

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who
made us, for he is the Lord our God.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body
and blood:
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

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with
unfailing care, that, relying solely on the
hope of heavenly grace, they may be
defended always by your protection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 6:1-8****A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw
the Lord seated on a high throne; his train
filled the sanctuary; above him stood
seraphs, each one with six wings. And
they cried out one to another in this way,
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'
The foundations of the threshold shook
with the voice of the one who cried out,
and the Temple was filled with smoke.
I said:

'What a wretched state I am in!
I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips
and my eyes have looked at the King, the
Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me,
holding in his hand a live coal which he
had taken from the altar with a pair of
tongs. With this he touched my mouth
and said: 'See now, this has touched
your lips, your sin is taken away, your
iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:
'Whom shall I send? Who will be our
messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am,
send me.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 137: 1-5, 7-8

**R. Before the angels I will bless you,
O Lord.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you
have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **[R]**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and
love which excel all we ever knew of
you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **[R]**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when
they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **[R]**
4. You stretch out your hand and save
me, your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **[R]**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Shorter form (italics) 15:3-8. 11.

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

Brothers, I want to remind you of the
gospel I preached to you, the gospel
that you received and in which you are
firmly established; because the gospel
will save you only if you keep believing
exactly what I preached to you - believing
anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, **in the first place, I taught
you what I had been taught myself,
namely that Christ died for our sins, in
accordance with the scriptures; that he
was buried; and that he was raised to
life on the third day, in accordance with
the scriptures; that he appeared first to
Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next
he appeared to more than five hundred
of the brothers at the same time, most of
whom are still alive, though some have
died; then he appeared to James, and
then to all the apostles; and last of all he
appeared to me too; it was as though I
was born when no one expected it.**

I am the least of the apostles; in fact,
since I persecuted the Church of God I
hardly deserve the name apostle; but
by God's grace that is what I am, and
the grace that he gave me has not been
fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather
the grace of God that is with me have
worked harder than any of the others;
**but what matters is that I preach what
they preach, and this is what you all
believed.*

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
**Follow me, says the Lord, and I will
make you fishers of men. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

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

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake
of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing
round him listening to the word of God,
when he caught sight of two boats close
to the bank. The fishermen had gone out
of them and were washing their nets. He
got into one of the boats - it was Simon's
- and asked him to put out a little from the
shore. Then he sat down and taught the
crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he
said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water
and pay out your nets for a catch.'
'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard
all night long and caught nothing, but if
you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And
when they had done this they netted
such a huge number of fish that their
nets began to tear, so they signalled to
their companions in the other boats to
come and help them; when these came,
they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at
the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me
Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his
companions were completely overcome
by the catch they had made; so also
were James and John, sons of Zebedee,
who were Simon's partners. But Jesus
said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from
now on it is men you will catch.' Then,
bringing their boats back to land, they left
everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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:

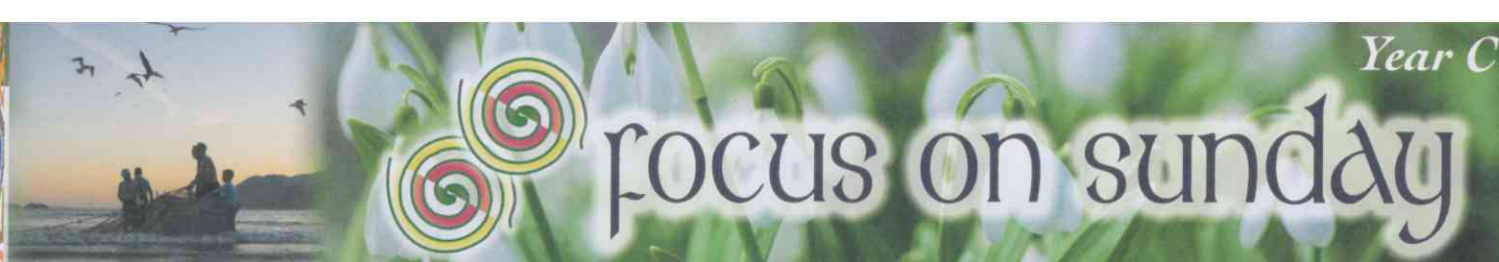
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will 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,

