

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

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 ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Malachi 3: 1-4***A reading from the prophet Malachi**

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 23: 7 - 10*

**R. Who is the king of glory?  
It is the Lord.**

- O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **[R]**
- Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **[R]**
- O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **[R]**
- Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **[R]**

## SECOND READING

**Hebrews 2: 14-18**

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Luke 2: 22-40 (or \*2: 22-32)***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

*\*When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into*

*his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see.*

*A light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.\**

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom and God's favour was with him.

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

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, All bow for following two lines:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

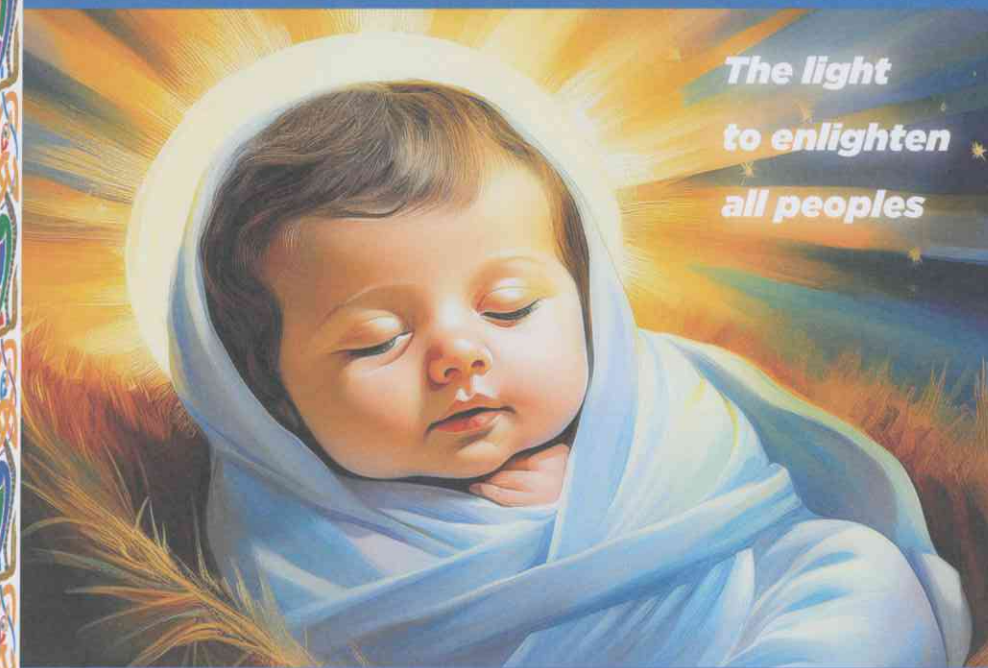
Pray brothers and sisters.....  
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2nd February 2025

## World Day for consecrated life

Forty days ago Jesus was born: now we see him as the light to enlighten all peoples and to guide them on the way to salvation and glory.



**The light  
to enlighten  
all peoples**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## EUCHARISTIC 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.*  
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

## THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

## 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

**My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. 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.**



In the recent readings we see Jesus connected with his family and his people. We see him plunge himself into the Jordan River, becoming part of his people. For the feast of the Presentation we have Mary bringing Jesus to the temple.

She brought him to offer him to the care of the Lord in the place of God. And it all then became very much an event focused on family and people. Two very elderly people, Simeon and Anna, came forward and Mary saw them as representing the people. They were representing the Jewish people, the elders waiting for the Lord.

There was an expectancy among the people that God would send the Savior, the Messiah. They had read the scripture that a virgin would conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. Because they believed what they heard, they recognized the Lord.

An old Custom often in Ireland was to bring the baby to the church. Giving the baby into the care of Jesus, Maybe today we will pray for all our young children, especially babies and our families offering them into the care of Jesus. That they will always know that the Lord who created them with their parents in love, loves them all their days.

**Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger**

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Today's Jesus Story is like Baptism. The child Jesus is brought to The Temple, by his parents, to give thanks to God. Simeon and Anna were like grandparents, waiting there, to welcome the new baby. Mary and Joseph brought a gift, to praise God. Simeon said that the Baby would be A LIGHT, to bless all the world. We are blessed at Baptism, with Three Special Friends. God The Father, who makes the sun shine for everybody, good, and not so good, God The Son who came at Christmas, our Forever Friend, and God The Holy Spirit who gives the breath of life to all things.





