

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:
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

God of everlasting mercy,
who, in the very recurrence of the paschal
feast kindle the faith of the people you
have made your own, increase, we pray,
the grace you have bestowed, that all
may grasp and rightly understand in what
font they have been washed, by whose
Spirit they have been reborn, by whose
Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
The whole group of believers was united,
heart and soul; no one claimed for his own
use anything that he had, as everything
they owned was held in common.
The apostles continued to testify to the
resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great
power, and they were all given great
respect.
None of their members was ever in want,
as all those who owned land or houses
would sell them, and bring the money
from them, to present it to the apostles;
it was then distributed to any members
who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **(R)**
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the
Lord, but not doomed to die. **(R)**
- The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1 - 6

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot
him loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's
children if we love God himself and do
what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is -
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten
by God has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world - our faith.
Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus
is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and
blood, not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness -
since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
**Jesus said: 'You believe
because you can see me.
Happy are those who have
not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!**

GOSPEL John 20: 19 - 31

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

In the evening of that same day, the first
day of the week, the doors were closed
in the room where the disciples were, for
fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood
among them. He said to them, 'Peace be
with you,' and showed them his hands
and his side. The disciples were filled
with joy when they saw the Lord, and he
said to them again, 'Peace be with you.
'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them
and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit,
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'
Thomas, called the Twin, who was one
of the Twelve, was not with them when
Jesus came. When the disciples said,
'We have seen the Lord', he answered,
'Unless I see the holes that the nails
made in his hands and can put my finger
into the holes they made, and unless I
can put my hand into his side, I refuse
to believe.' Eight days later the disciples
were in the house again and Thomas
was with them. The doors were closed,
but Jesus came in and stood among
them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then
he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger
here; look, here are my hands. Give me
your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no
longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My
Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:
'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe.'
There were many other signs that Jesus
worked and the disciples saw, but they
are not recorded in this book. These
are recorded so that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that believing this you may have life
through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.



Easter for Thomas was a rediscovery of his faith in Jesus.
The risen power of the Lord is the basis for his people's faith.

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

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of
your people (and of those you have brought
to new birth), that, renewed by confession
of your name and by Baptism, they may
attain unending 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.....

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

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

**Bring your hand and feel the place of
the nails, and do not be unbelieving but
believing, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our
reception of this paschal Sacrament may
have a continuing effect in our minds and
hearts. 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, alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

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"This is my commandment, love one another as I have loved you." (John 15 v 12.) Few of us will have to give our lives, as Jesus did, for our brothers and sisters, though some do in other parts of the world. But always loving others, excluding no-one, even when it is inconvenient, difficult or awkward, or makes us unpopular, is truly saintly. But there is yet a higher form of love: to forgive someone who has offended us and may not even have asked for our forgiveness. If Jesus asks us to *"Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you."* (Matthew 5 v 44) he is only asking us to imitate Jesus, who, while we were still enemies (Romans 5 v 10), reconciled us to God by dying on the cross.

We have traditionally been taught that God will forgive us our sins, after we have expressed our sorrow and asked for forgiveness. But through the death of Jesus, we have been forgiven before we even ask. True sorrow for our sinfulness arises from our experience of the extraordinary love and compassion of God, a love *"that surpasses all knowledge"* (Ephesians 3 v 18), which leads us to ask ourselves "How could I possibly have offended such a loving God?" On Divine Mercy Sunday we celebrate the good news that we have been loved and forgiven by God. The bad news is that we are called to do the same to others!

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus said to Thomas "Here are my hands. God's hand made the world and we are his special work of art. The Spirit of God in our hands makes a wonderful world, with all kinds of inventions. Our hands give hugs, play music, play games. We hold hands, clap hands, shake hands. We praise God, when we care and share with our hands.