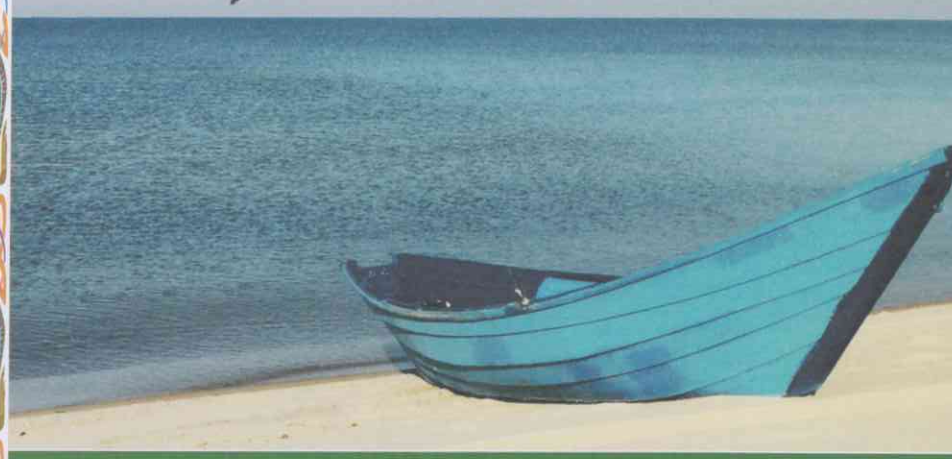
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all
his holy Church.**



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9th February 2025

God in Christ chooses his apostles, men whom the world would think
weak, maybe unsuitable, these are the ones he wants for himself.
We are all called by God even though we may feel unworthy in his sight.
That in itself is a sign of God's grace: it is the way to his kingdom.

*Do not be afraid;
from now on
it is men you will catch*



The disciples are understandably sceptical when Jesus tells
them to cast their nets "out into the deep water". They have
been working hard all night and caught nothing. But they must
think there is something in what Jesus says – or maybe they
are just humouring him. Either way, they agree to try again. And

what a result – such a huge catch of fish that their nets begin to tear and they fill
two boats to sinking point. They get a lot more than they bargained for, just by
trusting Jesus and taking that leap of faith.

One line in this Gospel that stands out is Peter's reaction: "Go away from me,
Lord, for I am a sinful man." He is completely overcome, as well he might be.
The scene makes him uncomfortable and painfully aware of his flaws. But Jesus
immediately puts him at ease. Instead of focusing on Peter's shortcomings, he
is looking ahead at what is possible for Peter and he reassures him with the
simple words "Do not be afraid". Peter has demonstrated his trust by being open
to Jesus, and there are wonderful things in store for this disciple – a net full of fish
is just the beginning.

We might never find out what's possible if we don't step outside our comfort zone,
whether it's reaching out to repair a broken relationship, speaking up for someone
who has been wronged, or taking the first step to change a habit that is destructive
to ourselves or others. The big challenge is to trust that God knows what God is
doing and is constantly urging us to pull away from the shore. God wants us to live
life to the full, to take that next step we've been agonising over. Do not be afraid;
put out into deep water.

"A boat is safe in the harbour, but this not the purpose of a boat." (Paulo Coelho)

An extract from Jane Mellett and Triona Doherty: *The Deep End – A Journey Through the Sunday
Gospels in the Year of Luke*, Messenger Publications, 2021

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus liked to go fishing with his friends. Today his friends were tired, because they
caught no fish all night. Jesus said "I'll go with you in the boat, and we will try together
for a catch. They caught hundreds of fish. Jesus told them that God Our Father holds the
whole world in His Hand, the fish, and the sea, the birds, and sky, the little babies, you
and I. God's Name is Love.



