

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God are my strength.

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

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.* Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.* Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.* May almighty God have mercy on us.... Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 43:16-21*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 125*

R. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. [R]
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them! What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. [R]
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. [R]
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. [R]

SECOND READING *Philippians 3:8-14*

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

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead.

Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL *John 8: 1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her

stand there; in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?'. They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said 'Woman where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir', she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

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

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift. 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.*



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 6th April 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.



Religions, like all organisations, have laws and rules that they expect their members to obey. When I was growing up, the Catholic Church had a multiplicity of laws and rules and our relationship with God was defined in terms of obedience to those laws and rules. The God whom I came to believe in was a God whose passion was the observance of laws. This was also the God that the Jewish religious leaders preached at the time of Jesus. They (all male) believed that the law of God required them to stone to death this woman who had committed adultery. No such law applied to the men! We have a great capacity for fooling ourselves and can end up identifying what God wants with what we want, blinded by our own prejudices and self-interests. Believing in a God whose passion is the observance of laws can make us very judgemental. We already live in a culture which is very judgemental and religion can make us even more judgemental. Because we try to observe the laws that we believe God requires us to obey, we can come to believe that we are better than others, like the story of the Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18 v 9-14) and look down on those who do not observe those laws. But the God that Jesus revealed is a God whose passion is compassion. At the beginning of Mass, we ask forgiveness for "what we have done and what we have failed to do." That opens a whole can of worms for most of us!

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story *Liam Hickey*

Jesus meets a lonely woman, who is blamed for not keeping rules. All the people want Jesus to "give out" to her. But Jesus sees inside her heart of love. Jesus wants to teach all the people that God Our Father is a God of Love, and the only sin is when we don't love. He said to her "My daughter go home."

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 5th April	5.00pm	Margaret & William Rochford, Old Charlton Hill	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 6th April	8.00am	Kathleen T Kennedy (nee Cullen), "Lisheen", Southknock	20th Anniversary
	9.00am	Jimmy Martin, Ard na Greine	10th Anniversary
	10.00am	Joseph Caulfield, Southknock & Pat Dunne Junior, Terrerath	7th & 19th Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Garry O'Farrell, Cluain Fada *Communion Preparation Programme Mass "Reconciliation"	Months Mind
Monday 7th April	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	Frances (nee Brophy) Kennedy, Pondfields	7th Anniversary
Tuesday 8th April	8.00am	Alfred Place & deceased members of the Place & Roche families	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Niall Russell, Southknock	Anniversary
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 9th April	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Tommy & Peg O'Brien, Ard Mhicil	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee - A Liturgy for the Jubilee of the Sick, people with disabilities, carers and healthcare workers will take place at Clonard Church. The liturgy will include the Sacrament of Anointing. All are welcome to attend.	
Thursday 10th April	8.00am	Nickey Murphy, Millbanks, Rosbercon	6th Anniversary
	10.00am	Mary & William Connolly, Mary Street	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 11th April	7.00pm	Blessed Carlo Acutis 'Our Call to be Saints' Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition in Bunclody Parish Pastoral Centre with V Rev. Billy Swan	
	10.00am	Patsy & Delia Purcell, Ard na Greine	Anniversaries
Saturday 12th April	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Brigid Roche, The Bosheen	16th Anniversary
Sunday 13th April	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
	8.00am	Anthony Rochford, Dungarvan	50th Birthday Remembrance
	9.00am	Ger O'Connor, Barrett's Park	7th Anniversary
	10.00am	Seamus Ryan, The Maudlins *Live on South East Radio	Anniversary
Sunday 13th April	12.00 Noon	Daisy (Margaret) Doyle (nee Dignan), Knockmullen & M&J Restaurant, South Street	Months Mind

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

Our Lady's (Left):
Bernard & Lena Furlong, Mountgarrett - Birthday Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
Nickey Murphy (6th Anniversary) - Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
Ned & Mona Walsh, William St - Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Special Intention

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the soul of - Ann Berly Barrett (nee Noel), Riverview May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Anastasia (Lally) Murphy, Bridge Street, Larry Murphy, Waterford, Nickey Murphy (6th Anniversary), Millbanks, Rosbercon, Christina Boland, Grange Road, Helen O'Reilly (nee Murphy), Windsor, UK & Ballyanne, Mark Grace (21st Anniversary), Windmill Lane & Alice Caulfield (8th Anniversary), Pondfields 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.
* Maximum of eight entries per week.

