

focus on sunday

The commandment of God is to love him and love people: both are so interlinked that in loving people we love God.



“Love the Lord your God”



Today's Gospel paints a familiar scene: Jesus being tested by the Jewish authorities for holding unconventional beliefs. Yet this interrogation ends with a startling turnaround. The topic, once again in the Gospels, is the importance of love as the greatest commandment and greatest gift in life. This is not new from the mouth of Jesus: but it is completely novel and, indeed, brave coming from the mouth of a Jewish scribe. The scribe's complete change of heart, places him in a long line of listeners who are radically transformed by Jesus's message, and who often express the truth of his coming in the most succinct terms. The scribe's synthesis of the message of love constitutes the Shema, the profession of faith which is kept by the doors of all Jews. He can uncover the true meaning of divine love and salvation, cutting through layers of rules and regulations. The scribe's addition that love is far more important than holocaust is a direct repudiation of the most holy sacrificial practices of Temple Judaism. Jesus came as the new Temple, superseding the building in Jerusalem, and embodying faith himself.

This scribe is a powerful witness and would have rendered himself disgraced among his fellow Jews by this statement. He models the clarity, faith, and truth that real conversion brings. This week may we be inspired to show similar clarity of thought, sincerity of heart, and courage to stand by our beliefs in challenging times.

Giovanna Feeley

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Our hearts and our heads are blessed with perfume oil when we celebrate Baptism. Jesus tells us that our hearts that love, are more important than our minds that think. We can know all the rules in a good manners book, but it is our heart that makes us help others, be polite, respect people and nature, smile, be kind, put others first, say 'sorry and thank you.' The Spirit warms the heart, and enlightens the mind.



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

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me shall have life because of me, says the Lord.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. Through Christ our Lord.

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.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

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 RITE

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

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 6: 2 - 6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey

flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 17:2-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.
1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. [R]
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. [R]

SECOND READING Hebrews 7:23--28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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 Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with

all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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



NICENE CREED

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 who 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

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael

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Date	Time		
Saturday 2nd November - All Souls Day	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Deceased Parishioners Remembrance Mass	Remembrance
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 3rd November 2024 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Patrick Mears, William Street	Anniversary
	9.00am	Julia Kavanagh, Fr. Cullen Terrace & her daughter May O'Shea, Dunnamaggin, Kilkenny	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Theresa O'Connor, Pondfields	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Mary Coughlan (nee Gunning), Southknock	Months Mind
Monday 4th November	8.00am	Sheila Gunning, Southknock	Anniversary
	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	Sadie O'Gorman, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
Tuesday 5th November	8.00am	Intentions of People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Stasia O'Brien & her son Toddy, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 6th November	8.00am	Pious 1	Remembrance
	10.00am	Teresa Jackson (nee Moran), Hillview	Months Mind & Birthday Remembrance
Thursday 7th November	8.00am	Robby & Biddy Walshe, South Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Deceased Members of the New Ross, Brandon & Viking Bridge Clubs	Remembrance
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 8th November	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Phil Fortune, Shanbough	Anniversary
Saturday 9th November	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	John Allen, Charleton Hill	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 10th November - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Elizabeth & Michael Martin, Arnestown	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Annie Doyle, Carnagh	Anniversary
	10.00am	John Murphy, Southknock	5th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Deceased members & families of the New Ross	Remembrance
		FCA	

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

Our Lady's (Left):

Altar (Centre):
Joan Byrne RIP - 2nd Anniversary

St. Joseph's (Right):
In Thanksgiving

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Deceased members of the Roche Family Michael Street & UK - Remembrance

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We pray for the souls of - Chris Sheehan, Wexford Street, New Ross, Josie Phelan (nee Lanigan), The Rower, Kilkenny & Patrick (Paddy) Murphy, Garryduff, Campile who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Lar O'Brien (1st Anniversary), Brandon Park, Julie Kavanagh, Fr. Cullen Terrace, Michael Jordan, Mountross, Ryan McGarr (2nd Anniversary), An Caislean Maol & Joan Byrne (2nd Anniversary), High Hill & Coventry, UK whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

Congratulations

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.



