ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

GREETING

In the name of the Father Amen. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

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

(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16 A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.

who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 24:4-5. 8-9,10,14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth,
 and teach me: for you are God
 my saviour.

2. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;

to them he reveals his covenant. [R]

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2. A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!



GOSPEL Luke 21:25-28.34-36 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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.

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

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Through Christ our Lord.

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.

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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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray,

for even now, as we walk amid passing things,

you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.

and hold fast to what endures
Through Christ our Lord.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The circle of evergreen leaves stands for God who is without beginning and without end.
The purple ribbon and three purple candles stand for penance and sorrow for sin.
The red candle stands for joy of living in God's way of love.
Today the first purple candle is lit as we begin our preparations for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

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.

Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

Amen.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT $\,$ 1st December 2024

Advent calls on us, as we await the birth of Jesus

to be a light for all who hunger for justice, peace and truth.



As we take our first steps into Advent, the message is to stay awake! In today's Gospel we meet Jesus towards the end of his ministry, instructing the disciples to be aware of the signs of the times and to stay 'alert'. It is a message designed to keep his followers on their toes.

Stay awake

It can be easy for us to fall into a comfortable rut, not really engaging with the wider world. And when we do look up, we notice "the worries of this life": in the natural world, in troubled countries, in our church, even our own families. But what would happen if we were to truly wake up? We can think of many people who are awake to the problems in society. One person who embodies this spirit is climate activist Greta Thunberg. Her 'School Strike for Climate' began in 2018 with her sitting alone outside the Swedish Parliament, and has grown into a worldwide movement of young people calling for action to address climate change. People like this are 'awake' to the world around them - their eyes are open, they see the injustices and they have acted. They are forging a brighter future. Countless others are reaching out, speaking against injustice, working to heal wounds in the natural world, in communities and families. We can't afford to sleepwalk through life when the Gospel challenges us to be bearers of hope and good news. This Advent, we are called to be awake. As we begin this journey, think of a time when you felt truly 'awake' to events around you. Can you become more awake to the Gospel alive and active in the world?

Awakening to the realities of the world or even of our own lives can be a painful experience. As Greta says, hope is found in action, in small steps. What small step can you take this week?

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Extract from The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke by Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, Messenger Publications, Dublin 2021.

Jesus' Story

r. Liam Hickey

A shop owner dreamt that Jesus was coming to his shop next day. The man got up very early to get everything ready. The first customer was a travelling woman looking for help for her children; next a man in bad humour complaining about everything; last, teenagers who came to look at things. The shopkeeper was disappointed. That night in a dream Jesus came back and said 'I came to your shop three times today. I was hidden in the travelling woman, the cranky man and teenagers'.

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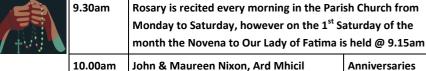
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Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.

Date	Time		
Saturday	5.00pm	Maureen Jefford, Town Wall	Anniversary
30th Nov	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 1st December	8.00am	Phil & Helen O'Kennedy & their parents, Marymount	Anniversaries
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	10.00am	John Bowe, Abbey Hall	50th Anniversary
FIRST SUNDAY	12.00	First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass	
Hdvent	Noon	Jack Shannon, Henry Street	20th Anniversary
Monday 2nd	8.00am	Denis, Evelyn, Bryan, Tony & Mary Lou	Anniversaries

Hennessy, "Mount Alto", Cross Street





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	Tuesday 3rd	8.00am	Intentions of People of the Parish	
	Dec	10.00am	Alice Cullen, Hillcrest	Anniversary
		10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
	Wednesday	8.00am	James & Catherine Murphy, Ballyrue	Anniversaries
	4th Dec	10.00am	Kathleen Bowe, High Hill	2nd Anniversary

	Thursday 5th Dec	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
		10.00am	Eoghan Brennan, Tower Grove	Anniversary
		3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	= 11 611	8 00am		

- Multi-		Blessed Sacrament Chapel		
Friday 6th	8.00am	Jimmy & Ann Kehoe, Church Lane	Anniversaries	
Dec	10.00am	Mary Caulfield, Charleton Hill & deceased members of the Flynn family	24th Anniversary 8 Remembrance	
Saturday 7th	10.00am	Parish Mass Association		
Dec	5.00pm	Mary O'Neill, Irishtown & deceased	Anniversaries	

family members

Special Intentions

Polish Community Mass

Dec	9.00am	Nancy Martin, Ard Na Greine
Second Sunday of Advent		
Alla	10.00am	Bill Lenehan, Hospital Road
	12.00	Flo Scheidle, Long Island, New York, USA
	Noon	Joe, Mona & Charlie Logue & deceased
		family members

7.00pm

8.00am

Sunday 8th

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:

Available @ €10.00 / week. Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday. Our Lady's (Left):

The Ryan Family - Remembrance

Altar (Centre): John Bowe RIP - Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):

The Bowe Family RIP - Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Mary Lyng RIP - Remembrance



RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the soul of Eithne French (nee O'Brien), Enniscorthy & Charleton Hill & Mary Barron (nee Fleming), Palace West, who has passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We remember & pray for the souls of -Jack Shannon (20th Anniversary), Henry Street, Godfrey Hill, Butlersland. Maura Cullen, Dublin, Ellen Kelly, Ballinaberna, Aidan Byrne, Cross Street & Detta Wilson, Robert Street whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:

We remember & pray for the souls of Elizabeth (Lil) O'Brien, Mary Street & deceased members of the Redmond & O'Brien families. whose birthdays occur around this time

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



WEDDINGS:

To Book your wedding please contact the Parish Office. A minimum of six months notice is required for Wedding bookings. Bookings are secured on receipt of marriage application forms, photographic ID & Church booking fee.

