

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God have mercy on us.....

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

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 13:14 . 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly.'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans.

For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 99:1-3.5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. or Alleluia!

- 1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. [R]
- 2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. [R]
- 3. Indeed, how good is the Lord eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. [R]

SECOND READING Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 10: 27 - 30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.

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:

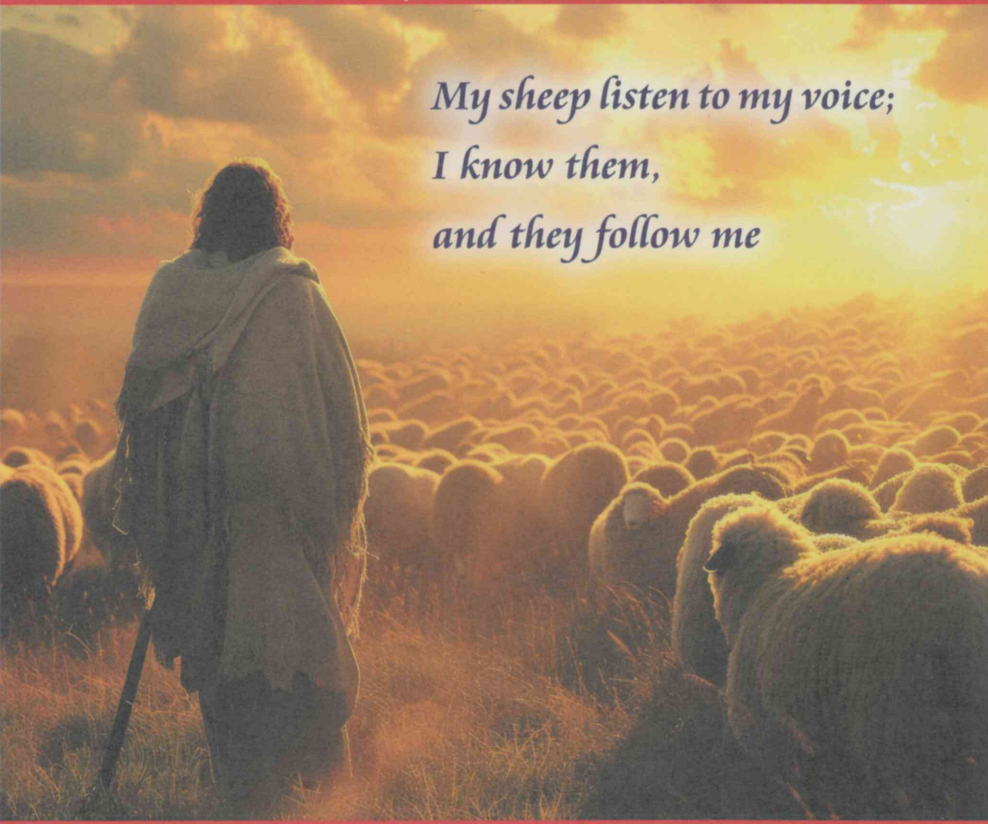
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will 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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Day of Prayer for Vocations) 11th May 2025

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church. Jesus died and rose for people of every race and nation. His command to his Church was to go out and preach to all people, we pray for people of faith to respond to that command.

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me



Vocation Sunday is a double celebration and prayer. In thanks for our vocation at Baptism and in prayer for vocations to priesthood and religious life.

The baptism call is from without. Our family and the community of the Church address us with our name, sign us with the sign of the cross and we are united with Christ for life. We find out in our lives how to follow out this vocation to be a disciple of Jesus.

The primary vocation is the call to love: in the words of Jesus....Love one another as I have loved you.

This is lived out in the ordinary loves, works and friendships of our lives, especially our commitments.

Our following of our vocation brings joy in life.

If our way of following the lord does not bring happiness, we might look elsewhere. We live out our vocation in our prayers, our way of community with others, our work for the Lord, always in the community of the followers of Jesus.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey



Jesus calls Himself The Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd always watches with care, keeps a special eye on the weak lamb. The Good Shepherd does not drive sheep, he goes in front, and leads them. He coaxes, and has a name for every sheep. God coaxes us. Help us to coax each other.

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

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. 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.....

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

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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.

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 10th May	5.00pm	Willie Reeves, Mount Carmel	5th Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 11th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Larry Kehoe, Ryleen	Anniversary
	9.00am	Patrick & Ultan Warren, Michael Street & Nunnery Lane	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Aisling Dolan & Nathan Mullett, Stephens Court	7th & 1st Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Martin O'Connor, Bewley Street	Months Mind
	3.00pm	Vocations Sunday Holy Hour of prayer in St Aidan's Cathedral Enniscorthy. All are welcome.	
Monday 12th May	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	Martin & Mary Guy, Ard Na Greine & Deceased family members	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Rosary @ the Grotto, Irishtown every evening Mon - Fri during the month of May	
Tuesday 13th May	8.00am	Special Intention	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Martin Maddock, Hewittsland	4th Anniversary
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 14th May	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Winifred & Tomas O'Brien, Charleton Hill, John Walsh, Bergerin, Bridget Kiely, UK, Biddy & Jimmy Walsh, The Bullawn	Anniversaries
Thursday 15th May	8.00am	Special Intention	Special Intention
	10.00am	Paddy & Biddy O'Brien, Newark, USA & New Ross	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 16th May	10.00am	Larry Lyons, Irishtown	Anniversary
Saturday 17th May	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Sheila & Nicholas Doyle, Chambersland	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 18th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Carmel & Micheal Hunt, Pondfields	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Liam & Philomena Bruen, Dundalk, Louth	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Derek Butler, Mount Carmel	2nd Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Brendan McPhillips, Mac Murrough's Island Jerry Berry, Mountgarrett	Months Mind Months Mind