Congratulations

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Pastoral Area

Adamstown, Cushinstown / Rathgarogue / Terrerath, Newbawn / Raheen, New Ross / Mt. Carmel

Holy Week / Easter

Penitential Service:
New Ross, Monday 14th of April at 7pm


Confessions:
New Ross, Holy Saturday 2-3pm

Easter Tridium:
Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper
New Ross 5pm
Raheen 6pm
Mt. Carmel 7pm
Rathgarogue 7pm
Adamstown 7.30pm
Good Friday - Celebration of the Lords Passion
New Ross 3pm
Mt. Carmel 3pm
Newbawn 3pm
Cushinstown 3pm
Adamstown 3pm
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross
New Ross 7pm
Holy Saturday - The Resurrection of the Lord - The Easter Vigil
Raheen 6pm
New Ross 7pm
Terrerath 7pm
Adamstown 7.30pm
Mt. Carmel 8pm
Easter Sunday- Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection
Mt. Carmel 8am
New Ross 9am
New Ross 10am
Rathgarogue 10am
Cushinstown 11am
Adamstown 11am
Newbawn 12pm
New Ross 12pm
Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday
Regular Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses in all Churches
Divine Mercy Devotions 3-4pm New Ross


Blessed Carlo Acutis

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

BUNCLODY PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE
Tuesday 8th - Sunday 13th April
*Designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis 1991-2006
Soon-to-be canonised*



"The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven"



TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 10am - 4pm
WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL: 7.30pm Official Opening
Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Dominic Feehan
Servant Priest of the Home of the Mother, Waterford.
Blessing with the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis
THURSDAY 10th APRIL: 7pm 'Our Call to be Saints' with V. Rev. Billy Swan, Wexford.
Adoration, Prayer, Praise & Refreshments
For Details: 087 2981506

Retreat and Ministry of Healing St. Mary's Church Irishtown, Clonmel, Co Tipperary Eircode E91FD28 Saturday 12th April and Sunday 13th April.
Led by International Priest Fr. Rozo Palić. Bring the sick, family, friends.
Info: Patricia 089 9466193 or Imelda 089 9558283.

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.



Mass of Chrism

on Tuesday 15th April 2025
at 7.30 p.m.

at St Aidan's Cathedral,
Enniscorthy

You are asked to be seated by 7.00 p.m.
Seating will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

All Welcome!

History Notes - Part 66
EASTER CEREMONIES IN LATIN
I have clear memories to hurrying down Robert Street at ten to seven on a cold Holy Week morning long ago to be part of the ceremonies which started at seven o'clock. The Mass goes had not yet arrived when the small procession gathered at the back of the main aisle, consisting of the parish priest and his three curates accompanied by the servers. All ceremonies were then conducted in Latin, and the procession moved a short distance up the aisle and halted. The parish priest, who held a tall rod with three candles on top, sang "LUMEN CHRISTI" and the curates responded "DEO GRATIAS" as the first candle was lit. The procession moved forward to a midpoint in the aisle and the procedure was repeated for the lighting of the second candle, and again at the top near the isle for the third lighting. We servers never knew what it was about but took it as an important part of a very solemn ceremony. In the afternoon of Good Friday the Church was jam packed with parishioners for the long reading of the Gospel and the kissing of the cross and the receiving of the blessed ashes. Then on Easter Sunday all was happiness and light again as the purple covers were removed from the statues, the candles were ablaze and the church bells and organ boomed out the Good News.
Courtesy of Jim Sutton

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 September 2025.

Next Weeks Readings: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION Lk 19: 28-40. Is 50: 4-7. Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24, R/ v 2. PHIL 2: 6-11. Lk 22:1423:56.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 30th March 2025 @ € 1,432.58 (157 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.

