

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

## 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..... Amen.

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

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, .....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

**Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18**

**A reading from the Book of Genesis.**

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord,' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps. 26:1.7-9.13-14**

**R. The Lord is my light and my help.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? [R]
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' [R]
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. [R]
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! [R]

**SECOND READING Philippians 3:20 - 4:1. (Shorter form only 3:17-4:1))**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**  
**From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'** Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36**

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken,

Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

**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

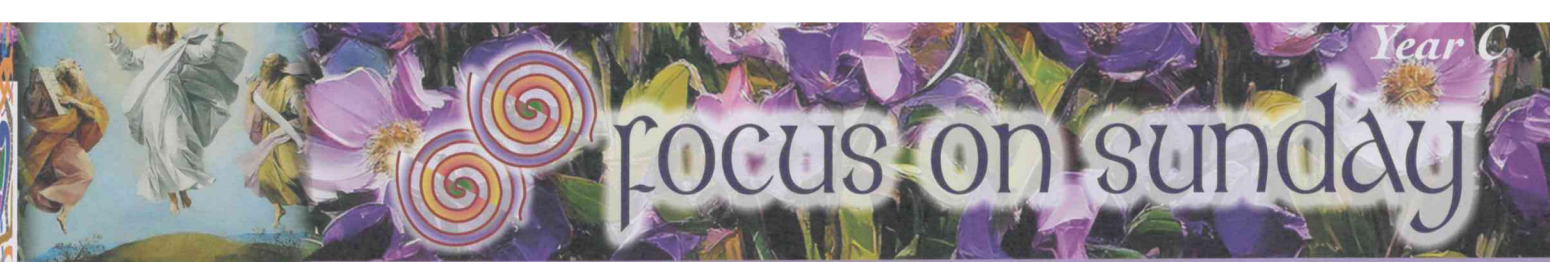
Pray brothers and sisters, .....  
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. 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.**



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 16th March 2025

The gift of God's love and the following of Jesus is offered to all of us by God. It is a gift we struggle with, as evil in the world tempts us to live in Selfishness. Lent, and today's gospel, reminds us of the glory of our calling to follow in Jesus' ways.



**Look  
for signs  
of God  
in our daily lives.**



One of the most beautiful views and places in the Holy Land is Mount Tabor. It can be seen from many miles around and is the traditional mountain of the Transfiguration, The place where Peter, James and John saw Jesus in the brightness of his glory.

They saw the divinity that was hidden often by the humanity.

This day was the dawn of the faith for the apostles in the reality of who Jesus was, and is – in his divine life and his human life. In his total identity he is the image of God. They recognized him because they knew him as a man. And then they heard the voice which said, This is my beloved son.

That had happened before, at the baptism of Jesus. But then no one else heard it. It was only heard by Jesus. Now Jesus is being revealed to his disciples as the Son of God. 'This is my beloved son'. All could hear the voice.

it's interesting what follows. God says 'listen to him'. Listening to the word of God is one of the most important graces of a Christian. In the Eucharist we bow to the place of the Word – it is Christ who is speaking in the reading of the Word. . And the lectern from where the scripture is read is also a place we bow to, as we bow to the bread and wine on the altar. In word and sacrament, Jesus is speaking and present in the Church.

Peter, James and John would remember this day forever. In fact, Peter wrote about it in his first letter years later. We can open ourselves to the grace of knowing the divinity and humanity of Christ. And of believing deep down in our hearts that one day we will be transfigured, and so that our mortal bodies will be like his.

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



## Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey

Jesus suddenly changes his face and clothes in today's story, to give a taste of Heaven. His friends were thrilled with joy and wanted to stay with Him forever. Heaven is like a Birthday Party that goes on forever.





# 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		
Saturday 15th March	5.00pm	Michal Piotrowski, McMurrough	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 16th March	8.00am	Peter, Marian & Breda Maher, Knockmullen	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Martin Wickham, Pondfields	4th Anniversary
	10.00am	Matthew Jefford, Town Wall	6th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Elizabeth (Betty) Brothers (nee O'Neill), Michael Street	Months Mind
Monday 17th March	8.00am	Jack & Fred Kennedy, Southknock	Anniversary
	9.00am	Kathleen Kehoe, Newbawn	Anniversary
	9.30am	CANCELLED FOR THIS DAY - 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	Marcella Meehan & her Dad, John Joe, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Kevin Cottrell, Neville Street	2nd Anniversary
Tuesday 18th March	8.00am	Michael Walsh, Campile	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	John & Shiela Moriarty, Mount Elliott	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 19th March	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Lily O'Donoghue, Waterford	Anniversary
Thursday 20th March	8.00am	Benny McCabe, Templenacroha, Clonroche	Birthday Remembrance
	10.00am	Tony & Claire O'Flynn, Hospital Road	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 21st March	10.00am	Michael & Mary Druhan, William Street	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 22nd March	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Johnny Mullett, Mount Carmel	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 23rd March	8.00am	Bea Walsh, Irishtown	Anniversary
	9.00am	Andy Foran, Pondfields	Anniversary
	10.00am	Tommy Jefford, Town Wall	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Edward (Eddie) Poyntz, Ard na Greine	Months Mind



**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:**  
Available @ €10.00 / week. Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.  
**Our Lady's (Left):**  
For all who died during Covid19 - Remembrance  
**Altar (Centre):**  
A Special Intention  
**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
A Special Intention  
**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**  
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**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:**  
We remember & pray for the souls of - Brini Dolan, Riverview, Ann Dolan, Dunlin, Matthew Jefford, Town Wall, Mollie Tomkins, The Maudlins, Pat & Cathy Dillon, Barretts Park & John Byrne (21st Anniversary), London, UK, whose anniversaries occurs around this time.  
**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
We remember & pray for the soul of - Billy Howlett, Palace East & Bridget Howlett, Raheen whose birthday 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.




