

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

## 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 were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:  
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

Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING **Isaiah 50:5-9**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.  
My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against

me?

Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps. 114:1-6, 8-9**

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. or Alleluia!**

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **[R]**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! **[R]**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **[R]**
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **[R]**

### SECOND READING **James 2:14-18**

**A reading from the letter of St. James**  
Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL **Mark 8:27-35**

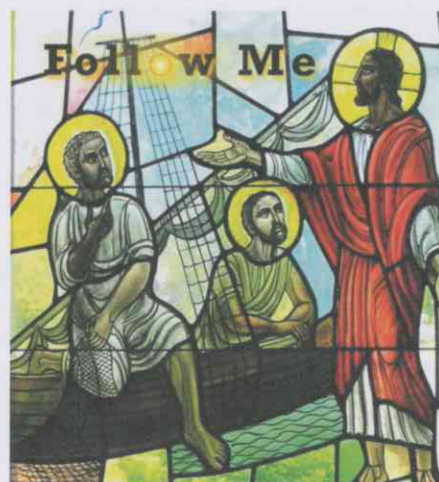
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I

am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**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,

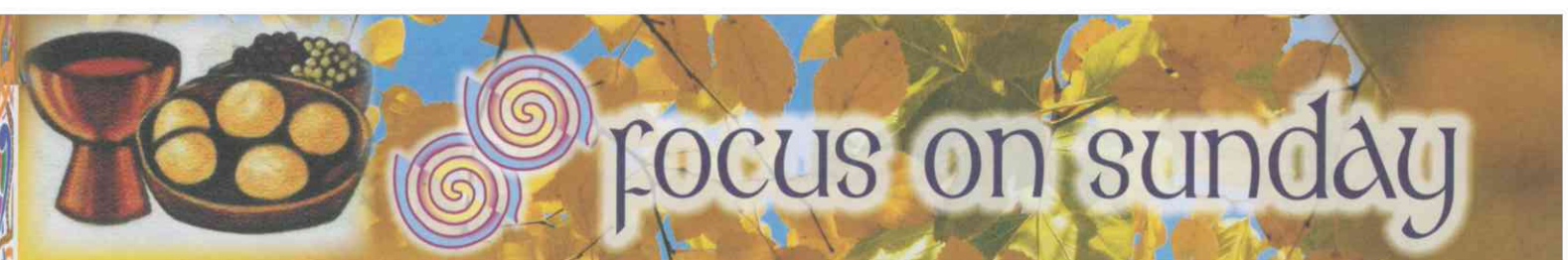
*All bow for following two lines:*

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.**



TWENTY - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15th September 2024

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour on our supplications,  
O Lord,  
and in your kindness accept these,  
your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all.  
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

**How precious is your mercy, O God!**  
**The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift,  
O Lord, we pray,  
take possession of our minds and bodies,  
so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
**Thanks be to God.**



Suffering was the way for Christ to enter his glory.  
It was the way for him to show his love for God's people.  
His risen life is our hope in face of sorrow, death and suffering.



Take **UP**  
your **CROSS**



The question 'Who do you say that I am?' is key to Mark's Gospel. The disciples are on a journey with Jesus - not just the physical journey around Galilee, but one of discovery. Jesus makes it clear that there are dark days ahead as he predicts his suffering and death, and Peter's rebuke demonstrates that the disciples do not yet understand. They are like the blind man earlier in Mark chapter 8, whose encounter with Jesus sees him move from blindness to partial sight to clear-sightedness. It's only in the context of Jesus' death and resurrection that they will truly 'get it,' and at that point there will be no going back, they will forge a new path following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Pope Francis has identified our ecological crisis as a 'summons to profound interior conversion' (LS, §217). The call to ecological conversion is a call to transform our vision of ourselves, our sisters and brothers, the world, God - to come to realise that creation, incarnation and salvation all spring from the God of love. Like the disciples, we are called to an awakening, a lifting of the veil. This is a personal journey for each of us and it is not an easy journey. It is also a communal journey of ecological consciousness. We can no longer make the excuse that we were unaware - the world has woken up to how destructive our modern ways of living are and to the actions needed to mend our relationship with our common home. Our conversion story is being written today. 'Who do you say that I am?' God created the world. If we won't take care of it, what does that say about our response to the question of what we think of God and God's Creation?

**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*

Jesus called Himself 'The Way'. He shows the way to happiness and He leads us. Jesus taught that our hearts grow bigger the more we give away. When we give a gift, or give a seat to someone on the bus we feel good. When we praise and admire others we feel good. Jesus calls it 'losing' to give time to others, like parents who lose sleep caring for children, the sick and lonely.





