

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

GREETING
In the name of the FatherAmen.
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT
Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
You will come in glory with salvation for your people: 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
O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ezekiel 17:22 - 24
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
The Lord says this:
'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM
P.S. 91: 2-3.13-16

R. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.
1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R)

SECOND READING
2 Corinthians 5:6 - 10
A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds this seed will remain for ever. Alleluia!
GOSPEL Mark 4:26 - 34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come'.
He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big

branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'
Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.
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
O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. 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
There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Be near to those who call on you, O Lord, and graciously grant your protection to all who place their hope in your mercy, that they may remain faithful in holiness of life and, having enough for their needs in this world, they may be made full heirs of your promise for eternity.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.
Go in peace, Thanks be to God. Amen.



The presence of God in our world is not always visible and his kingdom grows slowly. We are invited to grow in the confidence that God is always with us, even in the face of trials and evils.



Focus Some of the best things in life happen slowly --- among them, birth, love, knowledge, friendships. Faith is another slow growth. Jesus knows this and he knows that his kingdom on earth takes time. He knew himself that even his closest disciples took time to grasp the meaning of his life, death, and resurrection.

Parents know the same as they watch children growing up, even when they make mistakes. Some growth cannot be hurried. Faith growth is affected by all growth -- the events of life in many ways effect the growth of our faith, or its decline. After a sudden bereavement one person said, 'all I have now is God'. Another never went near God in the similar situation.

Not all seed sown flourishes; some mixes with bad and all is well in the end; another seed becomes a huge tree. Good seed can be thrown into bad soil.

In bad times we need to be confident in still sowing the seed of Christ --in bad times for the Church, for state and all our trusted institutions. Christ remains firm for us, the rock. We want to sow the seeds of justice, peace, and compassionate love in our land, and this is the centre of the gospel. The seed of God's love is now sown through God's people.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus liked looking at farmers sowing seeds. It reminded Him of all the different people that The Father will welcome to The Feast of Heaven. It will be like a birthday party that never ends. God has made us for love and friendship. When we show love and make friendships we are in God's Love and we help to make a better world.



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 Cards are also available in Nugent's Newsagents, Cooney's & Ryan's Homes.



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Radio Mass 104.7Fm & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH & CHURCH CAM LIVE WEBSITES. All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel			
Date	Time		
Sat 15th June	5.00pm	Patricia Fitzgerald, Nunnery Lane	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 16th June - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Special Intention	Special Intention
	9.00am	Joey & Aileen Warren, Cross Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Margaret & Gary Maher, Southknock	Anniversaries
Mon 17th June	12.00 Noon	Eddie, Nellie & Anthony Larkin, Mary Street	Anniversaries
	8.00am	Jimmy, Kitty & Mary Evans, Mullingar, Westmeath	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 18th June	10.00am	Nicko, Sonny & Kitty Whelan, Old Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	8.00am	Intentions of the people of the Parish	
	10.00am	Joan Murphy, Upper William Street	22nd Anniversary
Wed 19th June	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
	8.00am	Vincent O'Dwyer, Ardross	Anniversary
	10.00am	Matthew & Bridget Cahill & deceased family members, Ard Mhicil including their in-laws Joseph & Ellen Cahill, Kilkenny	Anniversaries
Thurs 20th June	8.00am	Special Intention	Special Intention
	10.00am	Nell & Jim Ryan, Irishtown	Anniversaries
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.	
Fri 21st June	8.00am	Special Intention	Special Intention
	10.00am	Aaron Lennane, Salisbury, UK & Irishtown	Anniversary
Sat 22nd June	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	James (Jim) Rowe, Mary Street	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 23rd June - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Mona & Ned Walsh, William Street	40th Anniversary & Remembrance
	9.00am	Paddy Murphy, Ballyrue	14th Anniversary
	10.00am	May Morris, Clonskeagh, Dublin & New Ross	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon		



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:
Available @ €10.00 / week.
Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am.
Our Lady's (Left):
Norah Barrett - Anniversary
Altar (Centre):
Special Intention
St. Joseph's (Right):
The Fottrell & Cody Family- Remembrance
Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Betty & Donal Byrne - Remembrance

Dates for your Diary 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.
Monday 1st July 2024: Mass bookings will commence up to and including the month of December 2024.
Wednesday 31st July 2024: Parish Monthly Coffee Morning will commence after 10.00am Mass in the Sacristy. All Welcome.
Thursday 1st August 2024: Mass bookings will commence up to and including the month of January 2025.
Thursday 15th August 2024: Holy Day the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Vigil Mass @ 5.00pm Wednesday 14th August in the Parish Church. 8.00am Mass in Mount Carmel, 10.00am & 1.05pm Mass in Parish Church on Thursday 15th August. Parish Office closed.
Wednesday 28th August 2024: Parish Monthly Coffee Morning will commence after 10.00am Mass in the Sacristy. All Welcome.


ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of -
Fr. Paddy O'Brien, Chambersland,
James Connors (2nd Anniversary), Bunclody,
Jimmy Shortall (5th Anniversary & 7th Birthday Remembrance), Pondfields,
Gerry Cash (3rd Anniversary), Hewittsland,
Lar Ronan, Mount Carmel,
Patrick (Paddy) Henneberry (12th Anniversary), Lower William Street,
Michael & Bridget Newport, Wexford
Renne & Joe McGowan, Wexford,
John Kearns (24th Anniversary), The Bullawn
Helen Bermingham, (12th Anniversary), Southknock
whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS:
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.

Parish Coach trip to Knock, Co. Mayo
The Parish is considering a Coach trip to Knock, on Sunday 28th July for 'Grandparents Day', please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.



**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 & including November 2024.

Next Weeks Readings: TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Job: 38: 1, 8-11. Ps 106: 23-26, 28-31, R/ v 1. 2 Cor 5: 14-17. Mk 4: 35-41.

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 9th June 2024 @ € 2,100.83 (Envelopes No. 200 & 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. One way system in operation.

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.



Diocesan Changes: As you will be aware the Bishop has announced personnel transfers in the Diocese, affective on the week-end of 13/14 July. New Ross Parish is now in partnership with the parishes of Cushionstown, Newbawn and Adamstown. Sadly Fr. Tom has been transferred to Templetown Parish and will be working with the Parishes of Duncannon, Horeswood and Ramsgrange.

Our loss is Templetown's gain, but that is how the church system works - "We have not here a lasting City". While we regret his loss, we would be a lot poorer if he hadn't spent those years with us. We thank him for his total dedication and wish him well in his new Parish.

Monsignor Joe McGrath

PRESS RELEASE

A synodal Church is a people that journeys together. For over two years, the people, priests and programme personnel of the Diocese of Ferns have engaged in consultation regarding the future of our Church. This consultation was spearheaded by Bishop Ger and brought together through a collaboration of the Council of Priests and the Diocesan Pastoral Council to develop a pastoral plan entitled 'Our Future Church'. This plan, available on www.ferns.ie envisions twelve pastoral areas in our Diocese to ensure sustainability and the availability of priests for every community into the future. Clustering parishes into pastoral areas allows parishes to share vital resources, such as priests who will engage in team ministry within each pastoral area. The vision of Vatican II and the foundation of baptism underpins our plan to support priests and people to work more closely together towards mission and ministry.

The following clerical changes have been made in response to the needs of the new Pastoral Areas. These changes are effective from weekend of 13/14th July.


- Fr. Sean Devereux Cushinstown appointed as Co-PP to the Pastoral area of Bunclody - Ferns - Kilrush and assigned to Ferns.
- Fr. John Byrne Oylegate appointed as Co-PP to the Pastoral area of Bunclody - Ferns - Kilrush and assigned to Bunclody.
- Fr. Paddy Banville Enniscorthy Pastoral Area appointed as Co-PP to the Pastoral Area of Gorey - Camolin - Craanford - Riverchapel and assigned to Craanford.
- Fr. James Cullen Wexford appointed as Co-PP to the Pastoral area of St. Senans - St. Aidans - Marshalstown and assigned to Marshalstown.
- Fr Michael Doyle Templetown appointed as Co-PP to the Pastoral area Imeall na Screige and assigned to Oulart / Ballaghkeene.
- Fr Dermot Gahan returning from Indiana, USA and appointed as Co-PP to the pastoral area Castlebridge - Crossabeg - Oylegate and assigned to Oylegate / Glenbrien.
- Fr Brian Whelan Craanford appointed as Co-PP to the Pastoral Area New Ross - Cushinstown - Adamstown - Newbawn and assigned to New Ross.
- Fr. Roger O' Neill Gorey appointed as Co-PP to the Pastoral Area New Ross - Cushinstown - Adamstown - Newbawn and assigned to Cushinstown.
- Fr. Tom Orr New Ross appointed as Co-PP to the Pastoral Area Horeswood - Ramsgrange - Duncannon - Templetown - Ballycullane and assigned to Duncannon and Templetown.
- Fr. Paddy Browne, Oulart appointed as Co-PP to the Pastoral Area Wexford—Clonard - Glynn - Piercestown and assigned to Wexford.
- Fr. Odhran Furlong Chaplain in Wexford General Hospital to assist in the Pastoral area of Bannow - Clongeen - Taghmon - Rathangan in addition to his duties in the Hospital.
- Fr. David Murphy, Chaplain to the Defence Forces to assist in the Pastoral area of Tagoat - Kilrane - Our Lady's Island-Kilmore-Ballymore in addition to his duties with the Defence Forces.
- The Bishop of Ferns Ger Nash has accepted the retirement of Monsignor Joe McGrath as Vicar General of the Diocese and wishes to thank him for his immense service in this role and for the wise and gentle counsel provided over many years. Bishop Ger is pleased to announce the appointment of Brian Broaders as Vicar General of the Diocese of Ferns and wishes him every blessing in his new role.

ENDS

Regards

Odhrán Furlong, Communications Officer, Diocese of Ferns

Oremus pro invicem



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.

