ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And with your spirit.

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, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. 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

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 26:27-9.12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel. Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

Soin the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying around him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for

who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off: there was a wide space between them. David then called out.'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4.8-10.12-13

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

- 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord. all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. [R]
- 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.
- 3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins. nor repay us according to our faults [R]
- 4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:45-49. A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek. present the other cheek too: to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure. pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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

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

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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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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

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord. with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

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.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come

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

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

It is natural to stand up to people and 'get even' with them. The message of the gospels runs differently: we must learn to be as compassionate and forgiving as God our Father is when we turn to Him for forgiveness.





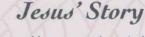
Today's Gospel follows on from last week's Beatitudes. Yet it takes the Messianic championing of the underdog a step further, as Jesus instructs his disciples in how to carry on his work after he is gone. Not only is suffering now valued, it would

seem that Jesus is exhorting his disciples to actively court mistreatment, to invite subjugation, and to welcome hardship at the hands of others.

Jesus is, once more, pre-figuring his own debasement and destruction at the hands of the authorities, and placing himself squarely in the tradition of the suffering servant of Isaiah. We hear this language and these images unfold again in our Holy Week readings, while we proclaim their parallel in the Gospel narratives on Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

The road ahead for the disciples will not be an easy one, and Jesus is warning them of this in the starkest terms. He is also modelling his own compassion. forgiveness, and love, foreshadowing the prayer he will utter at one of his lowest moments, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Anyone who suffers in the name of the Lord does not suffer in vain. To walk in Jesus' shoes, to be a true follower of Christ and to live out Christian values, is to walk a path of love. We can ask ourselves how prepared we are to undertake this journey in our everyday lives? For this path of love is not strewn with rose petals, but with thorns.

Giovanna Feeley, DCU, Liturgical Musicologist & Writer



Fr. Liam Hickey

Imagine Jesus asking you and me to love those who steal from us and treat us badly. Yet even those who jeered him on the way to Calvary and the thief on the cross were treated very well by our friend Jesus. Did he not say 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do?'

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Philip (Philo) O'Connor, Parkfield

Maurice & Josephine Kehoe, Ryleen

Carmel McCormack (nee Kavanagh),

Rosary is recited every morning in the Parish Church from

Monday to Saturday, however on the 1st Saturday of the

nonth the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @

Mary, Don, John & Tom Whitty,

The Leacy family, Charlton Hill

Millhouse, Newtown Commons

Joe Murphy, Castlemoyle Heights

Jeffrey Harbourne, Howth, Dublin

& deceased family members

Eileen & Ned Larkin, New Ross

Tom Kirby, William Street

Ernie Bailey, Arnestown

Parish Mass Association

Polish Community Mass

Frank Murray, Priory Street

Kieran & Kathleen Moloney, Mount

Molly & Jim Reeves, Mount Carmel

Anna Mai Merrigan, Parkfield

Jim Howlett, William Street

Programme "Gifts of the Spirit"

Confirmation Preparation

the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Special Intention

Paddy & Lizzie St Ledger, Mt Carmel

Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm

Intentions of the people of the Parish

Parish Coffee Morning in Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in

Confirmation Preparation Programme Meeting

David Cass, Convent Court

Polish Community Mass



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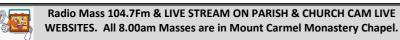


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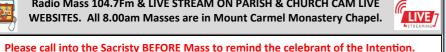
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Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:

Available @ €10.00 / week. Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.

Our Lady's (Left):

Margaret & William Rochford, Old Charlton Hill -Remembrance Altar (Centre): Rebecca Irwin, Ard Alainn -

Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right): Regina Laffan, McMurrough Court -Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

Special Intention

Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:

We pray for the souls of Elizabeth (Betty) (nee O'Neill) Brothers, Michael Street & Thomas Sutton, Campile who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We remember & pray for the souls of -The Roche family's, Michael Street & Oxford, UK, Maurice & Josephine Kehoe, Ryleen, The Foskin family, Mullinavat, Kilkenny Alice Quinn, Priory Street, Brendan Cullen (2nd Anniversary), Kildare & Michael St, Baba Jide Adegbesan, Bellevue Heights & The Kennedy family, Glenmore, 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.



