

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

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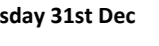

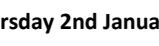

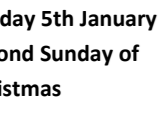



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Radio Mass 104.7Fm & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH & CHURCH CAM LIVE WEBSITES. All 8.00am Masses are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel.


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

Date	Time	Intention	
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Claire O Reilly, Woodland Grove	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
	8.00am	John & Mary Ann Cullen, Newbawn	Remembrance
	9.00am	Molly & Matt Crowdle, Mountgarret	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Monica O'Grady, Mountgarret	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Gerry Sheehan, Charleton Hill	Months Mind
	8.00am	Christmas Novena 9	
	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	Thomas & Anna Sheehan, and their daughter Margaret, Cross Lane	Remembrance
	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	John King, Mountgarret	Remembrance
	8.00am	A Special Birthday Intention	Special Intention
	10.00am	Nicholas Cashin, William Street	Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Lyng Family, Ballyanne	Remembrance
	8.00am	Pauline McCormack, Greystones	Anniversary
	10.00am	John & Michael O'Brien & the deceased members of the Gaffney family, Mary Street	Remembrance
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Eileen Furlong, William Street	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
	8.00am	Moira Place, Rosemount Hill	Anniversary
	9.00am	Peggy Henneberry, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	10.00am	Rev. Fr. Ben (Ger) O'Brien, Abbesside, Dungarvan	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Kathleen Anderson, Mount Carmel Marian Cashin and her son Michael, Woodbine Close	Months Mind 2nd Anniversary



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:
We welcome into our Christian Community: who were baptised recently in our Parish Church. 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.



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

Our Lady's (Left):
Anthony Rochford

Altar (Centre):
Billy Cashin

St. Joseph's (Right):
Joan & Nicholas Cashin

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Willie Reeves

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We pray for the soul of -
Una Anderson (nee Kehoe), Uk & William Street who has passed away recently.
May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of—
Dawn Doherty, Glenmore & Nunnery Lane (50th Birthday Remembrance)
Ned Cash Junior, Hospital Road, (Birthday Remembrance)
Declan O'Reilly, Arnestown,
John King, Mountgarret,
Elsie Ronan, Mount Carmel,
Ita Meaney, Ballyanne,
Anne Reynolds, Kilkenny,
Richard & Margaret O'Brien, The Rower, Kilkenny whose anniversaries occurs 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.


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

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer

Franciscan 

Christmas Reflection

If you were to think seriously at the Christmas story, you should really end up asking the question: ' WHAT ON EARTH WAS GOD AT ? '. He spent centuries preparing to save the human race.

The whole Old Testament is the account of that promise, of his preparing the people. Every page is directed towards the day when the Messiah would come. The people's expectations were built up to extraordinary heights by the prophets. They fully expected a powerful political leader who would lead them to freedom and prosperity. The excitement of the Jewish people at the prospect of the Messiah coming at any moment is mirrored by the excitement and certainty the children feel at the thought of Santa coming. Those of you with young children will have seen that grow all the week – children speechless with wonder.

If God had asked any publicity company to arrange, promote, to launch the Messiah into the world, remote places like Bethlehem and Nazareth wouldn't have figured in His story; a manger would not have been chosen as a location and shepherds would not be among the invited guests. Most of all to suggest that the Messiah should come as a baby would have been laughed at as completely ridiculous.

In a world neither the Crib nor the Cross would have played no part in His life.

But GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS

The Christmas story turns the ways of the world upside down. Our Lady said much the same to her cousin Elizabeth – that God would put down the mighty and raise up the lowly; fill the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

It is possible that Herod and Jesus were within eyesight of each other that first Christmas night. Herod's palace could be seen from Bethlehem. It had every comfort and facility. Jesus had very little – no where to lay His head. What a contrast! But the contrast is even greater. The powerful Herod lived and ruled in fear. The helpless infant was the prince of peace and the source of hope for the future. WHAT A CONTRAST indeed. But who is remembered 2000 years later?

The mystery of God's love is centred on this child. The hope of God's love is fastened on this little one. God chose to visit His people – not now through the words and dreams of the prophets but in human flesh. The God who lived in the highest heavens chose a new address; He decided to pitch His tent among us.


The Christmas story we hear each year is the same but we are different; our world is different, where evil, war and want are widespread. Will these awful realities ever end?

It is hard to hope, but hope we must and that hope is based on the fact that Jesus became one of us. Jesus is the help of God among us. As a result we are not condemned to a future that will simply repeat the past. POPE FRANCIS speaks about a Christmas of hope – a hope that is reliable and visible because it is founded on God. Jesus's birth is the beginning of a new relationship with God and with each other. This child becomes for us the way, the truth and the life.

That is why we make the journey back to Bethlehem each year to rediscover our own roots in the gift of Jesus.

TO THE END OF THE WAY OF THE WANDERING STAR
TO THE THINGS THAT CANNOT BE BUT ARE
TO THE PLACE WHERE GOD WAS HOMELESS
AND WHERE ALL PEOPLE ARE AT HOME

May His peace fill your hearts and homes this Christmas.



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.