



# focus on sunday

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20th July 2025

To pray, to listen to Christ, to have time for friendship and for love, to care for justice - all these are "the better part" which our busy world sometimes puts into very secondary places. Not so the gospel.



**'...chose the better part.'**



When a rabbi was instructing student rabbis, (all male of course), they would meet in someone's house. There would not be enough chairs for everyone, so the students would sit on the floor and the rabbi instructing them would sit on a chair up front. So the students were "sitting at the rabbi's feet." The women's role was to make the tea for everyone, after the instruction was over. But Mary "sat down at the Lord's feet," to listen to Jesus' instruction. Martha was incensed. Who did Mary think she was – a budding rabbi? That was no place for Mary. No, Mary should be helping Martha make the tea. Mary was not fitting into the role that society expected of her. But Jesus praised Mary, He was no respecter of the boxes that society puts people into, the labels imposed on them. Today, just as at the time of Jesus, society labels people – gay, immigrant, black, traveller, criminal - and the attitudes and behaviour of some towards them are influenced by these labels. But Jesus always looked beyond the label and saw the uniqueness of a person loved by God. He "ate with tax collectors and sinners;" he refused to condemn the woman taken in adultery; he allowed the prostitute to wash his feet. And his refusal to accept the labels that society put on people got him into a lot of trouble with a lot of people, just as it may today.

Fr. Peter McVerry

## Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey

Jesus had two friends, Martha and Mary. They invited Jesus to dinner. Martha liked shopping, and getting everything ready. Mary liked chatting and listening to Jesus. One day, a Teacher in school, asked the children, "Why did God give us two ears and only one mouth? One little girl said "I know". God gave us two ears so that we would listen two more times than we talk. To listen to other person's stories is a sign of love, and getting meals ready, is also a sign of love.



### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. 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

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people,  
we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have  
imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass  
from former ways to newness of life.  
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.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Luke 10.38 - 42

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke.**

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

**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.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**See, I have God for my help. The Lord  
sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to  
you with willing heart, and praise your  
name, O Lord, for it is good.**

### 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

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

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants  
and mercifully increase the gifts of your  
grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith  
and charity, they may be ever watchful in  
keeping your commands.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Genesis 18:1-10

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the  
Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the  
entrance of the tent during the hottest part  
of the day. He looked up, and there he saw  
three men standing near him. As soon as  
he saw them he ran from the entrance of  
the tent to meet them, and bowed to the  
ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if  
I find favour with you, kindly do not pass  
your servant by. A little water shall be  
brought; you shall wash your feet and lie  
down under the tree. Let me fetch a little  
bread and you shall refresh yourselves  
before going further. That is why you have  
come in your servant's direction.' They  
replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find

Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three  
bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then  
running to the cattle Abraham took a fine  
and tender calf and gave it to the servant,  
who hurried to prepare it. Then taking  
cream, milk and the calf he had prepared,  
he laid all before them, and they ate while  
he remained standing near them under  
the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked  
him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then  
his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next  
year without fail, and your wife will then  
have a son.'

**The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 14:2-5

**R. The just will live in the presence of  
the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy  
mountain?  
He who walks without fault; he who acts  
with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his  
tongue. (R)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what  
may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the  
innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R)

### SECOND READING Colossians 1: 24 - 28

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

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as  
I am suffering now, and in my own body  
to do what I can to make up all that has  
still to be undergone by Christ for the sake  
of his body, the Church. I became the  
servant of the Church when God made  
me responsible for delivering God's  
message to you, the message which was  
a mystery hidden for generations and  
centuries and has now been revealed  
to his saints. It was God's purpose to  
reveal it to them and to show all the  
rich glory of this mystery to pagans.  
The mystery is Christ among you,  
your hope of glory: this is the Christ we  
proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we  
thoroughly train everyone and instruct  
everyone, to make them all perfect in  
Christ.

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

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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 19th July	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	4th & 16th Anniversaries
	10.00am	Mary Haddie Richardson, Pondfields & Margaret Coleman, Michael Street	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Rosie Goggins (nee Connors), The Maudlins	Months Mind
Monday 21st July	9.30am	Rosary is recited every morning in the Parish Church from Monday to Saturday, however on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am	
	10.00am	John O'Byrne, Cushinstown	6th Anniversary
Tuesday 22nd July	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intention
	10.00am	Anthony Larkin, Parkfield	Anniversary
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm.	
Wednesday 23rd July	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Jimmy & Richard Reynolds & deceased family members, USA & Kilkenny & Irene Cramer, Maypark, Waterford	Anniversaries
Thursday 24th July	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intention
	10.00am	William Fardy, Irishtown	Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 25th July	10.00am	Mary Dale, Irishtown	Anniversary
	7.00pm	Parish Mass for Grandparents Day celebrated by newly ordained Fr. Eamonn Salmon	
Saturday 26th July	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Bert Gordan, South Street	Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 27th July - Grandparents Day - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.00am	Bus trip leaving from Dunbrody Carpark for Knock Grandparents Day Celebration	
	8.00am	Kitty Flannelly, John Street	Anniversary
	9.00am	Timothy Coughlan, Southknock	2nd Anniversary
	10.00am	Noreen Sutton, Shallows Park	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Jim Cooney, Seanie & Mark Doyle, Robert Street & Bush Park	23rd Anniversary



