

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and
splendour, strength and honour in his
holy place.

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

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us
and bring us strength:
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 ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your
good pleasure, that in the name of your
beloved Son, we may abound in good
works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8: 2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah
Ezra the priest brought the Law before the
assembly, consisting of men, women, and
children old enough to understand. This
was the first day of the seventh month.
On the square before the Water Gate, in
the presence of the men and women, and
children old enough to understand, he
read from the book from early morning till
noon; all the people listened attentively to
the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden
dais erected for the purpose. In full view
of all the people - since he stood higher
than all the people - Ezra opened the
book; and when he opened it all the
people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the
Lord, the great God, and all the people

raised their hands and answered 'Amen!
Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face
to the ground, prostrated themselves
before the Lord. And Ezra read from the
Law of God, translating and giving the
sense, so that the people understood
what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and
Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites
who were instructing the people) said to
all the people, 'This day is sacred to the
Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do
not weep.' For the people were all in tears
as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink
the sweet wine, and send a portion to the
man who has nothing prepared ready.
For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do
not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your
stronghold.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps18:8-10.15

**R. Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. [R]
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. [R]
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. [R]
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! [R]

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians

(Shorter form only, 12:12-14.27)
A reading from the first letter of St
Paul to the Corinthians

Just as a human body, though it is made
up of many parts, is a single unit because
all these parts, though many, make one
body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit
we were all baptised, Jews as well as
Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and
one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any
one of its many parts.

Now you together are Christ's body; but
each of you is a different part of it.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Lord has sent me to bring the
good news to the poor, to proclaim
liberty to the captives. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke.
Seeing that many others have undertaken
to draw up accounts of the events that

have taken place among us, exactly as
these were handed down to us by those
who from the outset were eyewitnesses
and ministers of the word, I in my turn,
after carefully going over the whole story
from the beginning, have decided to write
an ordered account for you, Theophilus,
so that your Excellency may learn how
well founded the teaching is that you
have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him,
returned to Galilee; and his reputation
spread throughout the countryside. He
taught in their synagogues and everyone
praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been
brought up, and went into the synagogue
on the sabbath day as he usually did. He
stood up to read, and they handed him
the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling
the scroll he found the place where it is
written:
The spirit of the Lord has been given to
me, for he has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring the good news
to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it
back to the assistant and sat down. And
all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on
him. Then he began to speak to them,
'This text is being fulfilled today even as
you listen.'

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

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,
and in sanctifying them
grant that they may profit us for salvation.
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

**Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, receiving the grace
by which you bring us to new life,
we may always glory in your gift.
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.



focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26th January 2025

Sunday of the Word of God (Catholic Schools Week begins)

Jesus preached with power that the kingdom of God has come. This
kingdom is seen, not in prestige and wealth, but in justice, peace,
reconciliation and love. The gospel invites us to share in working for that
kingdom.



**The spirit of the Lord
is upon me**



In today's Gospel, Luke recalls the very first public appearance
of Jesus. He understands this sermon to be a summary of Jesus'
whole teaching. Jesus begins by affirming his credentials,
namely that what he says and does comes from the Spirit of

God who resides in him. He has come "to bring the Good News to the poor,"
to reach out to those who are oppressed, to the blind (who were marginalised
in society because they were considered to be sinners, their blindness being
a punishment by God), and captives (unjustly excluded from society) and to
proclaim the Lord's year of favour, understood to be a reference to the Jubilee
year in the Old Testament, when the inequality that had inevitably arisen over
time amongst the people of God was reversed, by forgiving debts, freeing slaves
and returning land that had been sold to its original owners. And what was the
Good News Jesus brought? "How blessed are you who are poor, yours is the
Kingdom of God." (Luke 6) Those who were left to live their lives in poverty,
(while surrounded by people of wealth), those who were left hungry, and those
who wept (because they were oppressed), will all find themselves welcome, and
their needs met, in the Kingdom of God that was coming. Good News to the poor
is Challenging News to everyone else. To welcome the poor and marginalised in
our own communities and in our world, to offer them support and friendship, and
to help build a society that seeks to address their plight, is to continue the mission
that Jesus had begun.

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus is asked to read a story from the Sacred Scroll Book. He stood up in front of
everyone. He was handed the holy scroll. He opened it and read God's Story. Then
He sat down. Everyone watched him. He said that the story means that God loves
every person, boy and girl, religious and non religious people. He said 'I have come
to bring God's blessings and healing for everyone.



