in italics*20:1-3. 7-8.12-17) **A reading from the book of Exodus**

*God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.'

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

*'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.* For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

*Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 18:8-11*

R. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

- The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R)**
- The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R)**
- The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R)**
- They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **(R)**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:22- 25* **A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.**

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL *John 2:13-25*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple

he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in 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.**

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

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. 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.

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 sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:

by your altars, O Lord of hosts,

my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands. 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.

focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 3rd March 2024

Jesus will die but will be raised to new life.
He will rebuild the sanctuary in three days.

THE REAL TEMPLE
IS INSIDE
OF EACH OF US



Zeal for your house will consume me'

In a rare occurrence, we hear of Jesus' anger in today's scripture as he loses his cool with those selling goods in the most sacred place of worship, the Jerusalem Temple. The goods sold in the Temple markets were used in sacrifices so that people could be considered ritually clean in order to be closer to God. It was a model of religion that was exploitative and needed challenging. Jesus is overcome with righteous anger because of the injustice he sees before him; this sacred place (*hieros*) was now a marketplace. What sacred places have we turned into marketplaces today? Our economic systems are driven by profit at the expense of our environment and at the expense of the world's poorest people. Mother Earth cries out to us to stop making this household a marketplace.

In October 2023, Pope Francis published another teaching on the environment, called Laudate Deum, meaning Praise Be! Pope Francis calls on world leaders to urgently take the steps needed to ensure a safe world for future generations. He calls for an urgent switch to clean energy, he criticises the slow progress of governments on this issue, and to people of good will he says: "The world sings of an infinite love, how can we fail to care for it?" Each of us are called to do our part. Jesus displays a righteous anger in the Gospel today, standing up for those who are oppressed by an unfair system. In this spirit of love and compassion may we too hear the cry of those made poor and the cry of the earth; may we call for the restoration of this sacred place, our common home. Let us pray this week that 'zeal for your house will consume' us and that we will take the necessary steps to ensure a liveable world for all.

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

Jesus' Story today tells us that every temple and church is a sign of God's Love and reminds us that God is The Giver of all gifts and you and I are His Best Gifts. Every church is a sign that God wants us to care and share with each other. When we forget God, we forget God's people and God does not want us to be mean or greedy because that does not make us happy.



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 2nd March	5.00pm	Richard Anthony (Tony) Mernagh, London, UK & Ard Na Greine	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 3rd Mar 2024 	8.00am	John Ronan & deceased members of the Ronan family, Irishtown	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Stephen Mullet, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	10.00am	Michael Hanrahan, Lower Southknock	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Liam Rowe, Rathfarnham, Dublin & New Ross	Months Mind
Mon 4th Mar	8.00am	Special Intention	
	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	James & Margaret Howlett, William Street	Anniversaries
Tues 5th Mar 	8.00am	Intentions of the people of the Parish	
	10.00am	Jack & Mavis Cooke, Coventry, UK	Anniversaries
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 6th Mar 	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Eassy T.A., India	6th Anniversary
	7.00pm	Ms. Deevy & Mr. Griffin Classes Confirmation Service of Light	
Thurs 7th Mar 	8.00am	Special Intention	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Seanie Byrne, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	7.00pm	Ms. Walsh & Mr. Ring Classes Confirmation Service of Light	
Fri 8th Mar 	8.00am	Carmelites Benefactors & Friends	Remembrance
	10.00am	The North Family, Abbey View	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Scripture Reflection. Lenten Programme will take place every Friday evening during Lent 16th Feb - 29th March.	
Sat 9th Mar 	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	11.00am	Ms. Deevy & Mr. Griffin Classes Confirmation	
	12.30pm	Ms. Walsh & Mr. Ring Classes Confirmation	
	5.00pm	Bridget Higginbotham (nee Dalton), The Bosheen	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 10th Mar 	8.00am	Matt & Molly Crowdle, Irishtown	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Nancy Martin, Ard Na Greine	Remembrance
	10.00am	Joan Cashin, William Street	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Thomas (Tom) O'Shea, Newtown Commons & Piltown, Kilkenny Philomena Furlong (nee Furlong), Newtown Road, Wexford & Bewley Street	Months Mind Months Mind

Anam Cara South East will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 12th March at 7:15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



