TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th August 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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 have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the

remaining soldiers in the city, and all the

people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebedmelech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 39:2-4.18

R. Lord, come to my aid!

- I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
- He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay.
 He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm.
- He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.
 Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord.
- As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me.
 You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay.

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:1-4 A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne.

Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL Luke 12:49 - 53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

right hand of the Father.

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

Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. 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

free.

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.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us

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

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth,

we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

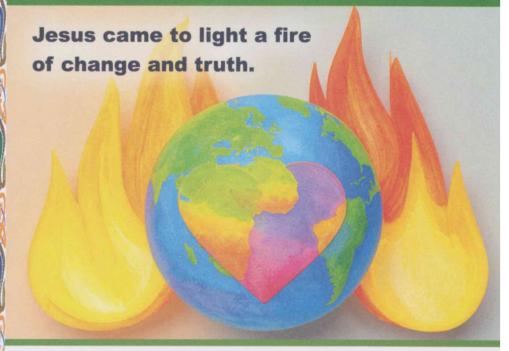
May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ₹ and the Holy Spirit,come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended. Thanks be to God.



The word of Christ will often make demands of honesty and truth; our stand for him will sometimes bring us into opposition with others.





The gospel today presents Jesus as a troublemaker. The fire of his message and love will divide people. Even in families, as the early community well knew. Maybe it was like the civil war in any country which pits brothers against brothers, and family members against each other.

Religion, even the following of Jesus, has divided people. In our own Ireland, wars raged for many years. No doubt there was a mixture of politics, greed and religion involved, but our religious sense was not strong enough to make peace for many years. In the modern world we see Christian values being portrayed as "too woke" by one side and too conservative by the other.

There is opposition to the values of Jesus in situations like abortion, euthanasia, sexuality, family, migration and asylum seekers, and others. People have put themselves in danger in many countries for these, and for the right to religious freedom. There have been more martyrs for Christian faith in the last 100 years than in the history of the church. Jesus causes trouble, not because he wants to, but because his message threatens their safety and security.

Jesus causes division too within us. There are the desires in us for all the good ideas and values of Jesus, and desires that are opposite. St Ignatius highlights that wealth, honour and pride often deflect us off the path of Jesus. Don't we know this well?

Jesus knew the joy of following through on what is right and loving, even to death. This is the call and the joy of the follower of Jesus. Knowing that we are forgiven for all by an understanding God.

Give me the strength of your good Spirit O Lord, to live according to your gospel.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus tells us that God's Love is like fire. Without fire there would be no light, and how could we cook food, or travel in cars, and airplanes, or find new things in space? With fire too, we can hurt people, and destroy countries and property. We ask God to help us to use the blessing of fire to make a better world, to care, to share, to love God's people and enjoy God's creation.

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Volume 44 No. 33 **Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:**

Available @ €10.00 / week.

Commencing Saturday @

10.00am to the following

Saturday.

Our Lady's (Left):

Anthony Larkin, Parkfield -

Altar (Centre):

Sean Furlong, Ballyrue -

Birthday Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):

Sean Furlong, Ballyrue -

Birthday Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

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Date	Time		
Saturday 16th August	5.00pm	Bridget & Bernard Rowe, The Bullawn	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 17th August 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.00am	The Nolan & Bonner families, The Glebe, Kildare	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Mary Browne (nee Buckley), Mountross	Anniversary
	10.00am	John Moore, Priory Street & William Moore, London, UK	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Get Well Special Intention	Special Intention
	3.00pm	Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Healing Mass & Blessing of the Sick	
Monday 18th August	8.00am	Eucharistic Prayer Service	
	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	Sophie Walsh, Lacken Valley	5th Anniversary
Tuesday	8.00am	The Fortune Family, William Street	Anniversaries
19th August	10.00am	Betty Dwyer, Fr. Cullen Terrace	10th Anniversary
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 20th August	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Bridget Allen, Michael Street	Anniversary
	7.30pm	Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Vocations evening of prayers & Mass	
Thursday 21st August	8.00am	Marie Brogan, Omagh, Tyrone	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Ted & Bridie Kehoe, Harvey Place	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 22nd August	8.00am	Eucharistic Prayer Service	
	10.00am	Martin J. Kennedy, 'Lisheen' Southknock	Anniversary
Saturday 23rd August	8.00am	Eucharistic Prayer Service	1
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Kathleen Neville, Tan House	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	1
Sunday 24th August 2025 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.00am	John Flynn, Mount Elliott	Anniversary
	9.00am	Victor Hennessy, Southknock	2nd Anniversary
	10.00am	Kathleen North, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Michael (Skipper) & Mary Dalton, Pondfields	2nd & 3rd Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage; Testimony & Song with Celine Byrne, Soprano	
	3.00pm	St. Aidan Cathedral Holy Hour with Prayers for Peace in Gaza with Benediction	



In Remembrance

ENTLY DECEASED:

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e Ross (nee Rowe), New Ross & don, UK, n (John F.) Davin, Blessington, klow & Rosbercon, Doyle (nee Forristal), Rosbercon & gginstown, Kilkenny & mot Cullen, Bishopsland o has passed away recently. May they in peace.

NIVERSARY PRAYERS:

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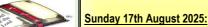
welcome into our Christian nmunity

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o was baptised recently in our Parish

tisms take place on the First Saturday @ 0 Noon & Third Sunday @ 1.00pm each th. A Minimum two weeks notice is ired & a maximum of two candidates per king. To book your child's baptism, please act the parish office. Bookings are ired on receipt of baptismal booking forms a copy of the candidates Birth Certificate notographic ID for the Guardian. If you not residing in New Ross Parish, a letter n the Parish you do reside in, is required ing they have no objection to your child being baptised in our parish.

