

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you,
my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to
you all the day long.

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 ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us.....
Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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 cause the minds of the
faithful to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Joshua 24:1-2; 15-18*

A reading from the book of Joshua
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel
together at Shechem; then he called the
elders, leaders, judges and scribes of
Israel, and they presented themselves
before God. Then Joshua said to all the
people: 'If you will not serve the Lord,
choose today whom you wish to serve,

whether the gods that your ancestors
served beyond the River, or the gods of
the Amorites in whose land you are now
living. As for me and my House, we will
serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no
intention of deserting the Lord our God
and serving other gods. Was it not the
Lord our God who brought us and our
ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the
house of slavery, who worked those great
wonders before our eyes and preserved
us all along the way we travelled and
among all the peoples through whom we
journeyed? We too will serve the Lord, for he
is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

P.S. 33:2-3.16-23

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

- I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **[R]**
- The Lord turns his face against the
wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the
earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **[R]**
- They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will
save. **[R]**
- Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **[R]**
- Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his
servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. **[R]**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:25-32 (shorter form)

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Husbands should love their wives just as
Christ loved the Church and sacrificed
himself for her to make her holy. He made
her clean by washing her in water with a
form of words, so that when he took her
to himself she would be glorious, with
no speck or wrinkle or anything like that,
but holy and faultless. In the same way,
husbands must love their wives as they
love their own bodies; for a man to love
his wife is for him to love himself. A man
never hates his own body, but he feeds
it and looks after it; and that is the way
Christ treats the Church, because it is his
body - and we are its living parts. For this
reason, a man must leave his father and
mother and be joined to his wife, and the
two will become one body. This mystery
has many implications; but I am saying it
applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit,
Lord, and they are life: you have the
message of eternal life. Alleluia**

GOSPEL *John 6:60-69*

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

After hearing his doctrine many of the
followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable
language. How could anyone accept it?'
Jesus was aware that his followers were
complaining about it and said, 'Does this
upset you? What if you should see the
Son of Man ascend to where he was
before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not
believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset
those who did not believe, and who it
was that would betray him. He went on,
'This is why I told you that no one could
come to me unless the Father allows
him.' After this, many of his disciples left
him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What
about you, do you want to go away too?'
Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall
we go to? You have the message of
eternal life, and we believe; we know that
you are the Holy One of God.'

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.**



focus on sunday

TWENTY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25th August 2024

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by
adoption through the one sacrifice offered
once for all,
bestow graciously on us, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.
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.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
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

**The earth is replete with the fruits of
your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Keep your family safe, O Lord, and grant
them the abundance of your mercies,
that they may find growth through your
teachings and the gifts of heaven. **Amen.**
And 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 forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God.

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**God gives us the freedom of choice. He forces no one to obey him.
He leaves us free. Our world is full of contradictory voices and false
prophets. May we not be led astray. Only Jesus can give us eternal life.**



**It is the spirit
that gives life**



Many people today are searching for meaning in a world full
of pain and suffering, which appears to be without purpose
and is instead ruled by chaos. Many find little meaning
even in their own personal lives. In times past, the Church
provided meaning and still does for some, particularly older people who have
lived their lives in a society in which the Church had a central role. But many
too have walked away, saying the Church is irrelevant to their lives. The
Church must accept some blame for this. Like many older people, I was led
to believe that obeying the laws of the Church determined my relationship
with God. A personal relationship with God was replaced by an insistence on
obeying laws. The Church was not preaching Christianity, it was preaching
Church-ianity. Any relationship must be nourished by regular contact, where
people share with and listen to each other. Otherwise the relationship fades
away and dies. When Peter said, "To whom shall we go, you have the words
of eternal life," he wasn't expressing a rational conclusion that his mind had
reached. He was expressing his personal relationship to Jesus built over many
months, possibly even several years, while in His company. Our faith is not
just an acceptance of truths which we believe. If our following of Jesus is not
built on a personal relationship with Him, nourished by prayer and Eucharist,
then we, too, are in danger of falling away when difficulties arise.

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

At Mass we thank God for loving us and being our companion in Holy
Communion. We ask to be filled with the joy of The Holy Spirit. We pray that
God may bless the Pope, leaders of the Church and State and all God's
people. We include also all who have died that they may be in the company
of Mary and all the saints, full of joy. We promise to be a blessing of peace to
others.



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 24th August	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Bridget & Bernard Rowe, The Bullawn	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 25th August - Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	John Flynn, Mount Elliott	5th Anniversary
	9.00am	Pat Laffan, Grange Road	2nd Anniversary
	10.00am	Kathleen North, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
Mon 26th August	12.00 Noon	Tom Hayden, Priory Place	Months Mind
	8.00am	Nickey Murphy, Millbanks Grove, Rosbercon	Birthday Remembrance
	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 27th August	10.00am	Michael O'Mahony, Clonmel	30th Anniversary
	8.00am	Intentions of the people of the Parish	
	10.00am	Jimmy Purcell, Redmondstown, Rathaspeck	1st Anniversary
Wed 28th August	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
	8.00am	Thomas & Elizabeth Mernagh & deceased family members, Ard Na Greine	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Vincent & Olive Doran, Church Street	Anniversaries
Thurs 29th August	Parish Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome.		
	8.00am		
	10.00am	Nicholas Murphy, McMurrough	Anniversary
Fri 30th August	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.	
	8.00am	William Merrigan, "The Bungalows", Cross Street	5th Anniversary
	10.00am	Frank Dalton, Ballyrue	23rd Anniversary
Sat 31st August	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Victor Hennessy, Southknock	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 1st September 2024 - Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Tom O'Connor, Pondfields	14th Anniversary
	9.00am	Michael Cullen, Irishtown Heights & deceased family members	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Michael (Skipper) Dalton & his wife; Mary Dalton (nee Roche), Pondfields	1st & 2nd Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Carmel Nowlan, Avoca, Co. Wicklow & late of New Ross & her husband, Joe	1st & 8th Anniversaries



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:
Available @ €10.00 / week. Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.
Our Lady's (Left):
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Altar (Centre):
Maggie Nolan - Anniversary
St. Joseph's (Right):
In Thanksgiving
Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Nickey Murphy - Birthday Remembrance

Dates for your Diary 2024

Wednesday 28th August 2024: Parish Monthly Coffee Morning will commence after 10.00am Mass in the Sacristy. All Welcome.

