

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, 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, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt
devotion these days of joy, which we
keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that
what we relive in remembrance we may
always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Acts 15:1-2. 22-29*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have your-selves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 66:2-3.5-6.8*

**R. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
or Alleluia!**

1.O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **[R]**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **[R]**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him **[R]**

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!'

GOSPEL *John 14:23-29*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give,

this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
All bow for following two lines:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I 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. **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

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. 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

**If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord, and I will ask the Father
and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the
Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this
paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this
saving food.
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.



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Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.			
Date	Time		
Saturday 24th May	5.00pm	John & Mary Butler, Rathnure & deceased family members	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 25th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Julia, Michael, Jim & Pat Lee, Follyhouse Lane	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Tom & Margaret Howlett, Camblin	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Bob Quinn Senior, Priory Street *Live on Southeast Radio	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	John Aspell Fr. Cullen Terrace	Months Mind
Monday 26th 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	Pat Fortune, Shanbough	Anniversary
	7.00pm	Rosary @ the Grotto, Irishtown every evening Mon - Fri during the month of May	
Tuesday 27th May	8.00am	Fr. Nicholas Madden, Carmelite Friar, Clarendon Street, Dublin	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Eddie & Nellie Larkin, Mary Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 28th May	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Tony & Mary Murphy, Mountgarrett & their granddaughter; Aoife	Anniversaries
		Monthly Parish Coffee Morning after 10.00am Mass in the Sacristy. All Welcome.	
Thursday 29th May	8.00am	Hannah & Michael Duignan, Piltown, Kilkenny	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Lena & Jim Connolly, Church Lane	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 30th May	10.00am	Sadie & Matty Brazil, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Final Rosary @ the Grotto, Irishtown	
Saturday 31st May	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	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 Street	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




Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:
Available @ €10.00 / week. Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.
Our Lady's (Left):
James & Catherine Walsh, Bewley Street - Remembrance
Altar (Centre):
Nick Cooney, Charleton Hill - Birthday Remembrance
St. Joseph's (Right):
Special Intention
Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Exam Intentions



RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Larry Cash, Hewittsland & Mary Kirby (nee Bolger), Tallaght, Dublin & Church Lane & David Ryan, Ballycanew & New Ross who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.
ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Mick & Jane Carthy, Newfarm, The Rower, Pat Fortune, Shanbough, Margaret Connors, Carrickbyrne Stud, Beatrice Boland, Charleton Hill & her granddaughter; Haley Nolan, Woodbine Close, James Connolly, Church Lane, Kathleen Pyne, Parkfield & Hugh O'Connor, Mountgarrett, 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.




BAPTISMS:
We welcome into our Christian Community - Maisie & Sophie Canning, Ard An Bhile, 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.



MAY 2025
MINISTERS OF THE WORD
5.00pm - Margaret Rossiter
9.00am - Sr. Ella McGuinness
10.00am - Claire Nixon
12.00 Noon - Aileen Dunne
MINIISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
5.00pm - Marian Dalton,
Mary Rowe & Fiona Cullen
9.00am - Marie Merrigan
& Kitty Warren
10.00am - Maureen Clarkin,
Catherine O'Gara
& Margaret Campion
12.00 Noon - Roy Murphy
& Murray O'Brien
Please contact your co-ordinator should you not be able to attend.

OUR FUTURE CHURCH COLLECTION: € 1,186.00
TROCAIRE COLLECTION to date: € 1,570.05
Thank you for your generosity.

Monday 2nd June 2025: Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed.
Thursday 5th June 2025: Eucharistic Adoration Mass of Thanksgiving @ 7.30pm in Parish Church.
Sunday 8th June 2025: Pentecost Sunday.
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 Procession @ 3.00pm.
Wednesday 25th June 2025: Monthly Parish Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome.
Thursday 26th June 2025: Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Priests
Friday 27th June 2025: Patron in St. Marys Cemetery @ 7.00pm.



