

focus on sunday

Today is our celebration that Jesus is present always with us, in signs we can recognise but not understand. It is a feast of the mystery of his presence, always close to his people.



Focus I remember as a boy walking in the Corpus Christi procession, an altar boy. With my father holding the canopy as we had an almost two hour walk around Finglas with the first half of benediction in the football field, ending then in the church. Even the drunk on the path blessed himself!

As manna in the desert fed the people, the cup at Mass unites us with the death of the Lord, and the gospel gives the real meaning of the Eucharist.

It all brings life to the soul. Linked to the procession of our lives, to the hopes, problems, prayers, and all that makes a person.

A woman came once and gave the bread for the offertory to her children. She had walked miles with her children to Mass and they were starving. Who could give out.... maybe that day the bread was meant for her ordinary hunger.

Our mood today for this feast is of thanks and wonder, that the God of heaven and earth would come to us in such an ordinary way, without our help he could not come.... without the farmer there is no wheat; without the baker there is no bread, without the priest no consecration and without the minister of the Eucharist he would just stay on the altar!

So, each time we receive communion we are joyfully receiving his love for ourselves, and also the call to share our love. Our receiving communion is both this call and a help to live our lives in love.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey

God our Father wanted to give a special food to His people, so he decided to come Himself to our world, and live in bread and wine at Mass. Jesus invites everyone to "Come, Take and eat," and we sing "Come Lord Jesus. Come and be born in our hearts. Come Emmanuel, Come and be born in our hearts."



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. 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.
 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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.
 Who live and reign for ever and ever.

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, glorifying the Lord by your life.
Thanks be to God.



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listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 115:12-13,15-18
R. The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. or Alleluia!

- How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
 The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. **(R)**
- O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
 Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. **(R)**
- A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
 I will call on the Lord's name.
 My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. **(R)**

SECOND READING Hebrews 9: 11 - 15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!



GOSPEL Mark 14: 12-16. 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

GREETING

In the name of the Father.... Amen.
 The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 May almighty God 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 in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 24: 3 - 8

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the



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History Notes—Part XXVII

"WE ARE IN RIGHT TROUBLE NOW"

When the President Kennedy entourage visited New Ross in 1962, I was in the throng to welcome him on the Quay (and have the photo to prove it!). When all the visiting guests were seated on the platform before a huge crowd, chairman Andy Mihihan (referred to by the President as Mayor Minihan) took the microphone to open proceedings. Just as he was about to start, the local PA system went dead. Andy did not realise that the main radio system broadcasting to America and the world was still live, as he commented "We're in right trouble now!" His remark was greeted with a roar of mirth. After a short pause, Gerald Ward and his son, in charge of the system, quickly put matters to rights. It transpired that a travelling security man noticed batteries with cables attached under the platform as Andy was about to speak. Fearing a bomb, he quickly tore the cables away. "We're in right trouble now!" became the byword for Andy for years afterwards.

The platform party was entertained by a short performance of Irish dance tunes by the local céile group, with Tom Brothers of Michael Street, in the middle of the front row. His son, Pete, who had long ago emigrated to Sacramento in California, was watching proceedings there. He suddenly sprang to his feet and rushed to the TV. pointing excitedly "Look, there's my Daddy!"

Courtesy of Jim Sutton

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

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

Our Lady's (Left): Special Intention
Altar (Centre): The Ryan Family - RIP
St. Joseph's (Right): Exam Intentions
Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Exam Intentions

