

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

GREETING

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

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORDFIRST READING Acts 12:1 - 11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittently.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' - and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals'. After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me'. Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true', he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me'.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (P.S. 33:2-9)

R. From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad **[R]**
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name; I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **[R]**
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **[R]**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **[R]**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will

rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets'. 'But you', he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

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.



focus on sunday

SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

29th June 2025

The Lord has set us firm within his Church, which he built upon the rock of Saint Peter's faith. The Lord has given us knowledge of the faith through the labours and preaching of Saint Paul. May their example inspire us to lead others to Christ by the way we live our lives.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord, accompany the sacrificial gift that we present to your name for consecration, and may their intercession make us devoted to you in celebration of the sacrifice. 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. 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

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, O Lord, who have been renewed by this Sacrament, so to live in the Church, that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread and in the teaching of the Apostles, we may be one heart and one soul, made steadfast in your love. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
May the Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

May he let his face shine upon you and show you his mercy. **Amen.**
May he turn his countenance towards you and give you his peace. **Amen.**
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.**



At certain stages in life, we can lose our way. A businessperson who starts out with a great idea can become focused only on profit and lose sight of their passion. A politician who was once idealistic becomes disillusioned. A teacher, under pressure to deliver results, loses their enthusiasm for the subject. We all have times when we get jaded, or bogged down with trivial concerns, and we forget why we do what we do. Our Christian community, too, can lose its way. The church has not always lived up to its momentous responsibility to communicate God's love to the world.

Today's Gospel encourages us to reflect on our church and its mission. This is one of the reasons is it the chosen text for today's feast of SS Peter & Paul. But notice what Jesus asks Peter before he hands over the metaphorical keys: "But who do you say that I am?" This burning question gets to the heart of the Gospel. The word "but" is crucial: Jesus is not asking the disciples what they have heard about him from others or what they understand intellectually from their time with him. He is asking them: do you really know me? Simon Peter immediately and confidently answers "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus responds with affirmation and renames him Peter, a play on the Greek word *petra*, meaning rock. This brings to mind an earlier parable in Matthew about those who build their houses on rock (Mt 7:24-27) representing those who not only *hear* Jesus' words but *act* on them. A thread running through Matthew's Gospel is that knowing and believing is not enough. Good intentions are not enough. Everything we do, both as individual disciples but in particular as church, should stem from the burning question of today's Gospel: "But who do you say that I am?" Stay with this question in the coming days. What words flow in response?

Adapted from The Deep End – A Journey Through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke, Messenger Publications, 2021 (Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty).

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

What I like about St. Peter and St. Paul is that they were always making mistakes, and doing some wrong things, but still God loved them. Peter ran away when Jesus was arrested, and he wounded a man with a sword. Still Jesus was his special friend. St. Paul did not like the old rules about God not liking people. Paul said that the only Law is God's love, and we cannot earn God's Love. It is given to us freely, all the time, without conditions.



New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael



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Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.			
Date	Time		
Saturday 28th June	5.00pm	Emy (Margaret) Rawson (nee Merrigan), The Bosheen	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 29th June - St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles	8.00am	Nancy Byrne, Camblin	Birthday Remembrance
	Patron in Mount Carmel Cemetery after 8am Mass		
	9.00am	Eileen French, St. Raphaels', Henry Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Margaret Connolly, Mountgarrett	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Deceased Covid Victims & Thanksgiving for all frontline workers.	Remembrance
 Please bring Holy Water for Blessings	Patron in Priests Graveyard after 12.00 Noon Mass		
	3.00pm	Patron in St. Stephen's Cemetery.	
Monday 30th June	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	Patricia Fitzgerald, Nunnery Lane	Birthday Remembrance
Tuesday 1st July	8.00am	Special Healing Intention	Special Intention
	10.00am	Marion O'Brien, Lower William Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm.	
Wednesday 2nd July	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Daisy Doyle, Knockmullen	Recently Deceased
Thursday 3rd July	8.00am	Teresa Murphy, Cross Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Una & Martin Freeman & their daughter, Una May, Chapel Lane & The Rower	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 4th July	10.00am	Bobby Rochford, William Street & deceased members of the Ryan family, Abbey Hall	Anniversaries
Saturday 5th July	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Martin Moylan, Bewley Street	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 6th July - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Paddy (Spud) Murphy, The Bosheen	3rd Anniversary
	9.00am	Betty Ronan & deceased family members, Irishtown	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Oliver Darby, Barrowview Heights	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Martin Waters, Grange Road	Months Mind
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th July 2025 Columban Missionaries Ireland Mission Appeal taking place at all Masses.			
			Columban Missionaries Ireland