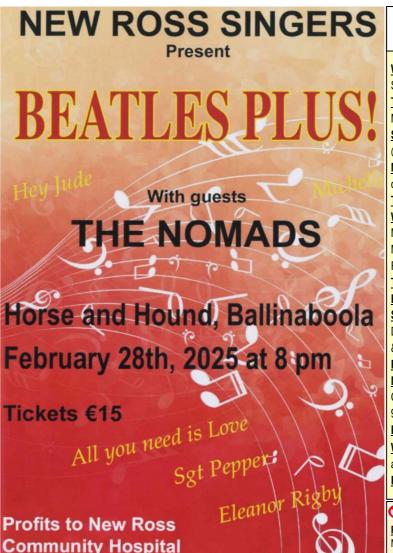
WEDDINGS:

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.

We welcome into our Christian Community: Filip Kulczycki, Bellevue Heights, who was 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.

New Ross St Patrick's Day Parade will leave the Irishtown at 2pm on Monday 17th March if you would like to be a part of it - as a group or as a volunteer please get in touch ... we would love to hear from you. If you have any queries, please contact Ollie 0872571841 or Rosemary 0876596403.





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. ∆men"

To find out more about a vocation to the priesthood in the diocese of Ferns, contact Fr Billy Swan at billyswan68@hotmail.com

<u> History Notes - Part 60</u> The Patriot Michael O'Hanrahan

and Youth New Ross

A limestone memorial plaque mounted high on the Tholsel wall commemorates the local patriot, Michael O'Hanrahan, who was born at St. Mary's Terrace in New Ross in 1877. His father, who was a cork cutter by trade is said to have taken part in the Fenian rising in 1867. Michael followed his father's trade in cork cutting. The family moved to Carlow where he was educated. He joined the Gaelic League in 1898 and became secretary of the local branch. He moved to Dublin in 1903 and was deeply involved in of the emerging nationalist struggle. He was author of two historical publications "The Swordsman of the Brigade" and "When the Normans Came" which were popular and well received. He was sworn into the Irish Republican Brotherhood and joined the Volunteers on their formation in 1913. He became quartermaster general of the 2nd Batallion under Thomas McDonagh and Major John McBride, This unit defended Jacobs biscuit factory during the 1916 Rising and O'Hanrahan was taken into custody after its surrender. He was amongst the leaders of the 1916 Rebellion who were courtmartialled and executed in May of that year. His brother Henry, who was with him in Jacobs, was also condemned to death but his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Courtesy of Jim Sutton



Wednesday 26th February 2025: Monthly Parish Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome.

Thursday 27th February 2025: Confirmation Preparation Programme Meeting at 7.00pm in Parish Church.

Sunday 2nd March 2025: Confirmation Participants "Gifts of the Spirit" Mass @ 12.00 Noon

Monday 4th March 2025: Mass bookings up to an including August 2025 will

Tuesday 4th March 2025: Shrove Tuesday.

Wednesday 5th March 2025: Ash Wednesday. Masses as usual @ 8.00am Mount Carmel & 10.00m Parish Church. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses & @ 1.05pm & 7.00pm. Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday evening during Lent in the Parish Church @ 7.00pm.

Thursday 6th March 2025: Confirmation Service of Light @ 7.00pm.

Friday 7th March 2025: Stations of the Cross @ 7.00pm.

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

Friday 14th March 2025: Stations of the Cross @ 7.00pm.

Monday 17th March 2025: St. Patricks Day. Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed. No Vigil Mass on Sunday evening. Mass @ 8.00am in Mount Carmel. 9.00am, 10.00am & 12.00 Noon in Parish Church.

Friday 21st March 2025: Stations of the Cross @ 7.00pm.

Wednesday 26th March 2025: Monthly Parish Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome

Friday 28th March 2025: Stations of the Cross @ 7.00pm.



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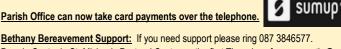
Radio & Live Stream Mass: 104.7FM & New Ross Parish Website Live Stream. for all Masses including Funeral Masses excluding 8.00am in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel. NO Masses in Mount Carmel on Monday, Friday & Saturday.

Mass Bookings: We are currently taking mass bookings up to & including July

Next Weeks Readings: EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Eccles (SIR) 267: 4-7. Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16, R/ CF v 2. 1 COR 15: 54-58. LK 6: 39-45.

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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.