

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.**

**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**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You bring light to those in darkness:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
May almighty God have mercy.....  
**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**

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,  
and answer their prayers with unceasing  
kindness, that, for those who glory in you  
as their Creator and guide,  
you may restore what you have created  
and keep safe what you have restored.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15**

**A reading from the book of Exodus**  
The whole community of the sons of  
Israel began to complain against Moses  
and Aaron in the wilderness and said to  
them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's  
hand in the land of Egypt, when we were  
able to sit down to pans of meat and could  
eat bread to our heart's content! As it is,  
you have brought us to this wilderness to  
starve this whole company to death!'  
Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now  
I will rain down bread for you from the  
heavens. Each day the people are to  
go out and gather the day's portion; I  
propose to test them this way to see  
whether they will follow my law or not.'  
'I have heard the complaints of the sons  
of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the  
two evenings you shall eat meat, and in

the morning you shall have bread to your  
heart's content. Then you will learn that I,  
the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came  
about: quails flew up in the evening, and  
they covered the camp; in the morning  
there was a coating of dew all round  
the camp. When the coating of dew  
lifted, there on the surface of the desert  
was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine  
as hoarfrost on the ground. When they  
saw this, the sons of Israel said to one  
another, 'What is that?' not knowing what  
it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the  
bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**P.S.77:3-4.23-25.54**

**R. The Lord gave them bread from  
heaven.**

1. The things we have heard and  
understood, the things our fathers  
have told us,  
we will tell to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his might. **[R]**
2. He commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven. **[R]**
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.  
He sent them abundance of food.  
He brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand  
had won. **[R]**

**SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 4:17.20-24**

**A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians**  
I want to urge you in the name of the  
Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind  
of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly  
the way you have learnt from Christ,  
unless you failed to hear him properly  
when you were taught what the truth is  
in Jesus. You must give up your old way  
of life; you must put aside your old self,  
which gets corrupted by following illusory  
desires. Your mind must be renewed by  
a spiritual revolution so that you can put  
on the new self that has been created in  
God's way, in the goodness and holiness  
of the truth.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Man does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from  
the mouth of God. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL John 6:24-35**

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

When the people saw that neither Jesus  
nor his disciples were there, they got into  
boats and crossed to Capernaum to look  
for Jesus. When they found him on the  
other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when  
did you come here?' Jesus answered:  
'I tell you most solemnly,  
you are not looking for me

because you have seen the signs  
but because you had all the bread you  
wanted to eat.  
Do not work for food that cannot last,  
but work for food that endures to eternal  
life,  
the kind of food the Son of Man is  
offering you,  
for on him the Father, God himself, has  
set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do  
if we are to do the works that God wants?'  
Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is  
working for God: you must believe in the  
one he has sent.' So they said, 'What  
sign will you give to show us that we  
should believe in you? What work will  
you do? Our fathers had manna to eat  
in the desert; as scripture says: He gave  
them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus  
answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
it was not Moses who gave you bread  
from heaven  
it is my Father who gives you the bread  
from heaven,  
the true bread;  
for the bread of God  
is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.'  
'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always'.  
Jesus answered:  
'I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me will never be hungry;  
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

**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.**



**focus on sunday**

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4th August 2024

**The bread of life - the Body of Christ - is often called "food for the journey". Each Mass is the occasion of God giving himself to us in Christ as a companion on our journey of life.**

**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**

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we  
pray, and, accepting the oblation of this  
spiritual sacrifice,  
make of us an eternal offering to you.  
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.*  
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your  
Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**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**

**You have given us, O Lord,  
bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights  
and sweetness in every taste.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Accompany with constant protection,  
O Lord,  
those you renew with these heavenly gifts  
and, in your never-failing care for them,  
make them worthy of  
eternal redemption.  
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.**



*'I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me will never be hungry;  
he who believes in me will never thirst.'*



Jesus connects with people through table fellowship; it was an  
extremely important part of his ministry. It is not only the food  
that is important; Jesus nourished people in a more significant  
way. The failure of the crowd to grasp this significance is a cause  
of frustration for Jesus in the gospel today. The crowd, who have  
been searching everywhere for him (6:22-24), demand that he give 'bread from  
heaven'. They seem to want Jesus only for what he can physically give them and  
have not been touched on a deeper level.