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John, Margaret & Lily Dunphy,
Irishtown - Remembrance



Congratulations

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.

| Date | Time | | |
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| Saturday 8th February | 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 Live on Southeast Radio  | 2nd Anniversary |
| | 12.00 Noon | Special Intentions | Special Intentions |
| Monday 10th February  | 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 | Edward & Etta O'Neill, Abbey View | Anniversaries |
| Tuesday 11th February - World Day of the Sick | 8.00am | Billy Foley, New Ross & Cork | Anniversary |
| | 10.00am | Michael Farrell & his granddaughter, Ruth, Camblin | Anniversaries |
| | 10.00am | Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm  | |
| Wednesday 12th February | 8.00am | Intentions of the people of the Parish | |
| | 10.00am | Michael Cullen, Victoria Place | 13th Anniversary |
| Thursday 13th February  | 8.00am | Maurice Foley, Cross Street & deceased members of the Foley & Brennan families, New Ross & Castlecomer, Kilkenny | Anniversaries |
| | 10.00am | Margaret & Thomas Kielthy, Michael Street & deceased family members | Anniversaries |
| | 3.00pm | Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel | |
| Friday 14th February - Valentine's Day | 10.00am  | Geraldine & Thomas Foley, Charleton Hill | 3rd & 10th Anniversaries |
| Saturday 15th February | 10.00am | Parish Mass Association | |
| | 5.00pm | Lalo Malone, Hewittsland | 1st Anniversary |
| | 7.00pm | Polish Community Mass | |
| Sunday 16th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.00am | Mary Cashin, JKL | Anniversary |
| | 9.00am | Michael Freaney, Ballylane East | Anniversary |
| | 10.00am | Richard Butler, Mount Carmel | Anniversary |
| | 12.00 Noon  | John Godkin, Harvey Place JJ Morrissey, Barrack Lane Communion Participants Preparation Mass "Healing" | |



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in Heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of Heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Pope Francis.

Booking essential: Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00 am – 4.30 pm Monday to Friday or e-mail regionaloffice@ssig.ie **before February 11th 2025.**

A copy of the latest Safeguarding Newsletter with more information is available in the church or on the Ferns Diocesan Website www.ferns.ie

Williams Bakery in Tagmon was a was a busy operation. The late Tom Williams, son of the proprietor, told the following story. The old bakery practice was to bake early each the morning to have bread ready for delivery at first light. The local Tagmon grocery shops were first served in the morning by delivery via the bakery's donkey and cart. On a particular morning the regular delivery man was absent and the young Tom was pressed into service. The donkey knew the route and sequence of customer shops and duly stopped at each without prompting. At one regular stopping point, the shopkeeper was at the front door and signalled to Tom that he did not require a delivery. The donkey stopped as usual, and try as he might Tom could not get him to move forward. Eventually, on the shopkeeper's suggestion, Tom went to the back of the cart and pretended to take a delivery and hand it to the shopkeeper. He then returned to the cart and the donkey, without bidding, moved on the next shop.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday 11th February 2025: World Day of the Sick.

Friday 14th February 2025: Valentines Day.

Sunday 16th February 2025: First Communion Participants Healing Mass @ 12.00 Noon.

Thursday 20th February 2025: Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Ecumenical Quiet Day.

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd February 2025: Adoration Renewal at all Masses.

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

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

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

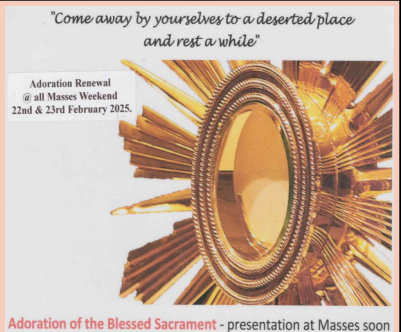
Tuesday 4th March 2025: Shrove Tuesday.

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.

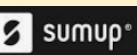
Friday 7th March 2025: Stations of the Cross @ 7.00pm.

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

Presentation on Eucharistic Adoration by Ferns Adoration Group during all Masses. In New Ross Parish Church on the weekend of the 22nd and the 23rd Feb, 2025. Spend one hour with Jesus. All are welcome.



Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 2nd February 2025 @ € 1921.42 (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 / Shop in Legion of Mary Pastoral Centre: All items for sale are Blessed on the First Friday of every month.

