

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us..... 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

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day to the heavens, may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms.
Who lives and reigns

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 46:2-3.6-9

**R. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet
blast. or Alleluia!**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High,
we must fear, great king
over all the earth. [R]
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. [R]
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. [R]

SECOND READING Ephesians 1: 17- 23

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24: 46 - 53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

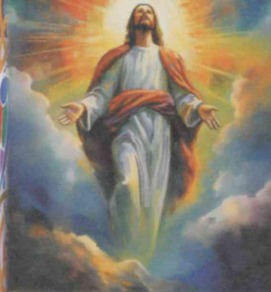
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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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 brothes 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

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. 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 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.

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

**Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who allow those on earth to celebrate divine
mysteries, grant, we pray,
that Christian hope may draw us onward
to where our nature is united with you.
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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (World Communications Day) 1st June 2025

The Lord is absent : that was the first experience of Jesus' followers after his death. But even though he has returned to his Father, he is with us. Today's feast is the celebration that he is present both in heaven and on earth.



I am with you always; yes, to the end of time



It took just this small group to begin something which would change the world forever. Jesus knew his mission to spread God's kingdom on earth was for everyone, everywhere and all times. The way he ensured this was to leave us for heaven and send out ordinary men and women, apostles and disciples to bring his word and work to all throughout the ages and to us today.

The feast today of the Ascension is what we might call, 'Upwards and Onwards'. The Lord has moved into a new way of life, being with us now from heaven. Our faith is that he is caring all the time for us and for his church. Pope St John 23rd used to pray at night: "Ah Lord, I'm tired and going to bed. it's your church, so look after it!". We try our best as his disciples to work with him and the community of the church in his service.

In times when the church is under a lot of pressure, both inside and outside, we need to work in prayer with the Lord and in listening to his word. Also, in working together, like the apostles, we are sent each day in his name. We do this in ordinary love in our relationships and in caring for those most in need as best we can. We show our living Christian faith in our acts of loving care – the care we show for the marginalized and the dispossessed in our own communities or those who have been driven to our shores by war or climate change.

His last words were to assure us of this presence which 'would clothe us from on high' and his last gesture was a blessing. As we bless ourselves today and during the week, we can recall that in this action, the Lord is blessing us.

In your name and power O Lord, I want to live my life in love. Amen.


Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey




Jesus tells his friends that He has to go home to Heaven. He asks them not to be sad, because He will send His Spirit to be with them always in their hearts. Then with His Hand He blessed them. God Our Father is like a very big Hand, giving blessings to us and all the world all the time. We can give joy to others with our hands, helping others, giving a hug, playing games, and working.




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 Funeral 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 31st May	5.00pm	J.J. Conway, Cluain Fada	4th Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 1st June - The Ascension of the Lord	8.00am	John & Josie Furlong, Wexford	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Cynthia Gannon, Nunnery Lane	Anniversary
	10.00am	Josephine Byrne, Brandon Park	4th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Ann Somers, The Bungalows, Irishtown	Months Mind
Monday 2nd June - 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	Myles Carroll, Pondfields	3rd Anniversary
Tuesday 3rd June	8.00am	Annie Mears, William Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Mary Ryan, Ard Na Greine	26th Anniversary
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm. Prayer for Students at Exams will take place from 11.00am to 8.00pm. Drop in, light a free candle & say a prayer for exam success.	
Wednesday 4th June	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Margaret Sinnott, Wexford Street	Anniversary
Thursday 5th June	8.00am	Ned & Mona Walsh, William Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Paddy Quinn, Arnestown	Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	7.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration Mass of Thanksgiving	
Friday 6th June	10.00am	Bridie & John Furlong, William Street	Anniversaries
Saturday 7th June	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Lil O'Brien, Mary Street	Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 8th June - Pentecost Sunday	8.00am	Joseph Kelly, Ballina, Mayo	15th Anniversary
	9.00am	Mary Butler, Mount Carmel	8th Anniversary
	10.00am	Margaret & Garry Maher, Southknock	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Kathleen Daly (nee Murphy), Ballyrue Upper	Months Mind




Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:
Available @ €10.00 / week. Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.
Our Lady's (Left):
Sheila Roche, Bewley Street - Remembrance
Altar (Centre):
Deceased members of the Ryan Family - Remembrance
St. Joseph's (Right): Exam Intentions
Blessed Sacrament Chapel: -




RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Kathleen Connors, UK & New Ross, Michael Gerard Casey, Sandycove, Dublin, Naas, Kildare & New Ross who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.
ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Sheila Roche, Bewley Street, Rose & Robert Bennett, Pondfields & Nellie & Jimmy Brazil, Barrack Lane 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.




