

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
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, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 35:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland,

the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 145: 7 - 10

R. My soul, give praise to the Lord, or Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **[R]**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger **[R]**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **[R]**

SECOND READING *James 2:1-5*

A reading from the letter of St. James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mark 7:31-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue

was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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

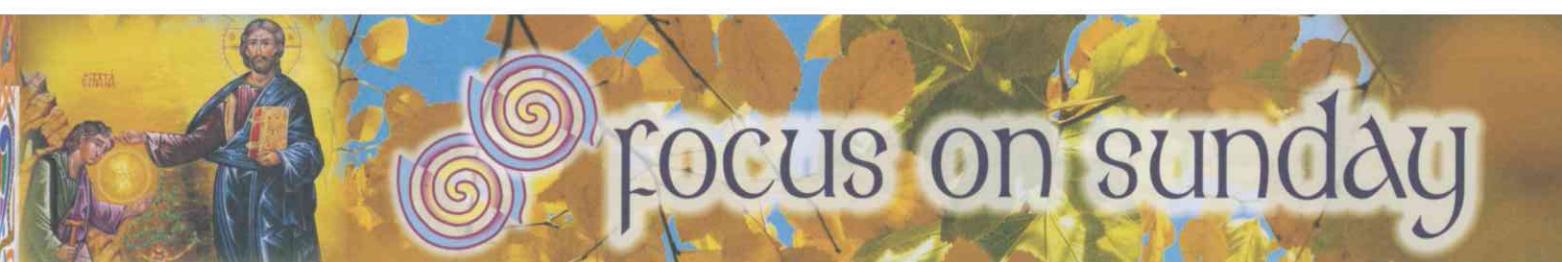
Pray brothers and sisters,

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 give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty, and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.

Through Christ our Lord.



TWENTY - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8th September 2024

The signs that Jesus is present and that we are his true witnesses is that we attend to our sick, console those who are in despair, befriend the friendless; work for social justice, we must not be mute through fear or self - protection. We must do all things well.

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

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

May he let his face shine upon you and show you his mercy. **Amen.**

May he turn his countenance towards you and give you his peace. **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 in peace. **Thanks be to God..**

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There is much to be discomfited by in today's Gospel. The Deaf community, with its own language and culture, may balk at the presentation of Jesus 'fixing' a person. Many of us might recoil at the image of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears and mouth, and using his spittle. Yet the tangibly raw physicality reminds us that our God is not an abstract, sterile entity: our God is one who entered humanity in its entirety, and who continues to minister to the whole person. Sanitary concerns aside, St Mark reaffirms the holistic, hands-on ministry of Jesus, which is an inevitable consequence of the Incarnation, and of the need for us all to 'be opened' to God in every area our lives.

Today's readings all reinforce social justice as an integral component of Christian discipleship. Yet, in the Christian tradition, social justice is not a comfortable philanthropy. It is one which requires us, too, to be hands-on, to get down and dirty in the face of poverty, disadvantage, and abject need. Do we give our whole selves to others? Do we engage with the whole person, even the whole of our own selves, or do we secretly recoil at some aspects? Are our faith communities and our liturgies holistic and respectful of the body? We can take our pastoral-theological cue from both the Gospel and today's First Reading, where all of creation finds joyful liberty in God's healing and abundantly life-giving touch.

Giovanna Feeley, PhD

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey


A little girl asked 'Why does the priest touch the babies two ears at the Baptism celebration?' Her pal answered 'Because we should listen twice as often with two ears, as we speak with one voice.' We are told that Mary Our Mother listened to the Angel, and because she listened, great blessings came to all the world. We ask God and our angel to help us to listen to our parents and our teachers. When we listen to the sounds of nature and song too, we discover blessings.



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All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel.



