

# focus on sunday

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2nd March 2025

Day of Prayer for Temperance

What do we have to show for all the love God has shown us?  
Are our words full of bitterness or sweetness?



"A good man draws what is good..."



It's always refreshing to watch how children imitate their family and parishioners at Mass. Little hands imitate older hands in tracing the sign of the Cross on their foreheads, lips and hearts. It's a visible prayer (based on the rite of Baptism) that the Gospel will linger in our thoughts and find expression in the words which flow from our hearts.

On this Sunday of prayer for Temperance, we think of those whose thoughts, words and hearts are troubled because of addiction. We pray too for counsellors in addiction treatment centres, for all who learn the 12 steps of the AA or the NA programme. As they discover the 12 step Programme of honesty and humility, may they name the splinters and recognise the planks which have blinded or enabled them along life's journey.

Pope Francis gives us great encouragement in this regard in his Encyclical Dilexit nos "on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ". He invites us to rekindle the fire of God's love in our hearts and thereby to repair our troubled world. May this be our prayer we receive ashes on our foreheads next Wednesday and prepare to walk towards the Paschal Fire at Easter and onwards to the fire and gifts of Pentecost!

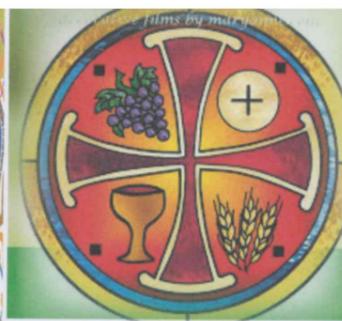
If you wish to take a temporary pledge for the Season of Lent in solidarity with a friend who is impacted by addiction, please contact Fr Robert McCabe on [prayer@pioneers.ie](mailto:prayer@pioneers.ie)

**Fr Robert McCabe**  
Central Spiritual Director

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus was always a team player. don't we love to be included when the team is picked for a game of soccer or hurling, even if it's only for a friendly match. When we are picking the team we will remember to pick those who may not be the best players as it makes for a much happier team.



### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name and count our oblations as signs of our desire to serve you with devotion, we ask of your mercy that what you grant as the source of merit may also help us to attain merit's reward. 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.....

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

*The mystery of faith.*  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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

**I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by your saving gifts, we beseech your mercy, Lord that by this same Sacrament with which you feed us in the present age, you may make us partakers of life eternal. 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, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
**Thanks be to God.**



your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

**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.**

judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps. 91:2-3.13-16**

**R. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R)**

### SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.**

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Luke 6:39-45**

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

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.**

### GREETING

In the name of the Father ..... **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**  
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

### 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 us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**  
In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where the tree grows is

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

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Radio Mass 104.7Fm & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH & CHURCH CAM LIVE WEBSITES. 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	Celebrant	Notes
Saturday 1st March	5.00pm	Frank Murray, Priory Street	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 2nd March - Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Kieran & Kathleen Moloney, Mount Elliott	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Molly & Jim Reeves, Mount Carmel	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Anna Mai Merrigan (nee Smith), Parkfield	1st Anniversary
	12.00Noon	Jim Howlett, William Street	Months Mind
Monday 3rd March	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	Patrick & Edith O'Donovan, Arthurstown	Anniversaries
Tuesday 4th March - Shrove Tuesday	8.00am	Martin Byrne, Camblin	Anniversary
	10.00am	Dick Bennett, Donard, Clonroche & Pondfields	1st Anniversary
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday	Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.		
	8.00am	Intentions of the people of the Parish	
	10.00am	Matty & Molly Crowdle, Irishtown	Anniversaries
	1.05pm	Ashes ONLY	
Thursday 6th March	7.00pm	Ashes ONLY	
	8.00am	John Whelan & James & Margaret Moore, Berkeley	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Breda & Ned Sinnott, Rosbercon	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 7th March	7.00pm	Confirmation "Service of Light"	
	10.00am	Seanie Byrne, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
Saturday 8th March	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	11.00am	Confirmation Ceremony (Ms. Deevy, Mr. Griffin & Parish based Classes)	
	12.30pm	Confirmation Ceremony (Ms. Power & Mr. Martin- Carroll Classes)	
Sunday 9th March - First Sunday of Lent	5.00pm	Catherine (Kathleen) Furness (nee Whelan), Charleton Hill	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
	8.00am	John Ronan & deceased family members, Irishtown	Anniversaries
Sunday 9th March - First Sunday of Lent	9.00am	Josephine Moore, Henry Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Joan Cashin, William Street	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Sgt. Michael Callaghan, Royal Airforce, Mount Garrett Lane	Anniversary

### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:

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

**Our Lady's (Left):**  
Anna Mai Merrigan, Parkfield  
(1st Anniversary) - Remembrance

**Altar (Centre):**  
Anna Mai Merrigan, Parkfield  
(1st Anniversary) - Remembrance

**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
Special Intention

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**  
Special Intention

### In Remembrance

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
We pray for the souls of -  
Rev. Fr. Martin Mulqueen, Florida & Co. Clare,  
Kathleen Walsh, Lincoln, UK & Charleton Hill,  
Edward (Eddie) Poyntz, Ard na Greine,  
who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:**  
We remember & pray for the souls of -  
Mary Dwyer, Fr. Cullen Terrace,  
Michael Hanrahan, Lower Southknock,  
Ned Connors, Gorey & Alice Maher, Parkfield,  
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.