# 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 WEB-SITES. All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel.			
Date	Time		
Sat 14th September	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
		Sisters from Belarus displaying ICONS after Mass	
	5.00pm	Monica Condon, Haughton Place	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 15th September - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Sr. Carmel Breen, Kilmacud Carmelites	Recently Deceased
	9.00am	Mattie Mackey, Tinneranny, Rosbercon	10th Anniversary
	10.00am	Stasia O'Brien & deceased family members of the O'Brien & Brennan families, Mary Street	Anniversaries
		Sisters from Belarus displaying ICONS after Mass	
Mon 16th September	12.00 Noon	Martin Hussey, Mountelliott	3rd Anniversary
	8.00am	Special Intentions	
	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	Cian & Alicia Lennon, Mount Carmel	5th & 6th Anniversaries
Tues 17th September	8.00am	Intentions of the people of the Parish	
	10.00am	John & Margaret Byrne, Foulksmills	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wed 18th September	8.00am	Helena Brennan, Butlersland	Anniversary
	10.00am	Pat & Rita Reidy, Garryowen, Limerick	Anniversaries
Thurs 19th September	8.00am		
	10.00am	John Doyle, Barntown	1st Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 20th September	8.00am		
	10.00am	Bridie Farrell, Coventry, UK	Recently Deceased
Sat 21st September	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Jimmy Callaghan, St. Aidan's, Irishtown	9th Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 22nd September - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Kieran Foley, Cross Street & deceased members of the Foley & Brennan families, New Ross & Castlecomer, Kilkenny	Anniversaries & Remembrance
	9.00am	Thomas Kielthy, The Bosheen	4th Anniversary
	10.00am	Helen Gannon & her granddaughter, Hannah Brennan, Nunnery Lane	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon		



**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:**  
Available @ €10.00 / week.  
Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.  
**Our Lady's (Left):**  
**A Special Intention**  
**Altar (Centre):**  
**Colin Bradley -**  
**Birthday Remembrance**  
**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
**In Thanksgiving**  
**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**  
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**In Remembrance**


**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
We pray for the souls of - Margaret Lalor, Tinneranny, Rosbercon, Margaret (Mag) Doyle Lacken, New Ross, Sr. Carmel Breen, Kilmacud Carmelites, Dublin who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:**  
We remember & pray for the souls of - James Doyle, Ardross, Mary Mullett, Charleton Hill, Martin Hussey, Mountelliott, Peadar Maher, Knockmullen, & Cian & Alicia Lennon, Mount Carmel whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

**Congratulations**

**BAPTISMS:**  
We welcome into our Christian Community - Jan Dabrowski, Southknock, who was 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. If you are not residing in New Ross Parish, a letter from the Parish you do reside in, is required stating they have no objection to your child being baptised in our parish.  
\*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.

**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](mailto: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:** We are currently taking Mass Bookings up to and including February 2025.

**Next Weeks Readings:** TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Wis 2: 12, 17-20. Ps 53: 3-6, 8, R/ v 6. Jas 3: 16-4:3. Mk 9: 30-37.

**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:** 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](http://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 XLV**  
**ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY**

The ancient road from the Manor of Oldross ran through Lacken via the Rocky Road past the ancient leper hospital of St. Magdelene. Crossing the stream, near the hospital site, the highway continued up the Maudlins to the Irishtown. The name Maudlins was a corruption of St Magdelene, which was the first hospital to cater for the sick of the new town of Ross back in the 13<sup>th</sup> century or earlier. The name leper was used to describe patients with skin ailments which were very common in early times when diet was poor and infections common. Today's town cemetery of St. Stephen's at the top of the Maudlins in the Irishtown is believed to be associated with this ancient hospital. There is evidence that St. Evin or St. Abban had long before built a monastic establishment there, and St. Abban's holy well on the site was the location of an old pilgrimage. And aerial photographs of St. Stephen's show the melon or rugby ball shape of the cemetery which is typical of monastic sites elsewhere in Ireland. St. Stephen's was commissioned as the town's main cemetery in 1886, per the date over the entrance gate. However, there is evidence to suggest that the ground was used as a burial place serving the Magdelene hospital in the Maudlins in a much earlier era. According to local historian, Patrick Donovan, the ground of St Stephen's was never broken for tillage down the centuries and was held in special reverence.  
**Courtesy of Jim Sutton**

**Dates for your DIARY**

**Wednesday 25th September 2024:**  
Parish Monthly Coffee Morning will commence after 10.00am Mass in the Sacristy.  
CBS Secondary School 175th Anniversary Celebration in the Parish Church at 2pm.  
Mass for MEDJUGORJE Pilgrims @ 7.30pm in the Parish Church. Celebrant: Monsignor Don Kenny.  
Petitions will be accepted at this Mass.  
All are welcome.  
**Tuesday 1st October 2024:** Mass bookings will commence up to and including the month of March 2025.  
**Monday 7th October 2024:** Diocesan Assembly, No Masses will take place.  
**Tuesday 8th October 2024:** Diocesan Assembly, No Masses will take place.

There has never been a better time to be a Diocesan Priest in Ireland **WHY?**

**University College Dublin (UCD)**  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 from 11 am to 5 pm

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**Diocese of Ferns**

**Visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette**

**‘Giving people a taste of Lourdes at home’**

**St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy**

**Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th September 2024**

The relics of St. Bernadette will journey a pilgrimage to Ireland for the first time, visiting every diocese in the country. The theme of the visit is ‘Giving people a taste of Lourdes at home’ will be a faith-filled time for us to connect with that sacred place while remaining here in our spiritual home, our diocese!  
It will also give us the opportunity to present our petitions, bringing our needs and intentions to God through the intercession of St. Bernadette and of Our Blessed Mother.  
See Posters for the full Schedule.



*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.*