**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.  
**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.



**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, this weekend March 15th and 16th! Envelopes will be available throughout the Church, 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!





**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.

**Sunday 30th March 2025:** Mothers Day. Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Social Justice. First Communion "Reconciliation" Mass @ 12.00 Noon.

**Friday 4th April 2025:** Stations of the Cross @ 7.00pm.

**Wednesday 9th April 2025:** Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Sick, people with disabilities, carers & healthcare workers.

**Friday 11th April 2025:** Stations of the Cross @ 7.00pm.

**Sunday 13th April 2025:** 10.00am Mass Live on Southeast Radio. Palm Sunday, Masses as usual.

**Monday 14th April 2025:** Penitential Service @ 7.00pm in Parish Church.

**Tuesday 15th April 2025:** Annual Diocesan Chrism Mass in St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy @ 7.00pm.

**Thursday 17th April 2025:** Holy Thursday. Masses @ 5.00pm in Parish Church & @ 7.00pm in Mount Carmel.

**Friday 18th April 2025:** Good Friday Ceremonies @ 3.00pm in Mount Carmel & Parish Church. Parish Office Closed. Final evening for Stations of the Cross @ 7.00pm

**Saturday 19th 2025:** Confessions @ 2.00 - 4.00pm in Parish Church. Easter Saturday Masses in Parish Church @ 7.00pm & Mount Carmel @ 8.00pm.

**Sunday 20th April 2025:** Easter Sunday. Masses as usual.

**Monday 21st April 2025:** Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed.


**Sunday 27th April 2025:** Divine Mercy Sunday. Devotions @ 3.00pm.

**Wednesday 30th April 2025:** Monthly Parish Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome.


**Sunday 4th May 2025:** First Communion Participants Picture Sunday Mass @ 12.00 Noon.


**Monday 5th May 2025:** Bank Holiday. Parish Office closed.

**History Notes - Part 63**  
**William Gaffney, Glenmore**  
The captain of the United Irishmen in 1798 on the Kilkenny side of the Barrow near New Ross was William Gaffney. He was a miller where his family had a corn milling establishment in Glenmore. The Glenmore pikemen, headed by Gaffney were organised and awaiting the arrival of the large Wexford United army to advance over the New Ross bridge, to join them in rebellion. However, General Johnson with his loyalist defenders succeeded after a long struggle in holding the bridge of Ross on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1798, and the Wexford army retreated and never returned. Immediately after the battle, Gaffney was arrested and hanged on the town's bridge. He is buried in Killivory graveyard on the old Waterford/New Ross Road. It is said that New Ross workers returning from Waterford at evening-time sometimes stood on the ditch bounding the graveyard and hurled abuse towards Gaffney for failing to cross the bridge and join the Wexford men in their struggle. Poor Gaffney's tombstone lay broken in halves for many years but more enlighten times have seen it repaired and it now stands proudly over the hero's last resting place.  
**Courtesy of Jim Sutton**




**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. Amen". To find out more about a vocation to the priesthood in the diocese of Ferns, contact Fr Billy Swan at [billyswan68@hotmail.com](mailto:billyswan68@hotmail.com)






**SYNOD UPDATE**  
As a Diocese, we have been engaged in a worldwide synod on synodality. The final report from Rome is available on our Diocesan web site under the heading Diocese News. This March, the Diocese is now hosting several consultations on the themes and priorities in preparation for a National Synod in 2026. These themes have emerged from our participation to date. We will explore the themes through the lens of hope to see how they might shape our future direction. If you would like to know more about our synodal journey, see [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie) and if you wish to participate in a conversation about the priorities for our future, please e-mail [synod@ferns.ie](mailto:synod@ferns.ie) As Church, we are 'a people advancing on its pilgrim way towards God' (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 111).


**NEW ROSS DRAMA FESTIVAL:**  
This years festival kicks off this Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March with eight nights of live drama in St. Michael's Theatre with groups from Cork, Tipperary and Wexford performing on stage. A varied selection this year including "Juno and the Paycock", "The Seafarer", "Rathmines Road" & "Lend Me A Tenor" being some of the plays on offer. Box office is now open in St Michael's with Patrons tickets costing €60 (Students half price). Nightly admissions @ €13 (Students €5). St Michael's Theatre (051) 421255.




**New Ross St. Patricks Day Parade** will be leaving the Irishtown at 2pm sharp on Monday 17th March following the usual route to the stage area on the Quay... looking forward to seeing everyone out to celebrate all our heroes!




**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.




**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:** **We are currently taking mass bookings up to & including August 2025.**  
**Next Weeks Readings:** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15. Ps 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11, R/ v 8. 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12. Lk 13: 1-9.  
**Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish:** Collections 9th March 2025 @ € 1,790.39 (178 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.**  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - NEW ROSS:** 085 8313073



**Confessions:** Saturdays after 10.00am Mass & before Vigil Mass. Mon - Fri on request after 10.00am Mass. Please notify the priest before Mass in the Sacristy.  
**Meals on Wheels:** Avail of our high quality meals available five days a week. To order just call 051-445711, St. Aidan Centre, Cross St. To maintain this valuable service, funding is greatly appreciated at any time. To donate €10.00 on a monthly basis or on a once off payment / donation, please contact the Manager on 051-445711.



*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.*

