

# focus on sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 28th April 2024

Jesus describes his relation to us like the closeness of a branch to a tree. We are brought to life in him, grow in him as people who can love each other, and become in him a people of eternal hope.



**I am the true vine...**



**'Abide in me'**

Thanks to the incredible scientific discoveries of the past century, humanity is beginning to realise just how deeply interconnected everything is in our universe. Every atom of carbon in our muscles, calcium in our bones and iron in our blood was created inside a star before the Earth was born. Despite appearances, we share the essential components for life with our fellow creatures, we are deeply embedded in, part of, this web of life and all of creation shares in this creative Mystery together. St. Paul tells us that if we want to understand God more fully, then we should look at God's creation (Romans 1:20). Pope Francis reiterates this in *Laudato Si'*, 'to contemplate creation is to hear a message, to listen to a silent voice' (LS, §85). Jesus constantly evokes images from the natural world to teach us something about God. 'He often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things' (LS, §97). The grapevine image, a common biblical symbol of God's relationship with God's people, shows us that there is no separation between the human and the Divine, we belong to each other. 'Abide with me' reminds us to not lose sight of the reality of this intimate connectedness. We are being invited to rediscover God's earthly dynamic all around us, so that the fruits of the vine can express the reality of God's presence in our world. Perhaps this week, you can spend more time in nature. What do you find there? What is God saying to you through creation at this time? Jesus says that his followers are pruned by his Word. What is your experience of allowing God's Word to shape your life, to speak into your experiences, to shape who you are becoming?

*Extract from The Deep End – A Journey Through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark, Messenger Publications, 2023, Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty.*

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus liked flowers, mountains, beautiful clouds and silvery water. Today Jesus is looking at the vine and its branches. The seed goes into dark, cold earth and it will be fed with sunshine and water. Jesus sees us like seeds of God. God Our Father gives us breath and life, and helps us to grow beautifully, like leaves on a tree. Every leaf is different. We learn to use our hands everyday. We hug, play games, do kind actions, help at home. We join our hands to say thanks to God.



**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**  
O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.  
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**  
**I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**CONCLUDING RITE**  
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**  
O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**And with your spirit.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**  
You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You bring light to those in darkness: 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**  
Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 9:26-31**  
**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they

took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.  
The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**Ps. 21:26-28. 30-32**  
**R. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. or Alleluia!**  
1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R)  
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R)  
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.' (R)

**SECOND READING 1 John 3:18-24**  
**A reading from the first letter of St. John**  
My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.  
My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.  
His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Make your home in me, as I make mine in you, says the Lord.**  
**Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL John 15: 1-8**  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**  
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away -he withers; - these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

**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.





# New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael



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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	Event	Notes
Sat 27th April	5.00pm	Marian O'Rourke, Lower William Street	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 28th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Alice Caulfield, Pondfields	7th Anniversary
	9.00am	Kathleen Delaney, Bawnmore	Anniversary
	10.00am	Tommy & Peg O'Brien, Ard Mhicil	Anniversaries
Mon 29th April	12.00 Noon	Carmel Dalton, The Bosheen Polish Choir in attendance	Months Mind
	8.00am	Elizabeth & Walter Dunne & deceased family members of the Cosgrave families, The Maudlins	Anniversaries
Tues 30th April	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	Michael Foley, Irishtown	Anniversary
Wed 1st May	8.00am	Intentions of the people of the Parish	
	10.00am	Kieran O'Reilly, Mount Carmel	Anniversary
Thurs 2nd May	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
	8.00am	Brigid Murphy, Lower Darnagh, St. Mullins, Carlow	Recently Deceased
Fri 3rd May	10.00am	Tom Murphy, Upper William Street	9th Anniversary
	7.00pm	Rosary @ the Grotto, Irishtown starting today at 7:00pm, every Monday to Friday during the month of May	
Sat 4th May	8.00am	A Special Intention	Special Intention
	10.00am	Sean Rossiter, Southknock	1st Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance
Sun 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter	3.00 - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	8.00am	Arron Phillpot, Cluain Fada	5th Anniversary
Sat 4th May	10.00am	Margaret Malone, Michael Street	3rd Anniversary
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
Sun 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter	5.00pm	John Codd, Slieverue, Kilkenny	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Bill & May Coleman, Old Post Office Lane	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Jimmy Henneberry, Charleton Hill	Birthday Remembrance
Sun 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter	10.00am	John Dreehan, Mount Ross	10th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Michal Piotrowski, McMurrough Court, The Bosheen	Months Mind

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

**Our Lady's (Left):**  
Peggy Murphy, Glenmore - Remembrance

**Altar (Centre):**  
Patrick & Bridget Coady - Remembrance

**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
Marian O'Rourke - 1st Anniversary RIP

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**  
A Special Intention



**Wednesday 1st May:** Mass bookings will commence for October 2024. Rosary will be recited @ the Grotto, Irishtown Monday to Friday at 7:00pm during the Month of May.

**Sunday 5th May:** 10.00am Mass Live on South East Radio.

**Monday 6th May:** Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed.

**Thursday 9th May:** New Ross Parish Church Video Documentary Launch in St. Michaels Theatre @ 8.00pm. All Welcome.

**Thursday 16th - 21st May:** Diocesan Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage.

**Sunday 19th May 2024:** Communion Participation Mass @ 10.00am.

**Wednesday 22nd May 2024:** Communion Rehearsal in Parish Church @ 7.00pm (Ms. Fitzpatrick, Ms O'Shea, Ms. O'Neill, Ms. Allen & Ms. Walsh Classes).

