ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.

You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
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, 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

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps.117:1-2.16-17.22-23

- R. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
 Let the sons of Israel say:

 'His love has no end.'
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
 I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4 A reading from the letter of St. Paul's to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended; combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20: 1-9
A reading from the holy Gospel

according to John.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said, 'and

we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life.

And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

P. Do you renounce Satan? C. I do. P. And all his works? C. I do. P. And all his empty show? C. I do. P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? C. I do. P. Do you 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? C. I do.

P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

Amen.

The priest may sprinkle the people with

the blessed water, while all sing:
Antiphon

I saw water flowing from the Temple, from its right-hand side, alleluia; and all to whom this water came were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.





focus on sunday

EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION 20th April 2025

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

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. 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

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith.
Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. 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.

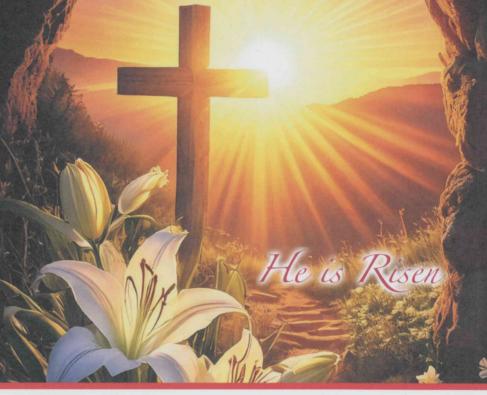
Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

A day of hope: of flowers and candles, new colour and new light.

A day of smiles and of friendship, new joy and new companionship in Christ. A day of hope for those who suffer and who are sad.

A day which promises the victory of God's love over sin and death.





When they saw Jesus' clothes in the tomb they knew something had happened. Then they remembered he had spoken of rising from the dead. John realised that this is what he meant..they would no longer find him among the dead but among the living.

From now on he would appear to them, then be taken to heaven and live with them in a new life. The cloths were left behind because he would not need them any longer.

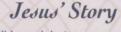
He would live among them and within their community.

They would find him when the looked for him, when they walked and discussed about him, and in a simple meal of grilled fish.

The same for us. When we meet in prayer together, in forgiveness and reconciliation, and in our works for peace and justice and in the Eucharist, he is with us, the One risen from the dead.

Lord, by your crossand resurrection, you have set us free. You are the saviour of the world.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger



Liam Hickey

Jesus always did good, but some people did not like Him, and had Him killed. The Father raised Him from death, and now Jesus' Risen Spirit is in every human heart. Mary Magdalene loved Jesus, and she was the first to meet His Risen Spirit on Easter Morning. We light candles of joy and thanks for His loving Presence with us, as we celebrate Easter.



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

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	All 8.00am Masse	STREAM ON PARISH & CHURCH CAM LIVE WEB	LIVE
Plea	ase call into the Sacristy	BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Int	tention.
Date	Time		
Saturday 19th April 2025 -	7.00pm Parish Church	Parish Mass Association	
Easter	7.00pm	NO Polish Community Mass	
Saturday HOLY SATURDAY	8.00pm Mount Carmel	Sr. Ann O'Donoghue, Carmelite, New Ross & Firhouse, Dublin	Months Mind
Sunday 20th April - Easter	8.00am	Michael & Johanna Cullen, Wexford & their son Michael	Anniversaries
Sunday Easter Sunday	9.00am	Helen & Philip O'Kennedy, Marymount	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Patricia Rowsome, Mountross *Blessing of Salt	7th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Deceased Members of the Defence Forces	Remembrance
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Monday 21st April - Bank Holiday - Parish Office Closed	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	Mary Walsh, Mary Street	Anniversary
	6.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Tuesday 22nd April	8.00am	John Kehoe, Fr. Cullen Terrace	Anniversary
	10.00am	John Moran, South Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 23rd April	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Ellen & William Costelloe, Wallslough, Kilkenny	Anniversaries
Thursday 24th April	8.00am	William Walsh, An Caislean Maol	11th Anniversary
	10.00am	Margaret St Ledger Dolgaya, Waterford	11th Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 25th April	10.00am	Annaleen & Peter Connolly, Castleblaney, Monaghan	Anniversaries
Saturday 26th April	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Jim Dalton, Chapel Lane, Bridget, Michael & his brothers; Michael & John	1st Anniversary & Remembrance
Sunday 27th April - Divine Mercy Sunday	8.00am	Mary & Michael Meaney, Nunnery Lane	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Kathleen Delaney, Bawnmore	Anniversary
	10.00am	John Gannon, Nunnery Lane	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Mary Power (nee Caulfield) , Harvey Place & Waterford City	Months Mind
	2.00		•

Divine Mercy Devotions

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

Saturday. Our Lady's (Left):

Brigid Roche -Birthday Remembrance Altar (Centre): Margaret Gordan -Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right): Pat Traynor, Mountross -

Remembrance **Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**

Josie & Tommy Leacy -Birthday Remembrance

In Remembrance

CENTLY DECEASED:

e remember & pray for the souls of nk Harding, William Street & Slieverue,

niela Lukaszwicz, Rosbercon, endan McPhillips, MacMurroughs Island ry Berry, Mountgarrett & John Henneberry O.S.A., Tramore, aterford, Principal of Good Counsel llege & Augustinian Provincial y they rest in peace.

