

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in
his house; he himself gives might and
strength to his people.**

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

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... **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, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:42-44**

A reading from the second book of Kings.
A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'For the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18

**R. You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and grant our desires.**

- All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **[R]**
- The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **[R]**
- The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **[R]**

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-6
A reading from the letter of St. Paul's to the Ephesians.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL John 6.1 - 15**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred

denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world'. Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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.**

**focus on sunday**

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28th July 2024

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

**The love of God is a generous love, given to each of us.
A generous love that asks his people, to make his generosity
visible through the way we treat others.**

**"DO NOT CAST ME OFF
IN MY OLD AGE"**

(cf. Psalm 71:9)

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
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

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord,
this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love
beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May almighty God
bless you, the Father,
and the Son,
✠ and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go in peace.
Thanks be to God..



The generosity of Jesus is never exhausted; he is like the host or hostess who prepares too much. He fed the crowds, and much was left over; the disciples collected the leftover fragments, and we might say that what was left over would be the bread of life for the world for all times. What he gave to the crowds was himself, and this is what is given at every Mass.

The eucharist is not just eating – it is sharing. The people sat in groups and maybe they shared with each other. They just didn't each come up and get a fish or piece of bread. They ate together and all had the same menu. When the people gathered and shared what they had equally they found that what had seemed like scarcity was actually abundance.

Did they know where the bread and fish came from? The bread and fish, the food of the poor, was shared by the young boy. The boy could probably only have afforded enough for himself. Still, he gave it away!

We can give thanks for the bread of the Eucharist, but also for the people who prepare our ordinary meals. They are doing a holy thing!

Donal Neary SJ, editor, Sacred Heart Messenger,

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus liked parties because people were happy and there was good food and drink for everyone. In today's story, a little boy gives Jesus his lunch to help to feed people who are hungry. Jesus tells us that when we do a kind action, when we share and put others first we give a blessing to them.



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 27th July	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Timothy Coughlan, Southknock	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 28th July - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Grandparents Day	7.00am	World Grandparents Day Trip to Knock , Bus leaving for Knock from Carpark, opposite Dunbrody Visitor Centre, The Quay, New Ross.	
	8.00am	Wally Gannon, Nunnery Lane & Arnestown	Anniversary
	9.00am	Martin Whelan, Tanyard	5th Anniversary
	10.00am	John O'Byrne, Cushinstown	Anniversary
Mon 29th July	12.00 Noon	Emy (Margaret) Rawson (nee Merrigan), The Bosheen	Months Mind
	8.00am	Michael Kane, The Bosheen	11th Anniversary
	9.30am	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 30th July	10.00am	Deceased members of the Ryan & Holden Families, Abbey Hall	Anniversaries
	8.00am	Intentions of the people of the Parish	
	10.00am	Luke Roche, Lower Southknock	Anniversary
Wed 31st July COFFEE MORNING	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
	8.00am	William & Elizabeth Keating & their daughter Breda, Creacon	Anniversaries
	10.00am	May & Claire Dunne, Terrerath & Deirdre Dunne, Portmarnock, Dublin	Anniversaries
	Parish Monthly Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome.		
Thurs 1st August	7.00pm	Rosary will take place @ the Grotto, Irishtown every Wednesday up to and including 14th of August 2024. All Welcome.	
	8.00am	Matty & May Aspell & their son Francis, Cross Lane	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Deceased members of the Lyng Family, Ballyanne	Anniversaries
Fri 2nd August	Mass bookings will commence up to and including the month of January 2025 @ 10.30am in the Parish Office.		
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.	
	8.00am	Special Birthday Intentions	Special Intentions
Sat 3rd August	10.00am	Anastasia Butler, Bewley Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Jim Cooney, Shamie & Mark Doyle, Robert Street	Anniversaries
Sun 4th August - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
	8.00am	Annie Reddy, Marsh Lane	Anniversary
	9.00am	Claire & Tony O'Flynn, Hospital Road	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Nancy Martin, Ard na Greine	8th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Margaret (Peggy) & her husband William Flynn, Kilbraney & her sister Kathleen Baggie, Adamstown, Tommy Quinn, Campile & his sons, William & Baby Dermot	Anniversaries



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 Booking up to and including December 2024.

Next Weeks Readings: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ex 16:2-4,12-15. Ps 77:3-4,23-25,54, R/ v24. Eph 4:17, 20-24. Jn 6:24-35

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 July 2024 @ € 1,636.03 (Envelopes No. 177 & 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.

Holy Water Fonts: Holy Water Fonts at the Church Entrances are **NOT** Rubbish Bins. Please respect them.

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.



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History Notes - Part XXXIV
A CLOSE SHAVE

James Alexander, whose family hailed from McMurrough, was present in town during the Battle of Ross in 1798 and wrote a most interesting narrative of events before, during and after those momentous days. He lived on the Quay near where Supervalu now stands and was the leader of the Unarmed Loyalists assisting the defence. James was awoken by distant noise of conflict very early on the morning of the battle and made his way along the quay towards the defender's strong point of the Tholsel to investigate. The defenders there were anxious to learn what was happening uptown and James volunteered help find out. He made his way gingerly up Mary Street and in the bend of the road he was confronted by the vanguard of the rebel army slowly advancing towards the Tholsel. He quickly took cover between two bow windows of Mr. Dowsley's house as the battle commenced and he described how cannon-shot "knuckled the pavement" as his feet. The advancing rebels discovered him but mistook him for a priest, because of his formal dress and shouted "Fan, fan, a Athair" meaning ,in Irish, "stay where you are, Father". When the defenders made a counter-attack up Mary Street he was again discovered in his hiding place by them and was in new danger, but the commander recognised him and rushed him to safety. He hurried back home and stayed in hiding until the town had quietened down.

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

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We pray for the souls of -
James (Jimmy) Hanrahan, North Street, Ballycoheir & Taghmon
Margaret (Peggy) Redmond (nee Banville), Ballycoheir & Taghmon
Breda (Bridget) Breslin (nee Breen), Arklow, Gorey & Alfredo Rodriquez, Spain
who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the soul of -
Nancy Ryan, Michael Street,
Joe Grace, Windmill Lane,
Kitty Wall (19th Anniversary), Dublin & Billy Sidney (37th Anniversary), Arch House, Neville Street, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

BAPTISMS:
We welcome into our Christian Community -
John Dwyer Hicks, Lacken Valley,
Tadhg Green, Houghton Place & Dylan Arayan, Castle Annagh Lodge, Waterford Road, who were Baptised recently in our Parish Church. Baptisms take place on the First Saturday @ 12.00 Noon & Third Sunday @ 1.00pm each month. 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.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY

The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

Psalms 147:11



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