**Thursday 23rd May 2024:** Communion Rehearsal in Parish Church @ 7.00pm (Ms. O'Connor, Mr. O'Mahony & Parish based Program).

**Saturday 25th May:** First Communions for pupils of Bunscoil Nic Amhlaidh & Parish Based Programme @ 11.00am (Ms. Fitzpatrick, Ms O'Shea, Ms. O'Neill, Ms. Allen & Ms. Walsh Classes) & 1.00pm (Ms. O'Connor, Mr. O'Mahony & Parish based Program).

**Sunday 26th May:** The Most Holy Trinity. Communion Thanksgiving Mass @ 10.00am.

**Wednesday 29th May 2024:** Parish Monthly Coffee Morning will commence after 10.00am Mass in the Sacristy. All Welcome.

**Sunday 2nd June:** The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ. Corpus Christi Procession @ 3.00pm - Communion Participants attending.

**Monday 3rd June:** Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed.

**Tuesday 4th June:** Mass bookings will commence for November 2024.

**Wednesday 26th June 2024:** Parish Monthly Coffee Morning will commence after 10.00am Mass in the Sacristy. All Welcome.

**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.

**Friday 3rd May:**  
Coffee and chat about positive ageing with Mary Butler and Deirdre Mullally St. Michaels Theatre @ 10:30am. Proceeds to Meals On Wheels.

**COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEER EXPO**  
Discover volunteer opportunities

**MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024**  
5PM - 9PM

**RIVERSIDE PARK HOTEL ENNISCORTHY, Y21T2F4**

**FREE PUBLIC EVENT**

## 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:** On Wednesday the 1st of May taking Mass bookings up to & including October 2024.

**Next Weeks Readings:** SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 10: 25-26, 34-34, 44-48. Ps 97: 1-4, R/ cf. v 2. 1 Jn 4: 7-10. Jn 15: 9-17.

**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 21st April 2024 @ € 1,778.68 (Envelopes No. 187 & 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 & 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 XXII

**AIDAN DOYLE, STAR FORWARD**  
Aidan Doyle was star full forward on the old Wexford gaelic football team which won four All Irelands in a row in 1915/1918. He hailed from Davidstown and worked for many years with Cherry's Brewery. Aidan was a quite sober man whose duties included travelling thought the county collecting accounts from publicans on Cherry's delivery lorry. The lorry crashed into a tree on a return journey outside the pub in Ballinaboola now known as the Horse and Hound. Aidan was badly injured with broken legs, but his main concern while he was being attended to at the crash site was the safety of the money he had collected. On retirement he lived in Irishtown and frequented the John Street area where young boys often sought to view his All Ireland medals which he carried in his pocket. He gifted the four medals to the Augustinian Fathers who had them set in the base of a gilt chalice. The chalice is in the archives of the Augustinians in New Ross. **Courtesy of Jim Sutton**

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"God our Father, we trust in your loving kindness. Bless our diocese of Ferns with many priestly, religious and lay vocations. Give the men and women you call the light to understand your gift and the love to follow in the footsteps of your Son. Amen"  
To find out more about a vocation to the priesthood in the diocese of Ferns, contact Fr Billy Swan at [billyswan68@hotmail.com](mailto:billyswan68@hotmail.com)

**Area Visitation** Fr. Tom Orr is available to visit households in the Bullawn, Chapel Lane and Mary Street area. If you would like a visit please contact the Parish Office.

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the souls of -  
Marek Kaminski, Anfield Lane, Rosbercon,  
Daniel (Danny) Brennan, Fisherstown, Campile & New Ross,  
Simon Hickey, Kildare Town & Ballykelly,  
Tom Furlong, Ballinveega,  
Bryan Hennessey, Ballymacar &  
Sr. Mary McGlynn, Carmelite Monastery, Knock, Co. Mayo who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

## ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We remember & pray for the soul of -  
Joe Bennett ( 19th Anniversary), Pondfields, whose anniversary occurs around this time.

## BAPTISMS:

We welcome into our Christian Community -  
Josh Crowdle, The Bullawn &  
Ellie - Mae Murphy, Mount Carmel who were baptised recently in our Parish Church. Baptisms take place on the 1st Saturday & 3rd Sunday each month @ 1.00pm. Minimum two weeks notice is required & 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 & 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.

**Thursday 9th May:**  
New Ross Parish Church Video Documentary Launch in St. Michaels Theatre @ 8.00pm.  
All Welcome.

**Conversations with Women in the Bible**  
This Conference will be on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Ballyvaloo Retreat & Conference Centre, Blackwater  
Speaker: Thérèse Fitzgerald  
Times: 10.00 – 4.30 p.m.  
Cost: €30 (includes lunch) pay on the door  
**Booking essential:** Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday to Friday or e-mail [regionoffice@ssig.ie](mailto:regionoffice@ssig.ie) before May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE**

**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**  
Join the National Pilgrimage for Life in Knock Shrine, County Mayo, as we pray for the protection of all human life - Starting at 3pm with Mass and Anointing of the Sick.

*"You gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow."*