In Laudato Si', Pope Francis challenges all Christians to undergo an ecological  
conversion and invites us to look at the world from within rather than from  
without. He notes how, at its root, the ecological crisis is a deeply spiritual crisis.  
Christianity offers an alternative understanding of the quality of life, it encourages  
a prophetic lifestyle, but this requires a contemplative lifestyle too, 'one capable of  
deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption. We need to take up an  
ancient lesson ... that "less is more".' (LS, §222). A constant flow of goods 'baffles  
the heart'. This constant desire for more exists because ultimately we are not at  
peace with ourselves. Only God can fill that gap, all else is 'food that perishes'.  
We are invited to an inner attitude that is happy with less and being spiritually  
detached from what we possess. This is not a lesser life, it can be liberating, 'a  
way of living life to the full'. (LS, §222). The people want to know 'What must we  
do to perform the works of God?' But there is only one thing, be present to Jesus  
as he is present to you. Out of that, all else will flow. Jesus is the 'Bread of Life',  
food for the long-haul journey of life, food that truly satisfies. **Jane Mellett**

*Adapted from "The Deep End - A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew"  
(Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2002).*

**Jesus' Story** Fr. Liam Hickey

God Our Father chose everyone for life. God is Lover and Giver of all life.  
God wanted to give special food to his children, so He sent an angel to find  
a special food. But the angel could find no food good enough in all the world.  
Then God decided to come Himself to be our food, through His Spirit, in the  
form of bread and wine. Through His Spirit, God comes to live in our hearts  
with Holy Communion at Mass.



# 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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Date	Time	Event	Notes
Sat 3rd August	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Jim Cooney, Seamie & Mark Doyle, Robert Street	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 4th August - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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
Mon 5th Aug - Bank Holiday	8.00am	Michael Connolly, Mary Street	Anniversary
	9.30am	Rosary is recited every morning in the Parish Church from Monday to Saturday, however on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am.	
	10.00am	Susan Halpin, Mountgarrett	18th Anniversary
Tues 6th Aug	8.00am	Intentions of the people of the Parish	
	10.00am	Bert Gordon, South Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wed 7th Aug	8.00am	Blessing for Silver Jubilee of Profession	Special Intention
	10.00am	John, Mary & Martin Lyng, Newtown	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Rosary will take place @ the Grotto, Irishtown every Wednesday up to and including 14th of August 2024. All Welcome.	
Thurs 8th Aug	8.00am	Blessing for Golden Wedding Anniversary	Special Intention
	10.00am	Philomena Brennan, Mount Elliott	2nd Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.	
Fri 9th Aug	8.00am	Maisie O'Sullivan, Charleton Hill	11th Anniversary
	10.00am	Henry Pressman, St. Mullins & his father, Ben, UK	Anniversaries
Sat 10th Aug	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Michael & Eileen Nolan, Southknock	1st & 2nd Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 11th Aug - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Ann & John Dwyer, Cross Street & Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Carmel McGarr, Upper William Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Amy Aylward, Grange Road	2nd Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Martin Moylan, Bewley Street	Months Mind

**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:**  
 Available @ €10.00 / week.  
 Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.

**Our Lady's (Left):**  
 James Wall - 6th Anniversary

**Altar (Centre):**  
 John Doran - Anniversary

**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
 Blessed Sacrament Chapel: -

## Dates for your Diary 2024

**Monday 5th August 2024:** Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed.

**Wednesday 7th August 2024:** The Rosary will take place at the Grotto, Irishtown every Wednesday @ 7.00pm up to and including 14th of August 2024, all Welcome.