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		
Saturday 6th April	5.00pm	Bernard (Benny) Kinsella, Knockmullen	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 7th April - Second Sunday of Easter & Divine Mercy	8.00am	Jimmy Martin, Ard Na Greine	9th Anniversary
	9.00am	Frances Kennedy, Pondfields	6th Anniversary
	10.00am	Kathleen (Kay) Doyle (nee Mullins), Southknock	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Frank Murray, Priory Street Annamai Merrigan (nee Smith), Parkfield	Months Mind Months Mind
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions	
Mon 8th April	8.00am	Nicky Murphy, Priory Street	5th Anniversary
	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	Niall Russell, Southknock	Anniversary
Tues 9th April	8.00am	Intentions of the people of the Parish	
	10.00am	Alan Murphy, The Bosheen, Kevin Manley, Abbeyview & Kathleen Flemming, Irishtown	Anniversaries
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed 10th April	8.00am	Donors Intention	Doners Intentions
	10.00am	John Kehoe, Fr. Cullen Terrace	Anniversary
Thurs 11th April	8.00am	James & Anne Doyle, Ard Mhicil	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Ger O'Connor, Barretts Park	6th Anniversary
	3.00 - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 12th April	8.00am	Paddy Murphy, Mount Carmel	1st Anniversary
	10.00am	Delia Purcell, Fr. Cullen Terrace	Anniversary
Sat 13th April	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Anastasia (Lally) Murphy (nee Bailey), Ursuline Court, Waterford & Bridge Street, New Ross	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 14th April - Third Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Anthony Rochford, Dungarvan, Waterford & New Ross	Birthday Remembrance
	9.00am	Joseph Caulfield, Southknock & Pat Dunne, Terrerath	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Thomas Caulfield, Pondfields Communion Preparation Mass	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Lalo Malone, Hewittsland & his son Stephen, Campile & Cellbridge Catherine (Kathleen) Furness (nee Whelan), Charleton Hill	Months Mind & Birthday Remembrance Months Mind



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

Our Lady's (Left):
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Altar (Centre):
Nicky Murphy, Priory Street
(5th Anniversary)

St. Joseph's (Right):
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Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
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Wexford for Life Pro Life Meeting: Tuesday, 9th of April 7pm Friary Wexford

Pro Life Vigil: Thursday, 11th of April 9pm - 12 midnight, Friary Wexford

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 7th April:
Divine Mercy Sunday. Devotions @ 3.00pm.

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 Communions 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.

Eugene Cashin is taking part in the Hope & Dream 10K Run on Sunday 7th of April in aid of the **Hope Cancer Support Centre in Enniscorthy**. If you would like to sponsor Eugene, please contact him on 087 930 6354

Anam Cara South East will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 9th April 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.



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: **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER** Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19. Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9, R/ v 6. 1 Jn 2: 1-5. Lk 24: 35-48.

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 31st March 2024 @ € 2,626.42 (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 XIX
A FORTUNATE MISS

During the Civil War in 1923 the Irregular Army retreated to re-group in Munster and a unit of this army was passing through New Ross. The troops were being paraded outside the Trinity Houses in South Street by the prominent Anti-treaty leader Sean Moylan as Major Hamilton, who lived in Trinity House at the top of Marsh Lane stood on his front steps. The Major, who had suffered the trauma of the First World War, produced his service revolver and fired at Sean Moylan. Fortunately, he missed and immediately retreated indoors, pursued by troops. After an exchange of fire in which his daughter was slightly injured the Major was overpowered and arrested. He was brought to the Royal Hotel where the Irregulars had their headquarters and faced retribution. However, it was quickly realised that Major Hamilton was a victim of his war experiences and was simply disarmed and released. Moylan was quoted as saying that the Major was the most dangerous man he encountered 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 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'.

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We pray for the souls of - Nora Breen (nee O'Leary), Rosbercon, Mary Fitzgerald, Rosbercon, Carmel Dalton (nee Hunt), The Bosheen & Stella Sheehan (nee Byrne), Auburn Avenue, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Bernard (Benny) Kinsella (1st Anniversary), Knockmullen, Alice Caulfield, Pondfields, Tommy Nolan, Charleton Hill, Bozena Jastrzebska (3rd Anniversary), Ballyrue, William & Mary Connolly, Mary Street, Helen O'Reilly, Windsor, UK & Ballyanne, Christine Boland, Grange Road, Michael Sutton & Robert Dunphy, Lower Southknock, Margaret St. Ledger Dolgayo, (10th Anniversary), Mark Grace (20th Anniversary), Windmill Lane & Mary Ann Kavanagh, Irishtown, 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.



MORNING PRAYER
Divine Mercy Sunday

God of mercy,
you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth in the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

Lord Jesus KING OF MERCY
We Trust in You!
Philippine Hine

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 12th May 2024. €849.00 pps. Price includes return Bus/Train, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

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.