In Remembrance of your loved ones please visit our Sacred Space in the Parish Church, where you can light a candle, write their name on the Pious List and say a prayer. Thank you to our Bethany Bereavement Support Group for their tireless contribution in our Parish.

ATTENTION

Spirit Youth Group is starting!!
Tuesday 5th of November
at 7.00pm - 8.30pm
in Redmond House
Wexford
All TY Students Welcome!!
(Beside SETU Wexford Campus)

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY

FOR MORE INFO : EMAIL COLETTE @ FERNSDA@FERNS.IE

Purgatory
Picture an endless basement Filled to the brim with people With nought to do but pray Imagine all those people With just the one lone door Barring them from wonders Never seen before You cannot see their faces For the light is soft & dim Waiting their time till God calls out Your soul is cleansed from sin Just who are all those people Not far beyond the grave Need just a little help Their precious souls to save They all belong to someone here They're folk who loved us so If we could just see purgatory There would be plenty souls we'd know



Written by Angela Power

Taizé prayer
Around the Cross
PRAYER SONG SILENCE

1st Friday each month from 8pm - 9pm
Good Counsel College Church, New Ross, Y34 R297

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 XLV VI THE WARD OF HONOR

The Land War had massive public support in the 1880s during which time, in 1886, the villagers of Fethard sought a reduction in rent from Godfrey Taylor, agent of their landlord, Marquis of Ely. When a reduction was refused and the villagers stopped paying their rent, evictions followed. The evictions were very heavy-handed and caused huge resentment and controversy in Co. Wexford and was covered in the Irish and UK press. Canon Thomas Doyle, P.P. of Ramsrange, and great champion the Land War movement in Wexford, then devised a brilliant plan. He assembled the evicted Fethard tenants and led them in procession to New Ross Workhouse, having pre-arranged a welcome reception for them. The workhouse was on the site now occupied by the New Houghton Hospital and the road was then called The Poor House Road. The procession to the workhouse was led by local bands and joined along the way by thousands of supporters. The evicted tenants were welcomed in the Workhouse and accommodated in the Ward of Honour especially prepared for the occasion. The irony of the situation was hardly lost on the landlords who were responsible for funding of workhouses. The Ely/Fethard stand-off stagnated for some months but in due course the tenants returned to THEIR Fethard village homes and were granted rent reductions greater than originally sought.

Courtesy of Jim Sutton

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 4th of November 2024:** Mass bookings will commence up to and including the month of April 2025.
- Sunday 24th November 2024:** Christ King of the Universe Sunday.
- Wednesday 27th November 2024:** Parish Monthly Coffee Morning will commence after 10.00am Mass in the Sacristy. All are welcome.
- Sunday 1st December 2024:** First Communion Participants Enrolment Mass @ 12.00 Noon.
- Monday 2nd December 2024:** Mass bookings will commence up to and including the month of May 2025.
- 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.
- Friday 20th December 2024:** Parish Office Closing for the Christmas Holidays.
- Saturday 21st December 2024:** Gloria In Excelsis Event in Parish Church from 1.00pm to 4.00pm.
- Tuesday 7th January 2025:** Parish Office Opens. Mass bookings will commence up to and including June 2025.
- Sunday 12th January 2025:** First Communion Participants Baptism Mass @ 12.00 Noon

St Peter's College Past Pupils Union: The AGM of St Peter's College PPU will take place in the College at 7pm on Thursday 14th November 2024. Following the AGM Mass will be celebrated for deceased past pupils and staff in the College Chapel at 8pm. Past pupils and family members of the deceased are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in the College immediately following the Mass. For further information, or to include the names of any deceased past pupils or staff, please contact Joe Bishop, President St Peters College PPU 087 2744518 or email ppu@stpeterscollege.ie

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