**Sunday 11th August 2024:** Annual New Ross Meals on Wheels Church Gate Collection.

**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.

**Sunday 1st September 2024:** 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.

## In Remembrance

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:**  
 We remember & pray for the souls of - James Boland, Charleton Hill, Jimmy Grangel (2nd Anniversary), Ballyrue Lower, Tom & Kathleen Bolger, Wexford Street, Paddy Cullen, Dublin, Maisie Hearne, The Maudlins, Michael Connolly, Mary Street & John Doran, High Hill whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:**  
 We remember & pray for the soul of - John Byrne, London, UK, whose birthday occurs around this time.

## Congratulations

**WEDDINGS:** We congratulate Gemma Lee, Mount Carmel & Christopher Holmes, Buttavant, Cork, who were married recently in our Parish Church.

**BAPTISMS:** 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.

## 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:** NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kg 19: 4-8. Ps 33: 2-9, R/ v 9. Eph 4: 30-5:2. Jn 6: 41-51.

**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 28th July 2024 @ € 1,675.31 (Envelopes No. 188 & 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 XI

### THE CORPUS CHRISI PROCESSION OF YESTERYEAR

The old annual Corpus Christi feast-day fell on a Thursday, and the public procession as important religious and social occasions in the life of the town. The procession route was from the Good Shepherd public church (now St. Mary's Secondary School) via Irishtown, through Houghton Place, Mary Street, South Street and Robert Street to St. Marys & Michaels Church. The decoration of the route was enthusiastically undertaken by parishioners, with little altars, flowers and candles adorning many houses. Irishtown was to the forefront in decoration, with huge lattice timber arches festooned with laurels, ivy and banners marking the route. The long procession was guided by marshals with the praying and hymn-singing parishioners to the forefront, followed by the confraternity band playing solemn music as befitted the occasion. The Children of Mary as a group followed while schoolgirls dressed in first communion or confirmation white dresses strewed petals. Next came the ranks of candle-carrying servers and thurible wielders. The Blessed Sacrament came last under a canopy carried by four parish stalwarts. The solemnity of the occasion, the heat of marching on a sunny July day, the sweet heavy smell of incense, and the memory of feet sticking to the soft tarred road are fond memories.

**Courtesy of Jim Sutton**

**Annual New Ross Meals on Wheels Church Gate Collection** takes place next weekend the 11th of August, your support is greatly appreciated.

### Our Pilgrimage to Knock for Grandparents & The Elderly on Sunday 28th July 2024

Oh what a beautiful experience it was! We left New Ross at 7am with the sun shining down on us. We recited a rosary after Carlow and arrived at the Grand Hotel, Moate for a delicious breakfast. We continued our journey to Knock saying a Rosary before arriving in Knock about Noon. Everyone did their own thing whether lighting candles or having Masses said for friends and loved ones who couldn't travel with us. At 2:30pm we went to the Basilica for 'The Anointing of the Sick' which was a beautiful ceremony for everyone. Before Mass started at 3pm there was a procession of young and old carrying banners from all over the world as it was live on EWTN. Mass was celebrated by the Papal Nuncio assisted by Bishop Denis Nulty of Kildare and Leighlin. During Mass, Dana sang 'Lady of Knock Queen of Ireland' and there were a lot of tears shed. After Mass there was Benediction, where the Blessed Sacrament was carried through the Basilica blessing everyone. The weather was glorious, so we were able to have the Rosary around the Shrine after Mass. We headed back to our bus about 5pm and recited a Rosary before arriving in the Grand Hotel for a delicious dinner served and enjoyed by all. At 8pm we headed home and after our last Rosary, John Murphy connected his phone to the mic and played some lovely songs which all joined in with. Such a lovely group to travel with and our thanks to John for organising the trip and especially Monsignor Joe for travelling to be with us.



**Meals on Wheels Charity Run** takes place on Saturday 24th August @ 8.30am on the New Ross Greenway to raise funds for this worthy cause. Michael Fottrell is toeing the line to cover the 13 miles. You may contact him with donations on 083 021 8994 or mfottrellros@gmail.com 100% of the money goes to the Meals on Wheels. Beir Bua! Thank you.

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.