

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his
voice heard in the joy of your heart.**

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 raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You bring pardon and peace to the
sinner: Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us....
Amen.

**(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its
Christmas Proclamation.)**

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD****FIRST READING Baruch 5:1-9**

A reading from the prophet Baruch.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow
and distress, put on the beauty of the
glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of
the integrity of God around you, put the
diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your
head: since God means to show your
splendour to every nation under heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever
will be, 'Peace through integrity, and
honour through devotedness'.
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east: see your
sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant
that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot, with enemies
for an escort, now God brings them back
to you like royal princes carried back in
glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of
each high mountain, of the everlasting
hills, the filling of the valleys to make
the ground level so that Israel can walk
in safety under the glory of God. And
the forests and every fragrant tree will
provide shade for Israel at the command
of God;

for God will guide Israel in joy by the light
of his glory with his mercy and integrity
for escort.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 125

**R. What marvels the Lord worked
for us! Indeed we were glad.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **[R]**
2. The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked
for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **[R]**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **[R]**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back,
full of song, carrying their sheaves. **[R]**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-6.8-11

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to
the Philippians.**

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with
joy, remembering how you have helped
to spread the Good News from the day
you first heard it right up to the present. I
am quite certain that the One who began
this good work in you will see that it is
finished when the Day of Christ Jesus
comes. God knows how much I miss
you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves
you. My prayer is that your love for each
other may increase more and more and
never stop improving your knowledge
and deepening your perception so that
you can always recognise what is best.
This will help you to become pure and
blameless, and prepare you for the Day
of Christ, when you will reach the perfect
goodness which Jesus Christ produces
in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare a way for the Lord, make his
paths straight, and all mankind shall
see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke.**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's
reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor
of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee,
his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands

of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias
tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate
of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God
came to John son of Zechariah, in the
wilderness. He went through the whole
Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins,
as it is written in the book of the sayings
of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see
the salvation of God.

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
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

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble
prayers and offerings,
and, since we have no merits to plead
our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue
with the protection of your mercy.
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.
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the
heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you
from God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Replenished by the food of spiritual
nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the
things of earth and hold firm to the things
of heaven.
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. **Amen.**
Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**



The message of repentance during this season of Advent is a call to
each one of us to look deeply into our lives, to renew and deepen our
relationship with God and our fellow sisters and brothers.

**Prepare**

I heard the historian, Tom Holland, say once that if the Christian
churches are going to be effective in speaking about Christ and
faith, and communicating the living reality Christ is, then we will
have to insist 'on the weird stuff'.

I don't recall how he explained that remark in detail but it still seems to me that he
meant we should continue to speak confidently about the miraculous in and around
the life of Jesus and, yes, in and around the life of the Church.

Insist, for example that Jesus walked on water – even though that event has become
a byword for arrogance. Insist that Jesus turned water into wine – even if that has
become the flattest joke every time a priest has a drink. Insist too that Jesus forgave
sins – and always will – and above all, insist that Jesus rose from the dead.

In St John's gospel, chapter six recalls another strange moment: when Jesus and
his disciples feed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish. It is another moment
we might take at face value and accept it as an act of love by a loving God who will
not allow his people to go hungry and who, in and through his incarnate Word –
Jesus – feeds those who sit down filled only with expectation. It is another moment
that defies human expectation in that Jesus entrusts the feeding of the 5,000 to his
apparently helpless disciples and a small boy.

The richness of the meaning of the feeding of the 5,000 is inexhaustible. The event
asks so much of us who follow Christ but who may even still hang back, sceptical or
perhaps nervous of what may come if we give in to Christ too much. And, of course,
like the Apostles, members of the SVP may also be afraid that we do not have
enough to meet the need all around us. In this we might remember we are in good
company. The Apostles themselves were as apprehensive as we can be and could
barely believe their eyes or their ears at how things turned out. But these were the
people Christ sent into the world beyond Judea and Galilee...and, as members of
the SVP, we're next.

Paschal Scallion CM | Vincentian Community

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Today we light two of the four candles on the Advent wreath as we prepare for the birth of
Jesus. In our first reading Baruch, the prophet, tells us to be joyful, 'put on the beauty of
the glory of God'. We do this by being a good friend at school, washing the dishes after
dinner and by remembering to say a prayer of thanks to Jesus as we go to bed.