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Collection taking place on 15th/16th March 2025

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## POPE FRANCIS' Advice for Lent

Fast from **hurting** words and say kind words.

Fast from **sadness** and be filled with **gratitude**.

Fast from **anger** and be filled with **patience**.

Fast from **pessimism** and be filled with **hope**.

Fast from **worries** and **trust in God**.

Fast from **complaints** and **contemplate** simplicity.

Fast from **pressures** and be **prayerful**.

Fast from **bitterness** and fill your heart with **joy**.

Fast from **selfishness** and be **compassionate** to others.

Fast from **grudges** and be **reconciled**.

Fast from **words** and be silent so you can **listen**.



**CLIMATE SUFFERING, LOCAL AND GLOBAL - OUR RESPONSE** Wexford Parish Care for the Earth Group invites you to a public meeting on Ash Wednesday 5th March next in White's Hotel Wexford to discuss climate suffering, justice and a Christian response. The meeting begins at 7.30pm. Speakers include Fr Sean McDonagh, Professor Colm Murphy, and young people involved in Green projects in Wexford schools. There will also be the launch of the new Care for the Earth website and the presentation of a substantial cheque to Trocaire to help developing countries cope with the negative effects of climate change. All are Welcome.

**CHY's Tax Forms:** Thank you to anyone who has already returned their CHY forms to the Parish Office to date. For those who have not, we would be most grateful if you could do so as soon as possible. If you are not eligible for tax please sign the bottom of the letter you received and return.

### History Notes - Part 61

**HOLY SMOKE**  
We were in the outside vestry getting ready to serve Mass. Billy ("Builder") Quinlan, the hard man of our group, was getting the last pulls from a butt when there was step in the hallway and Fr. Nolan walked in, stood on the mat, and looked around. There was a big picture of the Blessed Virgin high up on the wall. Fr. Nolan remarked "I did not know The Blessed Virgin used smoke!" as he watched a big cloud of smoke drifting past the picture. Meanwhile, Builder had stuffed the butt into his trousers pocket. Who was smoking? the priest demanded. We all shook our heads in denial. Immediately there was another step in the hallway and Mrs. Foley arrived behind Fr. Nolan. He ushered her into the inside vestry and closed the door. Builder let a little yell and pulled out his pocket full of smoke and sparks. The rest of us fell around the place laughing.

**Courtesy of Jim Sutton**

Contribute to the ongoing fundraising for the New Pastoral Development Programme, training 29 Lay People who began a two year Diploma Course in Maynooth in September 2024. Support the Collection Weekend in the Diocese of Ferns, on March 15th and 16th! Envelopes will be available at all churches before the 'big weekend', and You can also donate online at [www.ferns.ie](http://www.ferns.ie). Your generosity will shape the future of parish life. Together, let's empower our community and ensure a vibrant and active parish environment. Make a lasting difference with your donation!"



## Living Well Ageing Smart Expo

Over 30 information stands including HSE supports, Local Authority Grants, digital training, libraries, Wexford PPN, Fraud Smart, Healthy Homes & much more

**Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane New Ross Y34A065**

**7th March 10:30 - 14:30**

**Energy Advice Clinic:**  
Energy Advisors will provide a one-to-one service on home energy upgrades Find out about the SEAI Grants available

**Information stands:**  
Digital Hub (bring your phones or tablets), Libraries, Local Link Credit Union and much more

**All are welcome to this free event Refreshments served**

**PARISH INFORMATION.**

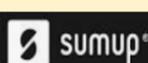
**Radio & Live Stream Mass:** 104.7FM & New Ross Parish Website Live Stream, for all Masses including Funeral Masses excluding 8.00am in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel. NO Masses in Mount Carmel on Monday, Friday & Saturday.

**Mass Bookings:** On Monday 3rd of March we will commence Mass booking up to & including August 2025.

**Next Weeks Readings:** First Sunday of Lent - Duet 26: 4-10. Ps 90: 1-2, 10-15, R/ v 15. Rm 10: 8-13. Lk 4: 1-13.

**Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish:** Collections 23rd February 2025 @ € 1,560.10 (172 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. 

**Lectio Davina:** 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.

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

**Parish Office / Shop in Legion of Mary Pastoral Centre:** All items for sale are Blessed on the First Friday of every month.

*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.*