FIRST COMMUNIONS:
Congratulations to all the children who received their Sacrament of First Holy Communion last weekend. Thank you to everyone who assisted with their preparations.
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.
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





JUNE 2025
MINISTERS OF THE WORD
5.00pm - Pat Wickham
9.00am - Anne Murphy
10.00am - Lizzie Connors
12.00 Noon - Geraldine Ryan
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
5.00pm - Eddie Rowe, Rita Sinnott & Anne Rochford
9.00am - Murray O'Brien & Sr. Eucharria
10.00am - Adrian & Mary Maher & Paul Harrington
12.00 Noon - Mairin Jackson & Pat Rossiter.
Please contact your co-ordinator should you not be able to attend.




Tuesday 3rd June 2025: Prayer for Students at Exams from 11.00am to 8.00pm. Drop in, light a free candle & say a prayer for exam success.
Thursday 5th June 2025: Eucharistic Adoration Mass of Thanksgiving @ 7.30pm. All Welcome.
Friday 13th June 2025: Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Families, grandparents & the elderly.
Sunday 15th June 2025: The Most Holy Trinity Sunday & Fathers Day.
Sunday 22nd June 2025: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ. Corpus Christi



183 Navan Road
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21 May 2025
Prot. n° 1973/25
Rt Rev. Mgr. Joseph McGrath, PP
Church of St Mary & St Michael
Parish of New Ross
Robert Street
New Ross
Co Wexford
Dear Mgr. McGrath,
I write to acknowledge receipt of your note, with which you enclosed a book of condolences, from the faithful of the Parish of New Ross, on the death of our beloved Shepherd and Father, Pope Francis.
Kindly convey to them my appreciation for their love and affection towards our late Holy Father, and for the assurance of their prayers for the repose of his soul.
With prayerful good wishes, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor
Apostolic Nuncio




Dr. Ronan Tynan & Ciaran Power In Concert also featuring New York pianist: Bill Lewis in Campile Hall on Saturday Night 27th September. For tickets phone 087 218 3300 and also available on Eventbrite. Tickets @ € 30.00 each.




History Notes - Part 75
O'SULLIVAN'S PARROT -
When I was a small boy, a regular weekend treat was a trip with my father via. the Irishtown to the Maudlins to visit my cousins in Shallows Park. We made stops along the way to say hello to old family friends, with sweets from Hannie's shop and cigarettes from the Misses Dunphy. One of the Dunphy sisters worked in Dublin for the Folklore Commission and her job was a source of curiosity in the street as at the time the Commission's work was not widely understood. Closeby lived a family of O'Sullivan, whose unique possession was a lovely pet parrot. Polly sat in her cage in the kitchen and passersby frequently called to see the beautifully coloured bird and they usually tried to coax a few words from her. However, when the priest called each month to minister to the old granny, Polly was hidden in the back room until he had left. The boys of the family had trained Polly to curse and the risk was high that she would scandalise the family by using bad words towards his Reverence. Polly lived to a good age and died after eating a rotten egg.
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: On Tuesday 3rd of June we will be taking Mass Bookings up to & including November 2025.
Next Weeks Readings: PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR C: ACTS 2: 1-11. PS 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34, R/ CF V 30. RM 8: 8-17. JN 14: 15-16, 23-26. OR ACTS 2: 1-11. PS 103: 1, 24 29-31, 34, R/ CF 30. 1 COR 12: 3-7, 12-13. JN 20: 19-23.
Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 25th May 2025 @ €1,854.16 (168 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.

PATRONS 2025



Friday 27th June 2025:
St. Marys Cemetery @ 7.00pm.
Sunday 29th June 2025:
Mount Carmel after 8.00am Mass
The Priests' Graveyard (Church Grounds) after 12.00 Noon Mass
St. Stephens Cemetery @ 3.00pm.
Please bring Holy Water for the Blessings.

Parish Annual Coach trip to Knock, Co. Mayo:
Sunday 27th July for 'Grandparents Day'.
Bus leaving at **7.00am** from Carpark, opposite Dunbrody Visitor Centre, The Quay, New Ross. **Cost @ € 30.00 per person.**
If you have booked a space please pay at the Parish Office prior to Friday 25th of July. Stopping in Moate, Co. Westmeath on the way for refreshments at your own expense.