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

Date	Time		
Saturday 7th Dec	5.00pm	Mary O'Neill, Irishtown & deceased family members	Anniversary & Remembrance
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 8th Dec—Second Sunday of Advent	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	9.00am	Nancy Martin, Ard Na Greine	Birthday Remembrance
	10.00am	Bill Lenehan, Hospital Road	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Flo Scheidle, Long Island, New York, USA Joe, Mona & Charlie Logue & deceased family members	Recently Deceased Recently Deceased & Remembrance
Monday 9th Dec - Holy Day - Parish Office Closed	8.00am	Dolores Sutton, 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	Thomas St. Ledger, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	1.05pm	Ethel Kennedy, Boston, USA	Recently Deceased
Tuesday 10th Dec	8.00am	Intentions of People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Patrick & John McCarthy & James & Mary Whelan and deceased members of the McCarthy and Whelan families, Ryleen	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 11th Dec	8.00am	Ned & Mona Walsh, William Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Patrick & Nancy Richardson & deceased family members, Fairgate	Anniversaries
Thursday 12th Dec	8.00am	Jim & Bridget Hawe, Piltown	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Patrick Hamilton, Pondfields	7th Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 13th Dec	8.00am	Jack & Vera Doyle, William Street & London, UK	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Pearl & Colleen O'Hara, UK	Anniversaries
Sat 14th Dec	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Frances Kelly, Parkfield	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 15th Dec - Third Sunday of Advent	8.00am	Peter Caulfield, Knockmullen & Kilmore	2nd Anniversary
	9.00am	Philomena & Liam Bruen, Dundalk	Anniversaries
	10.00am	John Joe & Marcella Meehan, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Leonard Warren, Cross Street	Months Mind



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:
Available @ €10.00 / week.
Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.
Our Lady's (Left):
Nancy Martin - Birthday Remembrance
Altar (Centre):
Special Intention
St. Joseph's (Right):
Maura Cullen RIP - Remembrance
Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Patrick Traynor RIP - Remembrance



RECENTLY DECEASED:
We pray for the souls of - Joy Connock (nee Rawson), Ard na Greine & London, UK, Breda Cummins (nee Jordan), Campile, Tom O'Brien, Rosbercon, John Neville, Athlone, Westmeath & South Street & Malikika Al Kattib, William Street, who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.
ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Denis Corish, Maine, USA & Robert Street, Ellen Larkin, Mary Street, Nan Murphy, The Maudlins, Declan Kehoe, Robert Street, Dolores Sutton, Southknock, Richard Valentine Reynolds, Kilkenny, Thomas Power, Wexford Street & Mary O'Neill & deceased family members, Irishtown, 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.



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: Kambilinachi Arinze-Ogunoh, Dunbrody Wharf & Elliott Chapman, Albuferia, Portugal 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 8th December 2024: Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE Advent Wreath Liturgies will take place at all masses. Mass times as usual. No 5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Holy Day.
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.
Saturday 21st December 2024: Gloria In Excelsis Event in Parish Church from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Confessions between 2.00 - 4.00pm.
Sunday 22nd December 2024: Fourth Sunday of Advent: LOVE Advent Wreath Liturgies will take place at all masses.
Tuesday 24th December 2024: Christmas Eve Advent: LIGHT Advent Wreath Liturgies will take place at all masses. Masses in Parish Church @ 5.00pm, 7.00pm & Polish Mass @ 9.00pm. Mass in Mount Carmel @ 8.00pm.
Wednesday 25th December 2024: Christmas Day. Mass in Mount Carmel @ 8.00am. Masses in Parish Church @ 9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00 Noon.

NEW ROSS SINGERS

will be *Celebrating Christmas*

on Wednesday
December 11th 2024
at 8.00 pm
in St. Mary's Church, New Ross

Conductor - Connie Tantrum
Accompanist - Cecilia Kehoe
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies afterwards

Voluntary Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

Candlelight Procession through Wexford

In Honour of
Our Lady's Immaculate Conception
Mon 9th Dec
Leaves Rowe Street at 6.30pm
following the
Mass at 5.45pm
All Welcome

The annual SVP Church Gate Collection will take place the 7th & 8th of December. Please donate generously.

COLOSSAL ONLINE CHRISTMAS QUIZ

SPOT PRIZES
FREE TO ENTER

Gather your friends, show off your holiday smarts, and enjoy an hour filled with laughter, friendly competition, and festive facts.

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Advent Reflection 2 - PEACE (8th December)

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ.

This week we dwell on the Advent Theme of PEACE.

REFLECTION:
God has a peaceful dream for the world, we have too. We dream of a peaceful world full of wolves, leopards & lions eating, sleeping & dancing with lambs, kids & calves. We dream of a peaceful; world where nations come together, where war is a memory & we all sit at the table together.
We light the candle of PEACE.

Pondering privately: Over the coming week we ponder on the words of Jesus: Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called the children of God. Ask yourself: "Am I a peacemaker?"



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE PPU TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THURSDAY DEC 12 2024 8PM | St. Peter's College Church

Admission €10

Tickets can be bought from St. Peter's College reception or at the door that night.

St. Peter's College Secondary School



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.