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

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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		
Saturday 1st February - The Feast of St. Brigid	5.00pm	Thomas (Tom) O'Shea, Newtown Commons & Piltown , Kilkenny	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 2nd February - The Presentation of the 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
Monday 3rd February - Bank Holiday The Feast of St. Blaise	Blessing of Throats will take place at all Masses		
	9.30am	Rosary is recited every morning in the Parish Church from Monday to Saturday, however on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am	
	10.00am	Mary & Michael Horgan, Fisherstown	Anniversaries
	1.00pm	Blessing of Throats ONLY	
	7.00pm	Blessing of Throats ONLY	
Tuesday 4th February	8.00am	Mary Barron, Palace West	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	The Reynolds family, Kilkenny	Birthday Remembrance
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 5th February	8.00am	Intentions of the people of the Parish	
	10.00am	The Ryan & Holden families, Abbey Hall	Anniversaries
Thursday 6th February	8.00am	Special Intentions	
	10.00am	Mary & Joseph Kielthy, Mary Street	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 7th February	10.00am	Bridget & Thomas Somers, William Street	Anniversaries
		Confirmation Participants Preparation Mass - Fruits of the Spirit	
Saturday 8th February	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Anthony Griffin Junior, Nunnery Lane	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 9th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Andy Doyle, Priory Lodge, Ballylane West	Anniversary
	9.00am	Craig & Jean Tracey, Parkfield	Birthday Remembrance
	10.00am	Tom Doyle, Charleton Hill	2nd Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Live on Southeast Radio	



**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:**  
Available @ €10.00 / week.  
Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.  
**Our Lady's (Left):**  
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**Altar (Centre):**  
Mary & Michael Horgan,  
Fisherstown - Remembrance  
**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
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**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**  
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**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
We pray for the souls of -  
Kathleen Shelly (nee Walsh), UK & Mount Carmel,  
Annie (Nan) Kelly (nee Malone), Lacken & Rita Power, Brooklawn & Glenmore, who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:**  
We remember & pray for the souls of -  
Jimmy Scully, Ballyrue,  
Margaret Bennett, Pondfields,  
Jim & Bridget Higgins, Haughton Place,  
Esther & Patti O'Connor, Haughton Place,  
Mary Carletti Lawlor, Chilcomb, Rosbercon,  
Rina McManus (24th Anniversary), Lower Southknock,  
Lena Connolly, her son; Patsy & her grandson; Michael, Church Lane,  
Jimmy, Kathleen & Pat Berry, Raheen,  
Kenny & John Boland, Charleton Hill & Tom Connors, Raheen, 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:**  
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.

Coming soon.....

Presentation on Eucharistic Adoration by Ferns Adoration Group during all Masses.

In New Ross Parish Church on the weekend of the 22nd and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Feb. 2025.

Spend one hour with Jesus. All are welcome.



Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place this year for five nights in May (May 20th - May 25th) Ferns Hospitalité who have responsibility for our assisted pilgrims are looking for nurses and Health Care Assistants who would be willing to travel and assist this year. If you are interested please contact Margaret on 087 2297530 or Nicola on 086 1015045.

**PLEASE NOTE: NO Masses in Mount Carmel at 8.00am on Monday's, Friday's, & Saturday's.**



**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 @ 10.00pm Mass. Blessing of Throats ONLY will take place @ 1.00pm & 7.00pm.

**Friday 7th February 2025:** Confirmation Participants Fruits of the Spirit Mass @ 10.00am.

**Sunday 9th February 2025:** 10.00am Mass Live on Southeast Radio.

**Tuesday 11th February 2025:** World day of the Sick.

**History Notes - Part 57**  
**HE GOT CHANGE!**

An old retired Christian Brother friend told me the following story. While stationed in Dublin, he was a regularly attended hurling and football matches at Croke Park. The Brothers were not allowed to have pocket money, although their financial needs were met. On match-days he was given four pence by the bursar for his Croke Park outing –two pence for each of the bus trips to and from the venue while free admittance was gained by a tap on a special door. However, if the weather was good, he sometimes walked the Park journey and harvested the few pennies for himself. On one Sunday, having returned from his outing, he was summoned to the office of the Superior who had him confirm that he had been at Croke Park and had returned by bus. “But you got change!” replied the Superior. He did not realise that the Superior had been on the bus behind him and had noticed him getting change for his sixpence which he had harvested against Order rules. Such was the regime to which these marvellous men submitted their themselves (and salaries) in their mission to educate the young men of Ireland.

**Courtesy of Jim Sutton**



*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.*



# JUBILEE 2025

## Calendar of Events

19th January  
**Jubilee for Christian Unity**

20th February  
**Ecumenical Quiet Day**

30th March  
**Jubilee for Social Justice**

9th April  
**Jubilee of the sick, people with disabilities, carers and healthcare workers**

13th June  
**Jubilee of Families, grandparents and the Elderly**

26th June  
**Jubilee of Priests**

31st August  
**Jubilee of Marian Spirituality**

19th September  
**Jubilee of Volunteers**

20th September  
**Jubilee of Consecrated Life**

20th October  
**Jubilee of Youth**

8th November  
**Jubilee of the Word of God**

Other local, Diocesan, national and inter-national events will be held which will include celebrations on SYNODALITY, CREATION, FAITH, MUSIC, STORIES OF HOPE, MERCY, MARIAN DEVOTION, THANKSGIVING FOR WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD AND THE NATIONAL SERVICES, MISSIONARIES OF MERCY, CHILDREN, SPORT, EASTERN CHURCHES, MIGRANTS, MISSIONS, EDUCATION, POOR ETC.

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New Ross Active Retirement will hold their AGM on Friday 7th of February @ 11.00am in the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane. All Welcome.