

focus on sunday

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13th July 2025

Everyone is my neighbour; everyone is a brother and sister in Christ. And that makes a change in how we treat each other. Or does it?

‘Go, and do the same yourself.’



The universally loved parable of the Good Samaritan teaches us that everyone without exception is our neighbour. When black people began to move into a white neighbourhood in an American city and started frequenting the local parish church,

some wealthy white families took their worship to a church that was farther away and one hundred percent white. Those who moved were deemed to be good Catholics and generous with their time, talents and financial resources. They just didn't want to be in the same church building as black people. Prejudice runs deep.

Who is my neighbour? Anybody at all who is in need of help. My car battery died one evening in a lonely place on a country road and I was very anxious until someone with a battery pack came along and helped me. "My battery died one time," he said, "and ever since then I carry a battery pack so as to help others." When the Good Samaritan saw the man lying beaten and half dead on the roadside he felt a surge of compassion for him. Compassion for someone in need is a healthy reaction. It puts us in touch with our own humanity and reminds us of our own vulnerability. Time and again Jesus felt compassion for people who were in distress. When I see someone in distress I slow down and imagine myself in their shoes. That gets me up and running to help them.

The Good Samaritan felt compassion towards the person who had been beaten and left for dead. He was able to put himself in the victim's position and feel his pain. That's a healthy human reaction but it's not something that comes easily to everyone. We can choose to ignore someone in trouble, assume they are capable of dealing with their plight without our help. When we act like that we are not in touch with ourselves. St. Bernard of Clairvaux said that self-knowledge, awareness of one's own limitations, weakness and faintheartedness leads one to have compassion for another. Jesus was the great man of compassion. He was also the one who was beaten and left for dead.

Fr. Joe Walsh

Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey

Jesus tells a story about a man who was lying on the road. All his money was robbed, and he was hurt. Some people saw the man, but they pretended not to see him. They were afraid. Then a stranger came, who never went to church. He felt sorry for the man. He lifted him on to his horse, and brought him to have his wounds bandaged. He also gave him money for food. Then Jesus told the people that God Our Father is like that man who helped. God always wants to help us, whether we are sick or healthy, rich or poor, down and out.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **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 forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **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 show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to

heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 68:14.17.30-31.33-34.36-37

R. Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R)**
2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God - seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **(R)**
4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R)**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!



GOSPEL Luke 10: 25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

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.**

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

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. 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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.



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 12th July	5.00pm	Tom Hayden, Priory Place	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 13th July - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Michael & Kathleen Kent, Cross Street	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Herbert & Sarah Bradley, Dublin	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Marian Doran, High Hill	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	A Special Intention	Special Intention
Monday 14th July	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	Tommy & Matty Whelan & deceased members of the Whelan family, Irishtown	Anniversaries
Tuesday 15th July	8.00am	Bernard & Julie McNally, Cushinstown	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Vera North & deceased members of the Keane family, Chambersland	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm.	
Wednesday 16th July	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	The Ryan & Holden families, Abbey Hall	Anniversaries
Thursday 17th July	8.00am	Benefactors of Mount Carmel	Special Intention
	10.00am	Paddy Foley, Chambersland	Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 18th July	10.00am	Paddy Connolly, Mary Street	Anniversary
Saturday 19th July	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Mollie (Mary) Kehoe, late of Sheilbaggan & New Ross	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 20th July - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Pauline McCormack, Dublin & New Ross	2nd Anniversary
	9.00am	Mollie & Aiden St Ledger, Upper William Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Mary Haddie Richardson, Pondfields & Margaret Coleman, Michael Street	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Rosie Goggins (nee Connors), The Maudlins	Months Mind



New Ross Parish Annual Coach trip to Knock. 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.




Pink-rock-10k takes place on the Sunday 27th July.
On-line registration@Eventmaster.ie
Runners start @ 12.00 noon, €25 online registration or €35 on the day. Walkers start @ 11.30am. Registration on the Day €10 at Rosbercon Parish Hall Saturday evening from 6pm to 8pm and Sunday from 10.00 am.






Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:
Available @ €10.00 / week.
Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.
Our Lady's (Left):
Hugh Kennedy - Remembrance
Altar (Centre):
Special Intentions
St. Joseph's (Right):
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Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Willie Murphy, Priory Street - Anniversary



RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the soul of - Johanna (Joy) Connock (nee Rawson), UK, who have passed away recently. May she rest in peace.



ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Paddy Connolly, Mary Street, Willie Murphy, Priory Street & Nancy & Jimmy Ryan, Michael 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.



BAPTISMS:
We welcome into our Christian community - Brooklyn Deloughrey Benton, Tullow, Co. Carlow & Isla Berry Carthy, Nunnery Lane, 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.




JULY 2025
MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
5.00pm - Mary Rowe
9.00am - Helen Doyle
10.00am - Mary Martin-Carroll
12.00 Noon - Mairin Jackson
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
5.00pm - Patricia Quinn, Joan Foley & Declan Rowsome
9.00am - Marie Merrigan & Rena Kehoe
10.00am - Lizzie Connors, Liam & Patsy Nolan
12.00 Noon - Jagienka Borecka & Claire Nixon
Please contact your co-ordinator should you not be able to attend.

2025 FERNS PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: Led by Spiritual Directors, Fr. Denis Browne; Fr. Paddy Banville & Fr. Frank Murphy. **9th OCTOBER 2025 for 7 nights €899 per person sharing:** » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon » 20kg bags included » Return airport transfers in Fatima (Optional Wexford - Dublin Airport transfer) » 7 nights Hotel Avenida » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day » Full religious programme » Guided tour of Sanctuary & Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary » Visits to Aljustrel, Valinhos & Santarem: (Site of Eucharistic Miracle) » Optional: Travel Insurance €45 under 79 years / €65 80-94 years » Single supplement €245; Optional Wexford - Dublin Airport Transfer (Cost TBC). For information, please contact: Fr Denis Browne 086-8926260 frdenisbrowne@gmail.com. For bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800

History Notes - Part 81
The New Ross Hobblers
Long ago schooners bringing cargo to New Ross were serviced by hobbler, who moored the ships and prepared them for discharge. These hobbler were local salmon fishermen who hurried downstream at news of an incoming vessel. Their fishing cots were shallow and flat-bottomed and designed for river work only. On a particular occasion, a vessel was expected but when the first hobbler crew arrived at Cheekpoint there was no sign of the expected vessel. Undaunted, the crew proceeded down the estuary and into open sea conditions which were very dangerous for the salmon cot. The Cornish captain of the late-arriving schooner was stunned and horrified in meeting the hobbler crew away beyond their safety zone. He later recounted the tale in Foxes pub on the quay, and his story was celebrated in a ballad by Watto Cullen. The punch lines of the ballad were:

“A fellow called Patsy Cashin
And another called The Konk
Were out paddling by the Hook
On a two by fifteen-foot plank”

The captain insisted on giving the hobbling work to Patsy and The Konk when they returned safely up the river on their “plank”.
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.





Monday 21st July 2025: New Ross Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament. Sponsorship welcome for this worthy cause. Please contact Colm Caulfield 086 854 5538.
Wednesday 23rd July 2025: Legion of Mary Patricians, Topic - Little Nellie of Holy God in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre @ 7.00pm.
Sunday 27th July 2025: World Day of Grandparents & the Elderly. Parish trip to Knock. See booking details below.
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.




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 December 2025.**

Next Weeks Readings: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Gn 18: 1- Ps 14: 2-5, R/ v 1. COL 1: 24-28. Lk 10: 38-42.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 6th July 2025 @ € 2,126.44 (161 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.

Monthly Catholic Discussion Group

The PATRICIANS,

Topic - Little Nellie of Holy God

- Come and listen of her very short life, but amazing story.
- The Pope and all who herd her story were touched by her.
- She danced with the child of Prague.
- She has many miracles attached to her holy life.
- She died at the age of four years and five month's.




Wednesday 23rd of July 2025
7.00pm - 9.00pm

St. Michael's Pastoral Centre, Room 3
Michael St., New Ross, Y34 N799

Organised by Legion of Mary 

Refreshments Served ● All Welcome

Pilgrims of Hope at Lough Derg & Knock this July
Pioneers and friends of the PTAA are invited to mark the Jubilee of Hope on pilgrimage at Lough Derg from **Friday 11 July - Sunday 13 July**. The three days of prayer, keeping Vigil and fasting will allow us to connect in prayer with all who live under the shadow of addiction. Details from www.pioneers.ie. The Annual Pioneer pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday 20 July. Prayers will be offered at Our Lady's Shrine for all who work in alcohol and drug treatment centres around Ireland. Contact Fr Robert McCabe via prayer@pioneers.ie for further details.





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