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

Our Lady's (Left):
Norah Barrett, Cork - Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
Nancy Byrne, Camblin - Birthday Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
Eamon & Gerard Fox, Dublin & Wexford - Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Emy Rawson, The Bosheen - Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Rosie Goggins (nee Connors), The Maudlins, Dean Winston, New Ross & Kilmuckridge & Tallaght, Dublin, James Dooley, Rosbercon & New Ross & Elsie Keeler (nee Doyle), The Bullawn & USA who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.


ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Mary & Jack Ryan, Charleton Hill, 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:
We welcome into our Christian Community - Indy Luke & Thomas Jones, NSW, Australia, 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:
We congratulate - Sean Crowdle, Priory Street & Laura Clifford, Sligo who were married in Portugal recently. 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 Ministers

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. Eucharia,
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.



New Ross 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.



2025/2026 Contribution Envelopes commencing Sunday the 6th July 2025.
Envelopes are now ready for collection at the Parish Office by all our distributors for their areas.
Thank You.

History Notes - Part 79
Tottenham in His Boots
Charles Tottenham was a member of the old House of Commons which sat in College Green, Dublin. In 1731 the Irish government had a revenue surplus of £60,000, a large sum in those days. Views differed on how to deal with the surplus; one faction wanted to gift it to the British exchequer while another wanted to keep it at home. A vote was called on the matter and opinion seemed evenly divided. Charles Tottenham was at home in south Wexford when he learned of the vote and rode to Dublin in all haste to cast his vote. He arrived at parliament, mud-spattered and in his riding boots just in time but had difficulty in gaining access to the chamber as he was not properly attired. He forced his way through and his vote was instrumental in retaining the surplus in Irish coffers. Tottenham's heroics became famous and "Tottenham in his Boots" was the toast at patriotic dinner tables in later years. A large portrait of Charles Tottenham, in riding boots, hangs in the National Gallery in Dublin.
Courtesy of Jim Sutton

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 1st July 2025: Mass bookings will commence up to an including December 2025.

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th July 2025: Columbian Missionary Appeal at all Masses.

Sunday 21st July 2025: New Ross Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament.

Sunday 27th July 2025: World Day of Grandparents & the Elderly. Parish trip to Knock.

Wednesday 30th July 2025: Monthly Parish Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome.

Friday 1st August 2025: Mass bookings will commence up to an including January 2026.

Monday 4th August 2025: Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed.

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th August 2025: New Ross Meals on Wheels Annual Church Gate Collection.

Friday 15th August 2025: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Mass @ 10.00am. Vigil Mass @ 5.00pm Thursday 14th August in Parish Church. Parish Office Closed.

Wednesday 27th August 2025: Monthly Parish Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome.

Sunday 31st August 2025: Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Marian Spirituality

Monday 1st September 2025: Mass bookings will commence up to an including February 2026.

Friday 19th September 2025: Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Volunteers

Saturday 20th September 2025: Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Consecrated Life

Wednesday 24th September 2025: Monthly Parish Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome.

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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 1st July 2025 @ 10.30am we will commence mass bookings up to an including December 2025.

Next Weeks Readings: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NEH 8:2-6, 8-10. Ps 18:8-10, 15, R/JN 6:63. 1 Cor 12: 12-30. Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 8th - 22nd June 2025 @ € 5,290.33 (528 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.

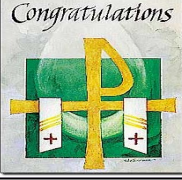
Months Minds: Sunday 12.00 Noon Masses are reserved for Months Minds ONLY. We endeavour to take one booking per Mass, however on some occasions this does not always remain the case particularly when there have been other bereaved families. In this instance we may request that your booking be shared with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

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.



New Ross Parish congratulates Fr. Eamonn Salmon on the occasion of his ordination this weekend. "May the Lord be with you in the task that He has called you to. May He grant you peace & happiness in the days ahead."

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

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.