

focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 4th May 2025

Jesus assures his disciples that he is risen from the dead and sends them to preach the gospel in his name. He assures us of this too, and we are sent to be his people in our family, among our friends, in all parts of the world.



Opposites and contrasts abound in today's readings. Can you remember ever wanting to shout some joyful good news from the rooftops, but having to do the opposite and bite your tongue?

In today's First Reading, the disciples were bursting to proclaim the good news, the gospel of the resurrection, but were ordered not to. This is in direct contrast to the Second Reading, where the entirety of creation sings the praises of the Lamb. And this brings us neatly to the Gospel, where the imagery of the Lamb is used to lead us to the ultimate paradox: the total giving of ourselves in order to take on Christ.

The disciples have feasted on fish and bread abundantly, and it is significant that the meal they share is breakfast: they have broken the fast, the years of waiting for the Messiah, by breaking bread together. Yet, when they are sated, Jesus speaks of hunger. His use of the phrase 'feed my lambs' points to the everlasting hunger for God's love, the perpetual need to be nourished by God's saving love, which he instructs his disciples to do for in his name, just as he has done for them. And, in taking on this work of Christ, we allow ourselves to be led where we would rather not go. This Gospel speaks powerfully of the difficult call to discipleship we all face in living out the counter-cultural message of Christianity in today's world. How far will we go in the name of Christ?

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Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey



A Stranger on the shore welcomes tired, hungry fishermen, shows them where to find fish, and prepares breakfast for them. Suddenly, they realised that the Stranger was Jesus, now present in a different way. When we trust God, make friends, feed the hungry, the Spirit of Jesus is alive.

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

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. 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

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible 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. **Thanks be to God.**



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them.

And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 29:2.4-6.11-13

R. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me. or Alleluia!

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **[R]**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **[R]**
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing. O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever **[R]**

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 5:11 - 14.

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation--everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has risen: he who created all things, and has granted his mercy to men. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 21:1-14 (Shorter form only)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

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.



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Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.

Date	Time		
Saturday 3rd May	5.00pm	John Dreelan, Mountross	Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 4th May - Third Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Kathleen & Maurice Doyle, Southknock	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Richard (Dixie) & Biddy Brazil, Abbey View	15th Anniversaries
	10.00am	Arron Phillpot, Cluain Fada	6th Anniversary
Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday	12.00 Noon	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	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	Seamus Burke, Chambersland	16th Anniversary
Tuesday 6th May	7.00pm	Rosary @ the Grotto, Irishtown every evening Mon - Fri during the month of May	
	8.00am	Special Intention	28th Wedding Anniversary
Wednesday 7th May	10.00am	Stephen O’Gorman, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Thursday 8th May	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	James & Elizabeth Fardy, Irishtown	Anniversaries
Friday 9th May	10.00am	The Moylan & Maloney deceased family members, St. Mullins	Remembrance
	10.00am	Ciss & John Wall, Charleton Hill & deceased family members	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Saturday 10th May	10.00am	Therese & Michael Walsh, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
Sunday 11th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter	5.00pm	Willie Reeves, Mount Carmel	5th Anniversary
	8.00am	Larry Kehoe, Ryleen	Anniversary
	9.00am	Patrick & Ultan Warren, Michael Street & Nunnery Lane	Anniversaries
Fourth Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Aisling Dolan & Nathan Mullett, Stephens Court	7th & 1st Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Martin O’Connor, Bewley Street	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):
Aaron Phillpot, Cluain Fada - Remembrance
St. Joseph’s (Right):
Special Intention
Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
William (Billy) O’Rahilly, The Bosheen - Anniversary



RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Patrick Furlong, Barrowview Heights, Ann Somers (nee Lennane), The Bungalows, Irishtown, Rev. Dr. Kevin Cahill, Gorey, Bishop Brendan Comiskey SS. CC., D.D., Ranelagh, Dublin, Clontibret, Monaghan & former Bishop of Ferns, Sr. Joseph Christopher, Sisters of Charity, Sandymount Dublin, formerly Nora Hanrahan, Charles Street & Mary Prior (née Keevey), Tallaght, Dublin & New Ross, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.
ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - William (Billy) O’Rahilly, The Bosheen, Jack Ryan, Charleton Hill, John Dreelan, Mountross & Joe Bennett, 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 for Anniversary Prayers.



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 2025 at 7.30pm
Celebrant: Monsignor Joe McGrath
St Mary & St Michael’s Parish Church,
New Ross, Co Wexford
All Welcome



Month of May: Rosary @ the Grotto, Irishtown every evening Mon - Fri during the month of May @ 7.00pm
Monday 5th May 2025: Bank Holiday. Parish Office closed.
Friday 9th May 2025: Bishop Ger visits CBS School.
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.
Thursday 5th June 2025: Eucharistic Adoration Mass of Thanksgiving @ 7.30pm in Parish Church, celebrated with Monsignor Joseph McGrath.
Sunday 8th June 2025: Pentecost Sunday.



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History Notes - Part 71
THE OLD COURT HOUSE
The old courthouse in Priory Place which was built in 1832 ceased to operate in 2009 when sittings were transferred to Wexford town. The New Ross building was available for social purposes until it fell into disrepair and was closed. These original courthouse facilities included a bridewell consisting of two dayrooms, seven cells and an airing yard occupied a large area behind the courthouse. In former times the bridewell was used for detention of prisoners whose sentences were of short duration. This bridewell complex was cleared to accommodate a new Garda Station, built in Cross Street in 1952. During excavations, skeletal remains were unearthed with signs of quicklime in the soil. This caused surprise as bridewells were not usually the site of criminal executions and burials. Local enquiries suggested that the remains were those of a man named Murphy who was executed in 1835 for the murder of a landlord named Lundy Foote in Rosbercon. The authorities planned to hang Murphy opposite the old parish church on Rosbercon hill, but the parish priest Rev. Michael Walsh protested strongly, so that the execution took place at a spot some yards from the intended site. According to local lore, Murphy who hailed from town, was brought back and buried in the bridewell grounds.
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: **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** Acts 13: 14, 43-52. Ps 99: 1-3, 5, R/ v 3. Apoc 7: 9, 14-17. Jn 10: 27-30.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 27th April 2025 @ € 1,794.41 (176 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.



God, our loving Father,
Jesus, our Good Shepherd,
Holy Spirit, our Guide and Comforter,
in this time of waiting and prayer,
we turn to You with open hearts.

Father, You have always watched over Your Church.
You raise up shepherds after Your own heart.
Send forth the Spirit of Wisdom upon the College of Cardinals.
Make them one in mind and heart,
so that in their prayerful discernment
they may be guided by divine wisdom.

You, Lord, who know the hearts of all,
show which one of them you have chosen
to be the successor of Peter.
May the new Pope be a man of prayer,
a servant of truth,
gentle yet bold, and compassionate
and deeply rooted in Your love.

Through the intercessions of Mary, the Mother of the Church,
St Joseph, her Guardian and Protector,
and of Saints Peter and Paul,
may this election bring new life and freshness into the Church
and new hope to the world.

We make this prayer to You through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the author of life and our salvation.
Amen.

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