INIVERSARY PRAYERS:

remember & pray for the souls of -Hearne (3rd Anniversary), The Maudlins, ricia Rowsome, Mountross, k Grace, Irishtown nn Connors, Bunclody, evor Byrne, William Street, an Hennessy, Ballymacar, trick Doyle, Lower Mount Carmel & therine Carroll, New Ross & rris-in-Ossory, Laois ose anniversaries occurs around this

nould you wish to have a loved one included in section, please contact the Parish Office with details by the previous Wednesday before

iaximum of eight entries per week

otisms take place on the First Saturday @ 00 Noon & Third Sunday @ 1.00pm each nth. A Minimum two weeks notice is required maximum of two candidates per booking. To ok your child's baptism, please contact the ish office. Bookings are secured on receipt of otismal booking forms with a copy of the didates Birth Certificate & Photographic ID the Guardian. If you are not residing in New s Parish, a letter from the Parish you do ide in, is required stating they have no ection to your child being baptised in our

Book your Wedding please contact the Parish ice. A minimum of six months notice is uired for Wedding bookings. Bookings are ecured on receipt of Marriage application forms, photographic ID & Church booking fee.

FATHER JOHN HENNEBRY O.S.A—AN APPRECIATION

Some years ago in the Diocese a Parish Priest passed away in the small hours of a Sunday morning. The priest in the neighbouring parish was called to attend. On his return to his own parish for Mass, he informed a lady of the sad news. 'Oh my God' she replied 'I wonder who they will get in his place!'

A common tendency is to value or define priests and religious in terms of WHAT THEY DO rather than in terms of WHO OR WHAT THEY ARE.

WHAT THEY DO is of course very important for many reasons but it is also the means by which they communicate WHO AND WHAT THEY ARE

Fr. John DID many things in many areas of ministry. All associated with Good Counsel College and the surrounding area were the beneficiaries of his many talents as a teacher, Principal and guide. How wrong William Shakespeare was when he wrote that 'the good men do is often buried with their bones'. We would rather side with St. Paul who held 'that the life and death of each of us has its influence on other'. John's influence was great and will live long in the lives of those who came under his care. The long lists of condolence messages are testimony to that. Scripture says 'Those who instruct others unto justice will shine like stars for all eternity'. A new star has been born in the heavens since John's arrival!

But ALL HE DID has its roots in and emanated from WHAT HE WAS - a man of a strong, living and lived Christian faith. It was the anchor of his life's

Faith in his calling as a Christian / Faith in his vocation as a religious and priest / Faith in his ministry as a teacher and leader / Faith in his devotion of the Augustinian way of life and Charism. St. Augustine wrote that 'Faith is to believe what you cannot see and the reward of faith is to see what you believed'. John now sees what he strongly believed - for him faith with hope have now dissolved into eternal love. St. Augustine again tells us that ' those who die need not be careful to enquire what death they are to die but into what place death will usher them'.

We pray that John has been ushered into that place, for which our hearts were made, where they will only truly be at rest when they rest in God. The parish offers sympathy to all who mourn John's passing—his sister and brothers, his extended family, his Augustinian colleagues and his many friends. May your memories ease your pain since 'memory is the only friend that grief can call its own. Ar deis Láimh Dé go raibh a Anam Dílis.



Eucharistic Adoration Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday 5th June 2025 @ 7.30pm in New Ross Parish Church. Celebrated with Monsignor Joseph McGrath. All Welcome

ACCORD

Accord now seeking marriage preparation facilitators. Might this be you ...?

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you: are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and,

have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage ... then Accord wishes to hear from you! An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling leadership role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training and be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to

marriagepreparation@accord.ie and for further information see www.accord.ie

The Black & Tans withdrew from New Ross in February

<u>History Notes - Part 69</u> THE ORIGINAL TRICOLOUR

the old solders could still march.

1922 and Capt. Carr on behalf of the Provisional Government handed over the keys of the barracks in Priory Street to Pat Cleary of Ballyanne, as Commandant of 1st Battalion, South Wexford Brigade IRA. The ceremony included a parade of local IRA through the town and the raising for the first time, of an official tricolour outside the old Court House at Trinity Place. This original flag has been in the possession of the Old IRA down the years. It was carried, accompanied by an armed guard, up the Irishtown each Easter Sunday to the memorial service in St. Stephens Cemetery while

It was for years in the care of Jack Ryan of Mary Street and in 2023 it was presented to the Local Council. Mounted and framed, it now hangs in an honoured place in the Council Chamber at the Tholsel. It is believed to be unique as the only original official tricolour raised and flown in an Irish town. **Courtesy of Jim Sutton**



May you have

The gladness of Caster, which is Hope The promise of Caster, which is Peace The spirit of Caster,

Presented to the Parish by Mrs. Joanna Doyle 1884 - We remember her

in prayer.



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

which is Love

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.

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.