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

Our Lady's (Left):
Special Intention

Altar (Centre):
Special Intention

St. Joseph's (Right):
The Fottrell & Cody Families - Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Betty & Donal Byrne, Dublin - Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Margaret (Peggy) O'Gorman (nee Joyce), Knockavilla & Jackie Stacey, Rosbercon, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - John & Bridget Williams, Ian Halley McKean, Derek Butler (2nd Anniversary), Mount Carmel, Imelda O'Rourke, Hewittsland, Jack & Mary Murray, Aclamon, Terrerath & Nancy Byrne, Cross Street, 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 for Anniversary Prayers.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday 5th June @ 7.30pm in New Ross Parish Church. Celebrant: Monsignor Joseph McGrath. All Welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Month of May: Rosary @ the Grotto, Irishtown every evening Mon - Fri during the month of May @ 7.00pm

Sunday 11th May 2025: To mark Vocations Sunday, there will be a Holy Hour of prayer in St Aidan's Cathedral Enniscorthy, this Sunday 11th May from 3 to 4pm. All are welcome.

Tuesday 20th May 2025: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Tuesday to Sunday the 25th of May.

Thursday 22nd May 2025: CBS Graduation Mass @ 5.00pm in the Parish Church followed with refreshments in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre afterwards.

Saturday 24th May 2025: Parish First Communion Celebration @ 11.00am.

Sunday 25th May 2025: 10.00am Mass live on Southeast Radio.

Wednesday 28th May 2025: Monthly Parish Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome.

Sunday 1st June 2025: The Ascension of the Lord.

Monday 2nd June 2025: Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed.

Pray for Life Novena

The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Friday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Saturday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [@PrayforLife](https://facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) on X and [@prayforlifenovena](https://instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

seniorline *SeniorLine, Ireland's national telephone service for older people will be open every day this summer from 10am-10pm., Freephone 1800 80 45 91.*

History Notes - Part 72
WILLIAM DOWSLEY – SNIPER

During the days immediately before the Battle of Ross on 5th June 1798, a group of Ross men sympathetic to the cause of defending the town against rebel attack, formed themselves into a body named The Unarmed Loyalists. The leader of this group was James Alexander. They busied themselves in helping the royalist troops to barricade the town and prepare it for the imminent onslaught. The Unarmed Loyalist wore a white paper emblem in the hats to distinguish them from other townspeople. They were quickly hurried off the streets by the military when the action commenced.

William Dowsley lived in a house on the left-hand side of Mary Street immediately below the gated convent steps leading up to the old Augustinian church. Across the road was Bakehouse Lane, in which rebels hid from the withering artillery fire from the defenders at the Tholsel. William Dowsley manned the upstairs window and with several muskets, loaded for him by two old soldiers, kept deadly fire on the rebels advancing from Bakehouse Lane. As the battle progressed and the rebels gained a foothold in the laneways off Mary Street, Dowsley's house was broken into and himself and his assistants were despatched. A family in south Wexford claim that an ancestor was involved in neutralising the Dowsley stronghold. Dowsley's Barn is named after the family. **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.

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 October 2025.**

Next Weeks Readings: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 14: 21-27. Ps 144: 8-13, R/ CF v 1. Apoc 21: 1-5. Jn 13: 31-35.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 4th May 2025 @ € 1,802.80 (172 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.

Living Well - Ageing Smart Expo

Over 30 information stands including HSE supports, Healthy Wexford, digital training, Patient Advocacy Services, Wexford PPN, Fraud Smart, Healthy Homes & much more

Astro Active, Bellefield, Enniscorthy, Co Wexford, Y21 W640

21st May 14.00 – 16.30

Energy Advice Clinic:
Energy Advisors will provide a one-to-one service on home energy upgrades
Find out about the SEAI Grants available

Information stands:
Digital Hub (bring your phones or tablets), Local Link, Healthy Wexford, Credit Union and much more

All are welcome to this free event
Refreshments served

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

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY -

To mark Vocations Sunday, there will be a Holy Hour of prayer in St Aidan's Cathedral Enniscorthy, this Sunday 11th May from 3.00 to 4.00pm. All are welcome.

On this Vocations Sunday, we celebrate and value every Christian vocation that includes the Lord's call and our response. We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and in response to Bishop Ger's appeal, to help create a culture of vocations in our families, schools and parishes. If you or anyone you know would like to know more about a vocation to priesthood, religious life, marriage, single life or need support in helping you discern God's plan for your life then don't wait in silence. Contact anyone of the Diocesan Vocations team: Frs. Roger O'Neill (rogerloneill@hotmail.com), James Cullen (jcullenesq@gmail.com), Billy Caulfield (frcaulfield2017@gmail.com) or Billy Swan (billyswan68@hotmail.com).