

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

GREETING

In the name of the Father **Amen.**
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 raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us.....
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.
Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:
"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and out-stretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 90:1-2.10-15

R. Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **[R]**

2. Upon you no evil shall fall no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **[R]**
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **[R]**
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 10: 8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.'
Then he led him to Jerusalem and made

him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. 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. 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 again.

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

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray, come down upon your people, that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured. 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.**

focus on sunday

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9th March 2025

Although we are strongly drawn to follow Jesus, we will experience strong conflicts and temptations to follow "other gospels". If we stay with Jesus in prayer and friendship we can overcome such conflicts.



As Christians, we are called to conform our will to God's will. But this is extraordinarily difficult. Sometimes – perhaps frequently! – we delude ourselves and instead conform God's will to our will. The temptations of Jesus point us to three of

the most common ways of doing so. In the first temptation, Jesus is asked to allow his desire for material things (bread) to divert him from doing God's will. We live in a consumer culture and an unacknowledged addiction to consumer goods can often interfere with following the path of Jesus, who may ask us to let go of what we possess, in a life of loving and caring for others, especially the poor and excluded. In the second temptation, Jesus could become someone very important and this surely would help him in spreading God's message. We too can often want to be seen as someone more important than others, but Jesus, who came "not to be served, but to serve," calls us to wash the feet of others, in a humble spirit of service. In the third temptation, Jesus could perform an extraordinary feat of throwing himself off the Temple and not be harmed. This would win him the adulation of the crowds and so provide him with a large, receptive audience for his message. But Jesus knew that his message would be unpopular and lead to him being rejected, but this did not deter him from doing God's will. Our desire to be popular, to have status, to win the admiration of others, may sometimes deflect us from doing the will of God.

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



In Lent, Jesus wants to bring us joy and happiness. God made us because God loved us, and God is with us to help and care. Sometimes we want more things, that make us selfish and greedy. Sometimes we want others to do things our way, that makes us unhappy, and sometimes we show off, forgetting that all our gifts are from God. In Lent God helps us to care for others, to help and say Thanks.

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

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10.30am to 2.00pm. Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays. Wide range in stock of Mass Cards, General Cards & Gift Ideas for all occasions. Mass Cards are also available in Nugent's Newsagents, Cooney's & Ryan's Homes.

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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 8th March	5.00pm	Catherine (Kathleen) Furness (nee Whelan), Charleton Hill	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 9th March - First Sunday of Lent	8.00am	John Ronan & deceased family members, Irishtown	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Josephine Moore, Henry Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Joan Cashin, William Street	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Sgt. Michael Callaghan, Royal Airforce, Mountgarrett Lane	Anniversary
Monday 10th March	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	Stephen Mullet, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
Tuesday 11th March	8.00am	Fr. John Hughes, Carmelites, Oxford, UK	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Marien Kielthy, Mary Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 12th March	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Peg & Paddy Cleary, Priory Street	Anniversaries
Thursday 13th March	8.00am	Eddie Cleere, Irishtown	Anniversary
	10.00am	Michael Browne, Chapel Lane, Tom & Catherine McGee, Carrigbyrne	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 14th March	10.00am	Clodagh Kehoe (nee Cleere), Brooklawn	3rd Anniversary
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 15th March	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Michal Piotrowski, McMurrough	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 16th March - Second Sunday of Lent	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



Collection taking place on 15th/16th March 2025

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions: Available @ €10.00 / week. Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.

Our Lady's (Left): A Special Intention
Altar (Centre): Clodagh Kehoe (nee Cleere), Brooklawn - Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right): Joan Cashin, William Street - Remembrance
Blessed Sacrament Chapel:



RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of - Pat Citron (nee Kiely), Firhouse, Dublin & New Ross & Garry O'Farrell, Cluain Fada, who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of - Patrick Hamilton, Cross Lane & Stephen Tubritt, Gurteens, Saltmills, 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.



BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian Community: Bobby Murphy, Nunnery Lane & Michelle Fake, Charleton Hill, who were 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.

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.

CONFIRMATIONS: This weekend Most Rev. Ger Nash, Bishop of Ferns celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with many participants, their families & friends, which was a joyous occasion. Thank you to all the people who helped out in any way including the teachers, choir & staff of BunScoil Ris.



You are invited to attend the **St Patrick's College Maynooth ANNUAL TROCAIRE LECTURE**

A Politics of Hope and Catholic Social Teaching as a Guiding Light

"Injustice is not invincible."
Laudato Si', 74

Our keynote speaker is **Dr Anna Rowlands**, Professor of Catholic Social Thought at Durham University.

The event will take place in person in Renehan Hall, St Patrick's College, followed by refreshments, and will also be live-streamed.

Tuesday, 11 March 2025 at 7 p.m. GMT
Registration for this event is required.

For information please email: Frances.Harnan@trocaire.org

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 62
Rev. Edward Kavanagh and Napoleon: Fr. Kavanagh, generally known as "Fr. Ned", was appointed parish priest of Ferns in 1786. He studied in France, where Napoleon Bonapart - "the little Corsican", was a fellow student. While there, he saved Napoleon from drowning, and in doing so was probably responsible for changing the subsequent history of Europe. The story goes that while studying in Bas Poicton, Napoleon's hobby was making machinery models and trying them out on a local watercourse. While a member of a shooting party one day with Kavanagh, Napoleon fell into a deep pool and was drowning. Kavanagh, quickly discharged his fowling piece and presented the barrel to the drowning man and pulled him to safety. Napoleon afterwards went on to rule half the world. An account of the incident was published in the "Dublin Penny Journal" in 1832. Fr. Kavanagh ministered in the Ferns area in the aftermath of the rebellion of 1798, where the animosity of the authorities towards the local Catholic community continued for several months. His thatched chapel at Newtown, near Efferogue, with other chapels in north Wexford were burned by Yeomen in the winter of that year, long after hostilities had ended. Fr. Ned died in 1819 and is buried in Ferns. **Courtesy of Jim**

ANAM CARA, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Support Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 11th March at 7.30pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

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.fernslie.com. 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!"

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

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.
Sunday 30th March 2025: Mothers Day. Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Social Justice. First Communion "Reconciliation" Mass @ 12.00 Noon.
Week Monday 31st March - Friday 4th April 2025: First Confessions, details to be confirmed.
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 @ 7.00pm in Mount Carmel & Parish Church.
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 April 2025: Confessions @ 2.00 - 4.00pm in Parish Church.

NEW ROSS DRAMA FESTIVAL: This years festival kicks off this Tuesday 11th 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.

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: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT GEN 15: 5-12, 17-18. Ps 26: 1, 7-9, 13-14, R/ v. 1. PHIL 3: 17-4: 1. Lk 9: 28-36.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 2nd March 2025 @ € 1970.57 (211 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.