BAPTISMS:

Baptisms take place on the First Saturday @ 12.00 Noon & Third Sunday @ 1.00pm each month. A 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.



CHRISTMAS STOCK NOW AVAILABLE IN NEW ROSS PARISH OFFICE:

Christmas Parish Mass Association Cards (€6.00 each), New Ross Parish Novena Cards (€4.00 each), New Ross Parish Christmas Cards (€ 1.00 each)

& many other gifts.



UPCOMING

Sunday 1st December 2024: First Communion Participants Enrolment Mass @ 12.00 Noon. First Sunday of Advent: HOPE Advent Wreath Liturgies will take place at all masses. Monday 2nd December 2024: Mass bookings will commence up to and including the month of May 2025.

Friday 6th December 2024: Taizé evening of Advent Prayer in Good Counsel College Church @ 8.00pm.

Sunday 8th December 2024: Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE Advent Wreath Liturgies will take place at all masses. Monday 9th December 2024: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day. Mass in Mount Carmel @ 8.00am. Mass @ 10.00am & 1.05pm in Parish Church. Parish Office Closed. Sunday 15th December 2024: Third Sunday of Advent: JOY Advent Wreath Liturgies will take place at all masses.

Monday 16th December 2024: Reconciliation Service@ 7.00pm Friday 20th December 2024: Parish Office Closing for the Christmas Holidays. CBS Secondary School Carol Service will take place in the Church @ 11.00am.



Bishop Ger met recently with Vice President of the Wexford Area Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul and the President of the Enniscorthy Area conference and SVP members from both areas were also in attendance.

The theme of this years' SVP appeal is "Helping to give Families the Wonder of Christmas"

With high rents and the spiralling cost of living many families are wondering how they are going to meet all the

The job of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, with your help, is to take this wonder and fear away from those who are struggling and replace it with the true magical wonder of Christmas.

Your generous contributions will make sure that families in need can be helped.

For your kindness and compassion, thank you.

costs associated with Christmas.

Church Gate collections will take place Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December 2024 across all parishes throughout Co. Wexford. All donations provided locally will be used locally to help families across the County over Christmas and into 2025.

Local conferences will also be in some local supermarkets over the coming weeks for a food appeal and donations of staple items such as coffee, tea, sugar, cereal as well as Christmas foods such as boxes of biscuits, sweets and cakes all gratefully received and will be donated to local families during the festive period.

Donations can also be made locally and call 053 9143568 to get details of your local conference.

Bishop Ger joins with all volunteers and supporters of The Society of St Vincent de Paul in urging your generosity once again and thanking you in advance for your consideration of those less fortunate.

The annual SVP Church Gate Collection will take place next weekend the 7th & 8th of December 2024.

Please donate generously.

SEASON OF ADVENT

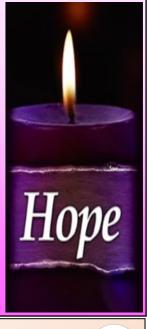
Advent Reflection 1 - HOPE (1st December) This week we dwell on the Advent Theme of HOPE.

REFLECTION:

We put our hope in the One to come, the promised One who comes from God to bring Good News of Salvation. We hope in the One who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD.

We light the candle in HOPE.

Pondering privately: Over the coming week you may like to ponder on the words of St. Augustine: You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.



History Notes - Part 50 CROMWELL IN NEW ROSS - 1649

Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan army arrived outside the walls of Ross in 1649, having captured Drogheda and Wexford with great bloodshed. In persuading Governor Lucas Taffee to surrender the town, he brought forward his heavy artillery and commenced bombardment. Three cannon balls were later recovered from the walls at a point since known as Three Bullet Gate. The defending army surrendered and was allowed to march away peacefully with their arms and baggage. Cromwell and his troops spent the winter of 1649 in town where Cromwell was the guest of Luke Dormer, Sovereign of Ross at his house in the Bullawn area while his army stabled their horses in St. Mary's Church. A large portrait of the Duke of Ormonde in Dormer's hallway annoyed Cromwell as it reminded him of King Charles the First, whom he had recently beheaded in London. The Cromwellians were said to have suffered from "the Irish sickness" while in town. Meanwhile the Confederate army watched developments from high ground over Rosbercon, little realising that Cromwell and his troops were in poor condition to resist attack. The bridge of Ross had been destroyed in the Confederate wars but Cromwell assembled a temporary structure using three anchored ships and cables and his army crossed The Barrow safely in the Spring 1650. On leaving, he removed the temporary structure, so that the town was again dependent on a ferry service for many more years. Courtesy of Jim Sutton



Table Quiz in aid of the Ros Tapestry "Bring it Home" campaign which is on in the Dunbrody centre at 7.30pm on Thursday December 5th. All Welcome.

CAMPILE HALL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

The annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held in Campile Hall on Sunday December 8th from 10am to 4 pm. With a great selection of crafters from all over Wexford, this is the perfect opportunity to get some unique and locally made Christmas presents. On the day of the craft fair we will also have tickets available for our upcoming Mike Denver concert with special guest Kathy Durkin, to be held in Campile hall on Sunday April 13th 2025. Bingo Books will also be available as the ideal gift for Christmas Gift.





PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: "God our Father, we trust in your loving kindness. Bless our Diocese of Ferns with many priestly and religious 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

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.