Saturday 31st August 2024: The Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus (Verona Fathers) attending Mass @ 5.00pm.

Sunday 1st September 2024: The Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus (Verona Fathers) attending Masses. World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

Monday 2nd September 2024: Mass bookings will commence up to and including the month of February 2025.

Tuesday 3rd September 2024: Parish Office Closed.

Sunday 8th September 2024: Closing Ceremony of Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage with Traditional Torchlight Procession @ 7.00pm. Bus leaving Dunbrody Visitor Centre, The Quay, New Ross @ 4.30pm stopping at Ballinaboola. Please contact New Ross Parish Office to book a seat @ €10.00. Prior payment is required.

Tuesday 10th September 2024: Parish Office Closed.

Saturday 14th September 2024: Sisters from Belarus displaying ICONS after 10.00am Mass.

Sunday 15th September 2024: Sisters from Belarus displaying ICONS after 10.00am Mass.

Monday 23rd September 2024: CBS Secondary School 175th Anniversary Celebration in the Parish Church. Details to be confirmed.


Wednesday 25th September 2024: Parish Monthly Coffee Morning will commence after 10.00am Mass in the Sacristy. Mass for MEDJUGORJE Pilgrims @ 7.00pm in the Parish Church. Celebrant: Monsignor Don Kenny. Petitions will be accepted at this Mass. All Welcome.


Thursday 1st October 2024: Mass bookings will commence up to and including the month of March 2025.

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





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 Monday 2nd of September we will taking Mass Bookings up to and including February 2025.

Next Weeks Readings: TWENTY-- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Duet 4: 1-2, 6-8. 14: 2-5, R/ v 1. Jas 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27. Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

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 18th August 2024 @ € 1,502.73 (Envelopes No.164 & 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: The Parish Scripture Group, Lectio Divina, will not meet for the month of August. Weekly Meetings will resume on Wednesday 4th September at 10.45am.

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.




History Notes - Part XLII

FLYING THE FLAG

The great Rackard-powered Wexford hurling team of the 1950s/1960s brought joy to the hearts of Wexford Gaels. Overnight we became experts in the finer points of hurling and enjoyed sharing our newfound knowledge with our colleagues who crossed the bridge to school, much to their annoyance and frustration. After all, Kilkenny men are the elite of the hurling fraternity and Wexford folk had nothing to teach them about the ancient game. Of course, there has been an old animosity between Wexford and Kilkenny folk going back to the Battle of Ross in 1798, when Kilkenny did not play their part.

There was a huge ESB pylon, said to be the highest in Ireland, carrying high-tension cables across river to a Kilkenny field upstream of the Boat Club. A young man named Breen from Charleton Hill, with a colleague, as a daring but highly dangerous prank, climbed to the top of this pylon at night-time and attached a huge purple-and-gold Wexford flag to the top arm. The flag flew in the breeze there for ages, in full view of all and of annoyance to the locals who congregated in the evenings at what was then PN O'Gorman's corner opposite the Boat Club in Rosbercon. Fortunately, nobody was brave or foolish enough to attempt to remove the flag and it eventually it succumbed to wind and weather.

Courtesy of Jim Sutton



In Remembrance


RECENTLY DECEASED:
We pray for the soul of -
Peggie Dempsey (nee Cleary), Dunganstown, who have passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of -
Eileen & Michael Nolan, Southknock, Maggie Nolan, Charleton Hill whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

WEDDING:
We congratulate -
Aine Crowdle, Arnestown & Michael Barco, Inistioge, Kilkenny
Alice Connors, Hewittsland & Patrick Kiely, Whites Cross, Cork, who were married recently in our Parish Church.

BAPTISMS:
We welcome into our Christian Community -
Kai Ryan Grehan, Priory Lane & Tommy Stokes, Irishtown, 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.



Icon Classes in New Ross

This SEPTEMBER

What do you know about religious Icons?
Well if you wish to find out more and have a chance to make (write) your own Icon, please contact
Sr. Helen
at the Carmelite Monastery.
New Ross. 087-2181687.
Sr. Helen is starting new courses for both beginners and experienced artists alike, on 11 September
The cost includes brushes, paints, boards and tuition.
Spaces are limited, so book early.



ONLINE BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING

For Bereaved Parents

TUESDAY 3RD SEPT 2024
7pm - 8:30pm
[Click here to register](#)



GUEST SPEAKER BRYAN NOLAN
Bryan has an M.A. Healthcare Chaplaincy DCU, Certified Healthcare Chaplain, End of Life and Grief and loss specialist, who has been working with the Irish Hospice Foundation for over 15 years.

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1798 Rebellion
Depiction Painting by
Martin O'Sullivan, our CE
Scheme Church
Caretaker, which is on
Exhibition in the
National 1798
Rebellion Centre in
Enniscorthy. Well done!

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.