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

Our Lady's (Left):
Martin O'Neill - RIP

Altar (Centre):
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St. Joseph's (Right):
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Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
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RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of - Elizabeth (Betty) Bennett (nee Whitty), Surrey, UK & Upper Mary Street, Frank Murray, Priory Street, Philip O'Connor, Parkfield, Babajide Mayowa Adegbesan, Bellevue Heights & Waterford City Marianne Ward (nee Murphy), Kylemore & Ballyrue (Months Mind) who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of - Alice Maher, Parkfield, Bridget Purcell, JKL, Tom Kirby (3rd Anniversary), William Street, Mary Dwyer, Fr. Cullen Terrace, Thomas Hamilton, Ard na Greine, Martin O'Neill, Pondfields, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian Community Sebastian Bogden, The Moorings, Rosbercon, 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.




Wednesday 6th March: Ms. Deevy & Mr. Griffin Classes Confirmation Service of Light in the Parish Church at 7.00pm.


Thursday 7th March: Ms. Walsh & Mr. Ring Classes Confirmation Service of Light in the Parish Church at 7.00pm

Friday 8th March: Lenten Reflection in Parish Church @ 7.00pm. Taize Lenten Prayer in Good Counsel Church @ 8.00pm for 1 Hour. Each takes place every Friday evening during Lent.

Saturday 9th March: Confirmations for pupils of Bunscoil Ris Ms. Deevy & Mr. Griffin Classes Confirmation @ 11.00am & Ms. Walsh & Mr. Ring Classes Confirmation @ 12.30pm.



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 August 2024.

Next Weeks Readings: **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23, Rs 136, R/ v 6. Eph 2: 4-10. Jn 3: 14-21.**

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 25th February 2024 @ € 1714.91 (Envelopes No. 182 & 2nd Collection combined). 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: **ALL DAY PARKING PROHIBITED.** Church grounds constitute a sacred space. Parking is reserved exclusively for Church users. 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 XIV

The Penal Laws (Part 2)

One of the Penal enactments of the Irish parliament relating to the practice of the Catholic religion was passed in 1701. This law decreed that parish priests must register themselves and they should have no curates to succeed them. By this means, when the registered priests died, it was intended that the Catholic religion would disappear from Ireland. Parishes were grouped with one priest for each group, and fullest details of the registered priest had to be submitted with two sureties of £50 for the priests "peaceful behaviour". All unregistered priests and all bishops, friars and monks were banished and if found in Ireland after a certain date, were fined or imprisoned while execution faced repeat offenders. Many clergy went into hiding and continued their work through stealth. A reward for discovering unregistered clergy resulted in priest hunting. Another clause conferred a pension of £20 a year for life for any priest who would conform to Protestantism. All unregistered clergy were required to depart Ireland before 20th July, 1704.

Courtesy of Jim



Inspiring faith and building hope in our parish communities.

Contribute to the fundraiser for the New Pastoral Development Programme training 30 Lay People in Maynooth for Parish Ministry. Support the Collection Weekend in the Diocese of Ferns on March 16th and 17th. Envelopes will be available at all churches before that week-end and you can also donate online at www.ferns.ie.


Your generosity will shape the future of parish life. Together let's empower our community and ensure a vibrant and active parish environment. Make a lasting difference with your donation!

COLLECTION

16th/17th March 2024

NEW ROSS DRAMA FESTIVAL 2024

This year's festival kicks off on Tuesday 12th March, running for eight nights over two weeks. We promise to have great performances live on stage in St Michael's Theatre with "I Do Not Like Thee Dr Fell", "The Lonesome West", "On Raftery's Hill" and "Alone It Stands" amongst the line up. The Box-Office is open @ 051 421255 with Patrons costing €60 or €10 nightly. (Students Half Price)




Lenten Reflections Every Friday Night during Lent @ 7.00pm in New Ross Parish Church All Welcome

Lenten Programme:
St. Mary's & St. Michael's Parish Church, New Ross @ 7.00pm

Scripture Reflection - 8th March
Remembering our Emigrants & Immigrants - 15th March
Stations of the Cross - 22nd March
Jesus Speaks from the Cross - 29th March

Icon Classes in New Ross This March



What do you know about religious Icons? Well if you wish to find out more and have a chance to make your own, please contact Sr. Helen at the Carmelite Monastery. 087-2181687. Sr. Helen is starting new courses for both beginners and experienced artists alike, here in New Ross, on 13th March 2024. The cost includes brushes, paints, boards and tuition etc. Spaces are limited, so book early.