

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

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10.30am to 2.00pm. Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays. Wide range in stock of Mass Cards, General Cards & Gift Ideas for all occasions. Mass Cards are also available in Nugent's Newsagents, Cooney's & Ryan's Homes.



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

Date	Time	Intention	Notes
Saturday 4th January 2025	5.00pm	Eileen Furlong, William Street	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 5th January 2025 - Second Sunday of Christmas	8.00am	Moirá Place, Rosemount Hill	Anniversary
	9.00am	Peggy Henneberry, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	10.00am	Rev. Fr. Ben (Ger) O'Brien, Abbeyside, Dungarvan, Waterford	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Kathleen Anderson (nee North), Mount Carmel	Anniversary
		Marian Cashin (nee Bailey) & her son; Michael, Woodbine Close	Months Mind & Remembrance
Monday 6th January - The Epiphany of the Lord - Holy Day - Parish Office Closed	8.00am	Helen Barrett, Arklow, Wicklow	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	Joe Mernagh, St. Joseph's Square	3rd Anniversary
	1.05pm	Andy Cullen, Abbeyview House	Anniversary
Tuesday 7th January - Parish Office Re-Opens	8.00am	Bridget & Patrick Greene, Glenmore	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Deceased members of the Foley family, Neville Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 8th January	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Monica O'Connor, Longstone Drive	Anniversary
Thursday 9th January	8.00am	Special Birthday Intention	Special Intention
	10.00am	Patricia O'Neill, Mount Carmel	Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 10th January	8.00am	Christopher Darcy, Drumcondra, Dublin	Remembrance
	10.00am	Paula Leahy, Ard Mhicil	8th Anniversary
Saturday 11th January	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Kevin Flanagan, Irishtown Heights	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 12th January 2025 - The Baptism of the Lord	8.00am	Jerry Moore, Tinnakilly, Rosbercon	Anniversary
	9.00am	Tom & Kathleen Caulfield, Wexford Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Mai Fennelly, Callan, Kilkenny & New Ross	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Communion Preparation Program Mass "Baptism"	

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

Our Lady's (Left):
Elizabeth (Lil) O'Brien & deceased family members - Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
Thomas & Catherine Fitzgerald - Anniversary Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
Thomas & Josephine Power, Wexford Street - Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Stephen & William St. Ledger - Remembrance

In Remembrance

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - JJ Maddock, Mount Carmel, Kathleen Anderson, Mount Carmel, Elizabeth (Lil) O'Brien & deceased family members, Mary Street, Helen Barrett, Arklow, Wicklow, Jack & Bridge Howlett & deceased family members, Raheen, John Byrne, London, UK, Liam Coffey, London, UK, Anne Murphy, Priory Steet & Patrick Kinsella (24th Anniversary), Ballylane, Miley Connors & his grandson; Dominic, Gorey 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.

Congratulations

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: Aria & Oisín Mernagh, Munnely, Irishtown Heights 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.



To all our Parishioners, families & friends.

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: On Tuesday 7th January 2025 we will be taking Mass bookings up to & including June 2025.

Next Weeks Readings: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C: Is 40: 1-5, 9-11. Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-3-, R/V 1. Ti 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7. Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22 OR Is 42: 1-4, 6-7. Ps 28: 1-4, 9-10, R/ v 11. ACTS 10: 34-38. Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22.

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: Mairín 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: Collections _____ (—No. Envelopes & 2nd Collection combined). 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.

TAIZE: Meet for Prayers 1st Friday of every month in Good Counsel College Church @ 8.00pm

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 6th January 2025: Holy Day the Epiphany. There is no Vigil Mass on Sunday evening. Mass in Mount Carmel @ 8.00am, & Parish Church @ 10.00am & 1.05pm. Parish Office is Closed.

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.

Sunday 19th January 2025: Confirmation Participants Enrolment Mass @ 12.00 Noon.

Sunday 9th February 2025: Confirmation Participants Fruits of the Spirit Mass @ 10.00am.

Sunday 16th February 2025: First Communion Participants Healing Mass @ 10.00am.

Sunday 2nd March 2025: Confirmation Participants Gifts of the Spirit Mass @ 10.00am.

Week Monday 3rd March - Friday 7th March 2025: Confirmation Service of Light, details to be confirmed.


Saturday 8th March 2025: Parish Confirmation Celebrations, Mr. Griffin, Ms Deevy & Parish Preparation Program Classes @ 11.00am, Mr. Martin-Carroll & Ms. Power @ 12.30pm.

Sunday 30th March 2025: First Communion Reconciliation Mass @ 10.00am.

Week Monday 31st March - Friday 4th April 2025: First Confessions, details to be confirmed.


Sunday 4th May 2025: First Communion Participants Picture Sunday Mass @ 10.00am.

Saturday 24th May 2025: Parish First Communion Celebration @ 11.30am



PILGRIMS OF HOPE: As part of Jubilee 2025, students undertaking the Diploma in Pastoral Ministry from our Diocese will lead a prayer service in **Clonard Church at 7 pm on Fri 3rd January** which celebrates thanksgiving, hope and joy. This will be a great opportunity to share in the hope-filled journey of our Diocese by embracing a synodal Church where lay people take on important leadership roles in mission and ministry. This is an important part of our Diocesan Plan, which is called 'Our Future Church'. All welcome.

History Notes - Part 53



THE BLACKSMITHS OF '98
One of the best if least known memorials of 1798 in our area is Evoy's forge on the Judges Road at the foot of Carrigbyrne Hill. The old forge building was restored by Billy Murray's Carrigbyrne Pikemen and the thatched roof was re-slatted. It is commemorated in the ballad by Red Mike O'Brien as " - where Evoy forged the pikes". One of the mysteries of that campaign is the delay by the rebels of four days at their camp in Carrigbyrne during which Ross was virtually undefended. In the months immediately before the rebellion when martial law was in operation, blacksmiths were a prime target for arrest by local magistrates. A noted pike manufacturer in '98 was Henry Hammond of Copenagh Gap on the road from Graignamanagh to Thomastown. Henry was arrested and sentenced to death for his rebel activities and lodged in Kilkenny Jail. He had important friends and a lady of some influence succeeded in having him released from jail. On his way home from Kilkenny, he stopped at a tavern in Thomastown to celebrate his good fortune. The celebrations got out of hand and Henry led the singing of rebel songs. He was promptly re-arrested and re-lodged in Kilkenny Jail where the original sentence was carried out. He rests today with several of his '98 colleagues in St. Mullins graveyard.

Courtesy of Jim Sutton