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| Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention. | | | |
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| Date | Time | | |
| Saturday 25th January | 5.00pm | Liam Rowe, Rathfarnham & New Ross | 1st Anniversary |
| | 7.00pm | Polish Community Mass | |
| Sunday 26th January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.00am | Tom Walsh, Clonleigh | Anniversary |
| | 9.00am | Philomena Furlong, Wexford & Bewley Street | 1st Anniversary |
| | 10.00am | Patsy Connolly, Mount Carmel | 1st Anniversary |
| | 12.00 Noon | Sean (Seanie) Furlong, Ballyrue Lower Olive Hickey (nee O'Connor) Castlehaven House, Mountgarrett Road | Months Mind Months Mind |
| Monday 27th January | 8.00am | Deceased members of the Carmelites & Benefactors | Remembrance |
| | 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 | Fergal May, Henry Street | 3rd Anniversary |
| Tuesday 28th January | 8.00am | Eoin Minihan, Woodland Grove | 2nd Anniversary |
| | 10.00am | Paddy Donovan, Ballyrue | 2nd Anniversary |
| | 10.00am | Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm | |
| Wednesday 29th January | 8.00am | Intentions of the people of the Parish | |
| | 10.00am | Michael O'Sullivan, Charleton Hill | 17th Anniversary |
| | | Monthly Parish Coffee Morning after Mass in the Sacristy. All Welcome | |
| Thursday 30th January | 8.00am | John Kenneally, Tipperary | Anniversary |
| | 10.00am | Kathleen Dalton, Dublin | Anniversary |
| | 3.00pm | Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel | |
| Friday 31st January | 8.00am | Kathleen & Charlie Dalton, Dublin | Anniversaries |
| | 10.00am | Sean Sutton, Lower Southknock | 3rd Anniversary |
| Saturday 1st February - Feast of St. Bridget | 10.00am | Parish Mass Association | |
| | 5.00pm | Thomas (Tom) O'Shea, Newtown Commons & Piltown, Kilkenny | 1st Anniversary |
| | 7.00pm | Polish Community Mass | |
| Sunday 2nd February - The Presentation of Our Lord - Candlemas Day | Blessing of Candles will take place at all Masses. | | |
| | 8.00am | Joseph & Pattie Kavanagh & their sons PJ & Pat, Pondfields | Remembrance |
| | 9.00am | Sean Rossiter, Southknock | 2nd Anniversary |
| | 10.00am | Pat Kehoe, The Maudlins | Anniversary |
| | 12.00 Noon | John (King) O'Connor, Cluain Fada Louis & Olive Connolly (nee O'Donnell), Terenure, Dublin & Mary Street | Months Mind Months Mind |

From the 3rd of February 2025 onwards there will be NO mass in Mount Carmel at 8.00am on Mondays & Fridays.



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:
Available @ €10.00 / week.
Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.
Our Lady's (Left):
Special Intention
Altar (Centre):
Molly & Pat Hendrick, Peter & Betty Furness - Anniversaries
St. Joseph's (Right):
Neylon & Cody Families - RIP
Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Sean Furlong - RIP



RECENTLY DECEASED:
We pray for the souls of -
Carmel McCormack (nee Kavanagh), Millhouse, Newtown Commons, David Cass, Convent Court, Winnie Kehoe (nee O'Brien), Blackwater & J.J Morrissey, Barrack Lane, who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

REMEMBRANCE:
We pray and remember -
Deceased members of the New Ross Pantomime Society

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of -
Molly & Pat Hendrick (18th Anniversaries), Bewley Street, Peter & Betty Furness, Bewley Street, Patrick Byrne, The Bosheen, Patsy Connolly & his son Michael, Church Lane, Larry Malone (8th Anniversary), Pondfields, 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 - Amalie & Maxmilian Kavalir, Nunnery Lane, 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.



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Wednesday 29th January 2025: Monthly Parish Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome.

Saturday 1st February 2025: Feast of St. Brigid. Masses as usual @ 10.00am & 5.00pm.

Sunday 2nd February 2025: The Presentation of the Lord. Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed at all Masses. Please place your candles with your name on them at the Right Hand Side Altar.

Monday 3rd February 2025: Bank Holiday. Parish Office closed. The Feast of St. Blaise. Blessings of Throats will take place at all Masses @ 8.00am Mount Carmel & 10.00pm Parish Church. Blessing of Throats only will take place @ 1.00pm & 7.00pm.


Sunday 9th February 2025: Confirmation Participants Fruits of the Spirit Mass @ 12.00 Noon.


Friday 14th February 2025: St. Valentines Day.

History Notes - Part 56
"TOP OF THE LEFT"

Tim Flood of Cloughbawn is fondly remembered as star left corner forward (known in GAA parlance as "top of the left") of the famous Wexford All Ireland hurling teams of the 1950s/1960. Tim was also a proficient banjo player and appeared regularly with the Castleboro Ceili Band. The band performed at St. Michael's Theatre and when the curtain opened its members were lined up ready to commence, with Gerry Ford, prizewinning fiddle player and leader of the band, seated in the middle of the front row. In the back row at the left end stood Tim with his banjo at the ready and his head slightly bowed in a shy stance. Just as the band was about strike up, a voice from the gods shouted "TOP OF THE LEFT!". The roar of a laughter from the audience acknowledged Tim's presence as a musician, with his placing in the back row reminiscent of his field position where he displayed his hurling artistry. When the audience had settled down, the band struck up and the performance was under way.

Courtesy of Jim Sutton





PARISH INFORMATION

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: We are currently taking mass bookings up to & including June 2025.

Next Weeks Readings: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD MAL 3:1-4. Ps 23:7-10, R/ v 10. HEB 2:14-18. LK 2:22-40.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 19th January 2025 @ € 1,610.15 (181 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.**

Parish Office can now take card payments over the telephone.

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.


St. Michael's Pastoral Centre: Available for Parish based activities, please contact the Parish office.

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Holy Water Fonts: Holy Water Fonts at the Church Entrances are **NOT** Rubbish Bins. Please respect them.



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.