Date	Time		
Sat 7th September	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Billy Cashin, Tower Grove	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sun 8th September 2024 - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Tom Walsh, Lower Southknock	Anniversary
	9.00am	James Doyle, Ard Ross	Anniversary
	10.00am	John Walshe, South Street	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Brendan Kidd, Brandon Park	Months Mind
	4.30pm	Bus leaving Dunbrody Visitor Centre, The Quay, New Ross stopping at Ballinaboola	
	7.00pm	Closing Ceremony of Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage with Traditional Torchlight Procession	
Mon 9th September	8.00am	Special Birthday Intention	Special Intention
	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	
	10.00am	Ellen & Billy Costelloe, Wallslough, Kilkenny	Anniversaries
Tues 10th September	8.00am	Intentions of the people of the Parish	
	10.00am	William & Mary Donovan, Mary Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
	Parish Office Closed		
Wed 11h September	8.00am	Liam Rowe, Rathfarnham, Dublin & John Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	The Kehoe Family, Bewley Street	Anniversaries
Thurs 12th September	8.00am	Special Birthday Intention	Special Intention
	10.00am	Pat & Bridie O'Farrell, Southknock	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Fri 13th September	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Mary Mullett, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
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	Martin Hussey, Mountelliott	3rd Anniversary
	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		
	12.00 Noon		



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:

Available @ €10.00 / week. Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.

Our Lady's (Left): Billy Cashin - 1st Anniversary

Altar (Centre): Ownie Furlong - Birthday

Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

Dates for your DIARY

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.

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.

Sunday 27th October 2024:


Summertime ends. Clocks go back 1 Hour.

Monday 28th October 2024:

Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed.



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 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IS 50: 5-9. Ps 114: 1-6, 8-9, R/ v 9. Jas 2: 14-18. Mk 8: 27-35.

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: 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.





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.





History Notes - Part XLIV

THE EARLY YEARS OF STRIFE

Ireland was plagued with wars and skirmishes in the centuries after the Norman invasion in 1169/1170. It quickly became clear that overseas allies of Dermot McMurrough who came from England and Wales to assist him in regaining his local kingdom, were here to stay. Having secured the towns of Dublin, Wexford, Waterford, Strongbow quickly convinced High King Rory O'Connor and the Irish clans that a truce and accommodation was in the best interest of all parties. Dermot McMurrough died in 1171 and relationships between the parties quickly broke down. A state of guerrilla war developed between the McMurrough clans and descendants of the Norman invaders. The new town of Ross (described by historians as the first English town on Irish soil) suffered turbulent times and was walled in the thirteenth century. It was preyed upon by the McMurroughs of North Wexford who found rich pickings in the booming port of Ross. Protection money, known as Black Rent, was paid by the town to the Mc Murroughs and Art Mc Murrough burned the town in 1394. He was eventually poisoned in 1417 by his enemies in Ross and was waked in St. Michael's Church in Michael Street, where St. Joseph's School now stands. According to tradition, his funeral procession stretched from Ross all the way to St. Mullins where the burials of Mc Murrough and his priomh breitheanmh (chief adviser) who was also poisoned, took place.

Courtesy of Jim Sutton




RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the souls of - Patrick (Pat) Traynor, Mount Ross, Paddy Rochford, Robinstown, New Ross & Thomas Normile, Glin, Limerick who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We remember & pray for the souls of - Biddy Walshe, South Street, Peg Cleary (5th Anniversary), Neville Street, Billy Howlett (4th Anniversary), Palace East Harry Doherty, Mount Carmel & Rose, Josie & Jimmy Furness, Mary Street, whose anniversaries occurs around this time.



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. 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



Mass for Medjugorje Pilgrims.

All Welcome

Wednesday 25th September 2024

@ 7.30pm.

Celebrant Monsignor Don Kenny.

Petitions will be accepted at this mass.



YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

NEW ROSS, CO. WEXFORD

You can make a difference. You can be a positive influence in your community. You can leave a positive impact on your community.

Foroige are hoping to start a youth club in your area and we need adult volunteer leaders for the new club year in September. We also want you...young people of the area! A youth club has huge positive benefits to young people in the community, and volunteering offers great rewards to the adults involved. For more information, please contact Aidan Gleeson - 086 067 4485 Aidan.gleeson@foroige.ie