Eucharistic Ministers



AUGUST 2025 MINISTERS OF THE

WORD:

5.00pm - Sean Furlong 9.00am - Patricia Henneberry 10.00am - Maureen Clarkin 12.00 Noon - Pat Wickham

MINISTERS OF THE **EUCHARIST:**

5.00pm - Rita Sinnott, Anne Rochford & Mary M Carroll 9.00am - Margaret Kehoe & Mary T Royce 10.00am - Brendan Murphy, David Maher & Kathleen Maher 12.00 Noon - Rose

Please contact your co-ordinator should you not be able to attend.

Ryan & Mairin Jackson

EVENT

Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Mass of Healing & Blessing of the Sick @ 3.00pm

UPCOMING

Tuesday 20th August 2025:

Our Lady's Island Vocation evening of Prayer @ 7.30pm. Sunday 24th August 2025: Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Mass

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. Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Diocesan Celebration for the Jubilee Year @ 3.00pm.

Monday 1st September 2025:

Mass bookings will be taken up to and including February 2026. Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Time to Heal @

History Notes - Part 85:

THE FATE OF THE WEXFORD LEADERS OF 1798 (Part 2 of 2)

Cornelius Grogan of Johnstown Castle

Perhaps the most poignant story is that of Grogan. He had joined the United Irishmen but was no soldier and in poor physical condition. After the fall of Wexford to the rebels, he was en route to Duncannon fort and safety in his carriage when he met his friend Bagenal Harvey who persuaded him to join the rebels. He was appointed to a senior office and was at Ross with Harvey. When the tide turned against the rebels he returned to Johnstown and sent a herd of fat cattle to the royalist commander Genera Lake to feed his troops. However he was arrested, tried and hanged on Wexford bridge like many of his colleagues. He was also a shareholder of the newly built bridge. John Kelly of Killanne

One of the youngest and ablest leaders of the United Men in 1798 was John Kelly who remebered in the popular ballad "Kelly the Boy From Killanne". He was an enthusiastic captain of the Bantry unit who lived at the Cross of Killanne and his men were amongst the best armed and trained units of the rebel army. He marched his men to Corbett Hill on the evening before the Battle of Ross on 5th June 1798. Early in the battle, and after a fierce struggle the Bantry unit were to the forefront in driving in the defences at 3 Bullet Gate and sending the Dublin Militia running towards the bridge and safety. Kelly's unit proceeded down Michael Street and captured the military barracks which stood on the site of St. Joseph' School. However Kelly was seriously wounded in this engagement. He was brought to Wexford and took no further part in the rebellion. After General Lakes troops captured Wexford he was arrested there at his sister's house in Cornmarket and was hanged on Wexford bridge. His head was spiked over Wexford jail with those of the other leaders but was later recovered and is buried in Killanne graveyard. **Courtesy of Jim Sutton**

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 January 2026.

Next Weeks Readings: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 66: 18-21. Ps 116, R/ MK 16: 15. HEB 12 5-7, 11-13. LK 13: 22-30.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 10th August 2025 @ € 1,812.03 (162 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.

Safeguarding Representative: Mairin Jackson - Contact No: (051) 421348. For any queries in relation to working with children or adolescence within our parish please contact the above

Intentions for the living: Intentions for the living will be announced as "Special Intentions" unless the person who the intention is for signs the GDPR Regulation Slip. Please advise at time of booking.

Certificate Requests: Request forms are available from the Parish Office. Certificate fees at €5.00 each. Photographic ID is required for the candidate including Photographic ID for the person who has been authorised by you to collect it. Collection on Fridays only.

PRIEST ON DUTY (051) 421214: We are anxious to visit those who cannot celebrate Mass with us due to illness, aged or infirm. Arrangements can be made to receive the sacraments at home on the first Friday of every month by calling the Parish Office

THANK YOU.... Just to let you know that our church gate collection went very well with the public contributing over € 2,800 to the collection. We want to thank everyone for their generous donations it will be great help in keeping our service going 52 weeks of the year.



We want to remind everyone who wishes to avail of our 3 course high quality dinners delivered by our friendly staff 5 days a week 52 weeks of the year for all who needs this wonderful service.

Living well with arthritis

Arthritis Ireland is pleased to announce that it will be running the award winning Living Well with Arthritis and Related Conditions course in New Ross this autumn. The course consists of a 2 ½ hour workshop given once a week, for six weeks and is for people with arthritis and/or fibromyalgia who want to learn self-management skills and techniques to live healthily with their condition. Completing this programme allows you to rely less on your health professionals, manage your pain, reduce your fatigue, introduces exercise and relaxation into your daily life, increases your self-confidence to manage your conditions and improves your sense of well-being.

Venue:

Main Hall in St.Michael Pastoral Centre St. Michael Street, New Ross Y34N799 Friday 5th September

Starts. All sessions 2pm-4.30pm

Book your place online from https://NewRoss.eventbrite.ie or call 01 6470206

A Rosary Conscious Group meeting will be held on Sunday 24th August at 3.00pm in Grantstown Day Care Centre, Wellington Bridge. Our Lady asked that when saying the Rosary each Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be should be said in unison.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: "God our Father, we trust in your oving 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