**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:**  
Available @ €10.00 / week. Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.  
**Our Lady's (Left):**  
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**Altar (Centre):**  
Mollie & Aiden St. Ledger - Anniversary  
**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
Joan Cashin - Birthday Remembrance  
**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**  
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**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
We remember & pray for the souls of - Hannah Dwyer (nee Purcell), Mount Carmel & John Normile, Glin, Limerick who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.  
**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:**  
We remember & pray for the soul of - Margaret Cash (4th Anniversary), Hospital Road, whose anniversary 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.  
**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](mailto:billyswan68@hotmail.com)



**New Ross Meals on Wheels: Annual Church Gate Collection** will take place weekend 9th & 10th August



**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.



**"Light of Fire"**  
Hill of Slane August 3rd @ 12.00 Noon.  
Details on Poster @ Church Porch.



**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.  
**Friday 25th July 2025:** Parish celebration Mass for Grandparents Day @ 7.00pm, celebrant: Fr. Eamonn Salmon.  
**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.



**NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY - SUNDAY 27TH JULY** will be celebrated in Knock, Co. Mayo. As you will be aware, the Parish has organised a bus for those interested in taking part. However, on the previous Friday 25th July we will have an official local celebration of Grandparents with Mass at 7.00pm. We have invited Fr. Eamonn Salmon to celebrate that Mass. He was recently ordained. You may remember him here some years ago as a Deacon. All are invited.  
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.



**History Notes - Part 82**  
**THE IRISHTOWN**  
New Ross has been described as the first English town built on Irish soil. The descendants of the early founders built walls around the town to secure it from the McMurrough and other warring families, who raided and plundered the important and wealthy port of New Ross.  
The mere Irish were not allowed to live in the town during the early centuries and they assembled their dwellings outside the walls in an area since known as Irishtown. The fine wide street, according to local historian Patrick Donovan, once had a line of cottages running up the middle, which in early times led to a monastic settlement located in the area of St. Stephen's Cemetry.  
It is said that down the years Irishtown folk regarded themselves as slightly different from "downtown" people and were proud of this. I remember the cattle fairs held in the Street up to the advent of the marts, and I helped to "stand" cattle for sale outside Baileys house with my father. The cleanup after the fairs was taken as routine by the householders.  
I well remember the annual hurling and football town leagues of the 1940s/1950s when the Irishtown/Maudlins teams fielded as "The Murphys", named after Fr. John Murphy of '98 fame. These were exciting but very physical contests which drew huge crowds of locals to Barret's Park (now O'Kennedy Park) on summer evenings. The Murphys were very successful in these tournaments and their rallying song was to be heard around The Cross after matches:  
"Up the Murphys, up the Murphys, up the Murphys every time  
When we meet them we will beat them, up the Murphys every time!"  
**Courtesy of Jim Sutton**



**Bring it Home Festival - Ros Tapestry Exhibition Centre Launch.** As a big thank you to all our supporters, the Bring it Home Festival is being held on Tuesday 29th July. The tapestries are now on show at the Exhibition Centre opposite The Dunbrody. The Festival will include free tours of Medieval Ross with Myles Courtney at 11am & 2pm starting at the Fair Gate. There will also be free guided tours of the tapestries at 11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm. Booking is essential for the tours. Contact [info@rostapestry.ie](mailto:info@rostapestry.ie). As a special treat if you would like to see the stitchers at work, visit 14 The Quay (formerly Anglins Men's Shop) between 11am and 12pm. We hope lots of people will come along to join us in celebrating these beautiful, unique works of art which were created in our town and surrounding area. The Festival is funded through Fáilte Ireland in partnership with Wexford County Council-Small Festival Grant Scheme 2025.



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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:** We are currently taking mass bookings up to & including December 2025.  
**Next Weeks Readings:** SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Gn 18: 20-32. Ps 137: 1-3, 6-8, R/ v 4. Col 2: 12-14. Lk 11: 1-13.  
**Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish:** Collections 13th July 2025 @ € 1,567.82 (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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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





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