Dr. Ronan Tynan & Kieran Power in Concert, also featuring New York pianist: Bill Lewis in Campile Hall on Saturday Night September 27th. For tickets phone 087 2183300 & also available on Eventbrite. Tickets @ € 30.00 each.

St. Padre Pio HEALNG Mass - Celebrant Fr John Mockler (Limerick diocese) in St Abban's Church, Adamstown, Friday 30th May. Adoration 6.30pm, Mass 7.30pm. Blessing with a First Class Relic. All Welcome.

History Notes - Part 74 ON THE JOB
Andrew Cullen, builder of our parish church in the 1890s was a very thorough and conscientious supervisor of the day-to-day work. The building site was surrounded by a hoarding with a main gateway at Robert Street. The workmen were hired and paid on a quarter-day basis, rather than by the hour as nowadays. Workers were expected to be on the job and ready to start on the dot; the gateway was closed promptly at the start of the pay period, and latecomers were simply locked out, and lost a quarter-day's pay. The building of the church was an important source of employment for tradesmen and general workers alike and a job on the building was much sought after. The transport of the huge granite pillars attracted much attention; arriving at the quay to be hauled on site by Cullen's steam engine (threshing was part of the Cullen enterprises). Various snags were met and dealt with during the course of the work. The steeple was planned for the Robert Street side of the main doorway but had to be moved to the Cross Street side, because of difficulty with foundations. A long flight of steps was to run from the front yard down through Cross Street carpark to South Street, but this was not included, probably again for difficulties with the foundations. Some extra ground was required at the back and at the Cross Street boundary of the site – this was secured through the good offices of the very influential parish priest, Dean Kavanagh. The blessing of the cross on the church spire was also performed personally by the Dean, who climbed all the way to the top of the contractor's scaffolding to perform the act. The following exchange occurred between Andrew Cullen, on his morning rounds, and old Johnny Bailey, painting contractor, working high in the scaffolding:
Cullen: "Are you up, Johnny?"
Bailey: "I am"
Cullen: "I don't hear you working?"
Bailey: "I'm not putting it with a hammer!"
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: On Tuesday 3rd of June we will be taking mass bookings up to & including November 2025.

Next Weeks Readings: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C: ACTS 1:1-11. Ps 46:2-3, 6-9, R/ v6. EPH 1:17-23 OR HEB 9:24-28, 10:19-23. Lk 24:46-53.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 18th May 2025 @ € 1,624.43 (173 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.

Bethany Bereavement Support: If you need support please ring 087 3846577. Drop in Centre in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre on the first Thursday of every month @ 11.00am.

St. Michael's Pastoral Centre: Available for Parish based activities, please contact the Parish office.

Radio Maria Ireland: Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish run Catholic Talk Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, uplifting music, Talks, interviews & Testimonies - all Commercial free - Listen via Free App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via. PHONE - get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith Family!

Irish Catholic Newspaper: Available in the Parish Office @ € 3.00 each.

Church Carpark: **ALL DAY PARKING PROHIBITED.** Church grounds constitute a sacred space. Parking is reserved exclusively for Church users. In the interest of safety we request parking to take place in designated areas ONLY. One way system in operation.

Months Minds: Sunday 12.00 Noon Masses are reserved for Months Minds ONLY. We endeavour to take one booking per Mass, however on some occasions this does not always remain the case particularly when there have been other bereaved families. In this instance we may request that your booking be shared with another Months Mind.

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

Eucharistic Adoration Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday 5th June @ 7.30pm in New Ross Parish Church.

Our Lourdes Helpers
They come to Lourdes on pilgrimage, To help where ever they could, Beautiful folk with thankful hearts, Trying so hard to make life good. At each place they were warmly welcomed, And each task was offered to God up above, Their love accepted with smiles so wide, It seemed their hearts had God as their guide. I watched each scene unfold with pleasure, And wished I could package the pilgrimage treasure, To bring it home across the sea, So all would know God's love is free. Dearest Lord we thank you for our pilgrims, These folk who come but need no care, For all to love and honour heaven, We wish the chance to live up there.

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