| Date | Time | | |
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| Sat 1st June | 5.00pm | Bridget Walsh (nee Kehoe), Mountross | 1st Anniversary |
| | 7.00pm | Polish Community Mass | |
| Sun 2nd June - Corpus Christi | 8.00am | The Lee family: Julia, Michael, Jim & Pat, Church Street | Anniversaries |
| | 9.00am | Jack & Eileen Dwyer, Michael Street | Anniversaries |
| | 10.00am | Josephine Byrne, Brandon Park | 3rd Anniversary |
| | 12.00 Noon | Special Intention | Special Intention |
| Mon 3rd June - Bank Holiday | 3.00pm | Corpus Christi Procession in the Church Grounds | |
| | 8.00am | Michael & Kitty Walsh, Clonroche | Anniversaries |
| | 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. | |
| Tues 4th June | 10.00am | Mary Bridget Ryan, Ard Na Greine | 25th Anniversary |
| | 8.00am | Intentions of the people of the Parish | |
| | 10.00am | James Connolly, Church Lane | Anniversary |
| Wed 5th June | 10.00am - 8.00pm | Eucharistic Adoration - Special Prayers for Exams Students from 11.00am to 8.00pm - All Welcome | |
| | 8.00am | Fr. Ambrose McNamee, Carmelite Abbey, Loughrea, Galway | Recently Deceased |
| Thurs 6th June | 10.00am | Michael & Nora Murphy, Galway | Anniversaries |
| | 8.00am | Deceased Carmelites, Benefactors & Friends | |
| | 10.00am | Margaret Connolly, Mountgarrett | 2nd Anniversary |
| Fri 7th June | 3.00pm - 4.00pm | Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel | |
| | 8.00am | Special Thanksgiving Intention | Special Intention |
| Sat 8th June | 10.00am | Margaret Sinnott, Wexford Street | Anniversary |
| | 10.00am | Parish Mass Association | |
| | 5.00pm | Pat & Dick Lyng, Newtown | Anniversaries |
| Sun 9th June - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 7.00pm | Polish Community Mass | |
| | 8.00am | Irish Carmelites Special Intention | |
| | 9.00am | Mary Butler, Mount Carmel | |
| | 10.00am | Myles Carroll, Pondfields Live on South East Radio | 2nd Anniversary |
| | 12.00 Noon | Linda Tejada, Oakland, California, USA | Months Mind |

Dates for your Diary 2024

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

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

Tuesday 4th June: Mass bookings will commence for November 2024. Prayer for Students will take place during Adoration from 11.00am to 8.00pm. All Welcome.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the souls of -
Fr. Billy Farrell, Glashule, Dublin
Marie O'Connor (née Asple), Nash, Gusserane,
Peggy Brennan (née Holden) Moycullen Galway, New York USA & New Ross
Marie Woods (née Muldowney), Bray, Wicklow, Terenure, Dublin & Daingean, Offaly, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We remember & pray for the soul of -
Milley Connors (9th Anniversary), Gorey,
Mick & Jane Carthy, New Farm, The Rower, Kilkenny & Nancy & Jimmy Ryan, Michael Street, whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS:

We welcome into our Christian community -
Malwi Faltny, Knockroe who was 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.

Anam Cara South East will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 11th June 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.

Ros Tapestry The Stitchers' Experience
The stitchers who are working on the Threads of Friendship tapestries will host a panel discussion on their experiences of working on the tapestries, in the Dunbrody on Thursday 6th June at 7pm. All are welcome. Admission is free.

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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

Area Visitation Fr. Tom Orr is available to visit households in **Lacken Valley, Bawnmore Terrace and Woodbine Close area.** If you would like a visit please contact the Parish Office.

Make A Difference in Your Community with Home Instead –

We are currently recruiting experienced CARE Givers for the area. Positions are part-time including evening and weekend calls. Duties include assisting clients with all aspects of day to day living. QQI qualification desirable but not essential and full training provided. Own transport required. Visit Homeinstead.ie or call Leah on 053 918 4042 if interested.

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Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024

Led by Spiritual Directors Fr Denis Browne & Fr Paddy Banville. 10th October 2024 for 7 nights €899 per person sharing. Direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon. 20kg bags included. Return airport transfers in Fatima. 7 nights: Hotel Cinquentenário. Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day. Full Religious Programme Guided tours Sanctuary & Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary. Visits to Aljustrel & Valinhos. Visit to Santarém, site of the Eucharistic Miracle Optional: travel insurance & single supplement €245. For information, please contact Fr. Denis Browne 086 8926260 & frdenisbrowne@gmail.com For Bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) 01 2410800 & info@joewalshstours.ie

Prayers for Students

STUDENTS
Parents' Grandparents' Friends
and the wider Community
are invited to come and pray for all sitting exams this summer

Drop in... light a free candle and say a prayer for Exam success.

Tuesday
4th June
11.00am - 8.00pm

ST MARY'S & ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH NEW ROSS

DROP IN ANYTIME AND LEAVE ANYTIME

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.