

# focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 14th April 2024

Jesus assures his disciples that he is risen from the dead and sends them to preach the gospel in his name. He assures us of this too, and we are sent to be his people in our family, among our friends, in all parts of the world.



The disciples were shattered. They had believed that Jesus was the one sent by God to Israel. But they had seen him die. It had all been a big mistake. Their faith in Jesus had been a delusion. They had been let down badly and were preparing to go back to their former way of life, as fishermen, tax-collectors. We too may feel that way at times and wonder is our faith, too, in Jesus a big delusion? We might have no problem in believing that Jesus was a great teacher. We can easily identify with his call to "love one another." But do we really believe that Jesus rose from the dead and is now alive and present to us? It was only through a personal encounter with the risen Jesus that the disciples came to believe. So, too, it is only through a personal relationship with Jesus, a relationship which is nourished by regular prayer, that we can truly believe that Jesus is alive and present to us. Jesus is not an object of belief but the subject of experience. The Easter season challenges us to ask ourselves do we really believe. And the test of our belief is whether, like the disciples after their own personal encounter with Jesus, we go out to continue what Jesus began, namely to serve and not be served, to love "as I have loved you," and thereby grow the Kingdom of God on earth.

Fr. Peter McVerry, SJ

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Easter Eggs are good. When we break the outside shell, we find a sweet surprise inside. On Good Friday, the body of Jesus was broken on the outside, but a "New Spirit" came to Him inside. He rose from the dead. He is present and alive now, in a different way, through His Spirit. His Spirit is with every person. His Spirit is with those who died too and will be with us when we die.



### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. 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.  
 Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. 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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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God have mercy on us.....

### 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

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING Acts 3:13 - 15. 17 - 19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 4:2 4.7.9

R. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. or Alleluia!

- When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R)
- It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him (R)
- 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R)
- I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R)

### SECOND READING 1 John 2:1 - 5

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!



### GOSPEL Luke 24:35 - 48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are

these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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.



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Radio Mass 104.7Fm & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH WEBSITE. All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel

Table with columns: Date, Time, Mass Details, Occasions. Rows include Saturday 13th April, Sun 14th April, Mon 15th April, Tues 16th April, Wed 17th April, Thurs 18th April, Fri 19th April, Sat 20th April, Sun 21st April.

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions: Available @ €10.00 / week. Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am. Our Lady's (Left): Bridie Doran, High Hill - Anniversary. Altar (Centre): Anthony Rochford - Birthday Remembrance. St. Joseph's (Right): A Special Intention. Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Anthony Rochford - Birthday Remembrance.



Wednesday 1st May: Mass bookings will commence for October 2024. Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed. Thursday 16th - 21st May: Diocesan Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage. Saturday 25th May: First Communion for pupils of Bunscoil Nic Amhlaidh & Educate Together @ 11.00am & 1.00pm. Sunday 26th May: The Most Holy Trinity. Sunday 2nd June: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ. Corpus Christi Procession @ 3.00pm. Monday 3rd June: Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed. Tuesday 4th June: Mass bookings will commence for November 2024. Friday 28th June: Patron in St. Marys Cemetery @ 7.00pm. Sunday 30th June: Patron Mount Carmel Graveyard after 8.00am Mass, the Priests' Graveyard in Church grounds after 12.00 Noon Mass & St. Stephens Cemetery @ 3.00pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the soul of - Noreen Tubritt, Irishtown & Linda Tejada, Oakland, California, USA who passed away recently. May she rest in peace. BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE: We remember & pray for the soul of - Anthony Rochford, Clonea, Dungarvan, Waterford & New Ross, whose birthday occurs around this time. ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of - Mary Shannon (2nd Anniversary), Henry Street & Bridie Doran, High Hill, whose anniversaries occur around this time. BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian Community - Noah O'Halloran, Ryleen, 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.

## 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 September 2024. Next Weeks Readings: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 4: 8-12. Ps 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29, R/v 22. 1 Jn 3: 1-2. Jn 10: 11-18. 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 7th April 2024 @ € 1,684.09 (Envelopes No. 174 & 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.

History Notes—Part XX THEY NEVER CAME HOME A unit of United Irishmen, some 20 strong, from Sutton's Parish in the Ballykelly / Horeswood area joined the rebel army on Corbett Hill on the eve of the Battle of Ross on 5th June 1798. They were mounted and armed and they left their horses at the farm presently owned by Michael Keating at Creacon for collection after the battle. They fought on foot all day, carrying their wounded with them. Late in the day when the battle had turned, they were trapped in a laneway by dragoons and cut to pieces. Only two survived and those two had the unenviable task of returning the horses to the families of their fallen comrades with the sad news. Two Suttons were among the men who never came home. Courtesy of Jim Sutton

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.'

An Open Evening entitled;- JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF & LOSS with DENIS O'CONNOR Date: Thursday 25th April 2024. Time: 7.30pm. Venue: St Michael's Pastoral Centre Michael St., New Ross. A Prayer for Lectors Praise to you, Lord God, King of the Universe, and all glory to your name. I praise you and thank you for calling me to proclaim your word to your beloved people. Open the hearts of all who worship with us, So that they may hear your voice when I read. Let nothing in my life or manner disturb your people or close their hearts to the action of your Spirit. Cleanse my heart and mind, and open my lips so that I may proclaim your glory. All praise to you, heavenly Father, through the Lord Jesus in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 21st, 2024. It is also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' because the Gospel is always from John chapter 10 where Jesus speaks of himself as being a caring shepherd. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction when he asked us: "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). A whole year has been dedicated to prayer and promotion of the vocation to the diocesan priesthood. The theme of the year was entitled 'TAKE THE RISK FOR CHRIST'. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life and the Church will always have pastors who care for God's people with the heart of Christ himself. This Sunday 21st April, at St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy, Vocations Sunday will be marked by a holy hour of prayer. All are welcome. Please come and pray with us. Heavenly Father, we come before You with a prayer for good weather. We recognise that You have dominion over the elements & the power to clam storms & to bring forth favourable conditions. We humbly ask for Your mercy & grace to send us favourable weather for the sowing of crops. Bless the lands & the animals on which we depend. Ease the stresses & worries of those who work the land which they are enduring at this time. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANK YOU Thank you to all those who have contributed to the recent Easter Dues, Our Future Church & Trocaire collections.

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.