

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

## GREETING

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

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

God of might, giver of every good gift,  
put into our hearts the love of your  
name, so that, by deepening our sense  
of reverence, you may nurture in us what  
is good and, by your watchful care, keep  
safe what you have nurtured.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

**Ecclesiasticus 3.17-20.28-29**

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your  
business,  
and you will be better loved than a lavish  
giver.

The greater you are, the more you should  
behave humbly,

and then you will find favour with the Lord;  
for great though the power of the Lord is,  
he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's

malady,

since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on  
parables,

an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 67:4-7.10-11

**R. In your goodness, O God,  
you prepared a home for the poor.**

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of  
God,

they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his  
name;

rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **[R]**

2. Father of the orphan, defender of the  
widow,

such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;  
he leads the prisoners forth into  
freedom. **[R]**

3. You poured down, O God, a generous  
rain:

when your people were starved you  
gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a  
home,

prepared in your goodness, O God,  
for the poor. **[R]**

## SECOND READING

**Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24.**

*A reading from the letter to the  
Hebrews.*

What you have come to is nothing  
known to the senses: not a blazing fire,  
or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a  
storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great  
voice speaking which made everyone  
that heard it beg that no more should be  
said to them. But what you have come  
to is Mount Zion and the city of the living  
God, the heavenly Jerusalem where  
the millions of angels have gathered for  
the festival, with the whole Church in  
which everyone is a 'firstborn son' and a  
citizen of heaven. You have come to God  
himself, the supreme Judge, and been  
placed with spirits of the saints who have  
been made perfect; and to Jesus, the  
mediator who brings a new covenant.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Shoulder my yoke and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and humble in heart.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Luke 14:1.7-14

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

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a  
meal to the house of one of the leading  
Pharisees; and they watched him closely.  
He then told the guests a parable,  
because he had noticed how they picked  
the places of honour. He said this. 'When

someone invites you to a wedding feast,  
do not take your seat in the place of  
honour. A more distinguished person  
than you may have been invited, and the  
person who invited you both may come  
and say, "Give up your place to this man."  
And then, to your embarrassment, you  
would have to go and take the lowest  
place. No; when you are a guest make  
your way to the lowest place and sit  
there, so that, when your host comes, he  
may say, "My friend, move up higher." In  
that way, everyone with you at the table  
will see you honoured. For everyone who  
exalts himself will be humbled, and the  
man who humbles himself will be exalted.'  
Then he said to his host, 'When you give a  
lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends,  
brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for  
fear they repay your courtesy by inviting  
you in return. No; when you have a party,  
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame,  
the blind; that they cannot pay you back  
means that you are fortunate, because  
repayment will be made to you when the  
virtuous rise again.'

**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.**



TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 31st August 2025

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacred offering, O Lord,  
confer on us always the blessing  
of salvation,  
that what it celebrates in mystery  
it may accomplish in power.  
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.*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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

**How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by this bread  
from the heavenly table,  
we beseech you, Lord,  
that, being the food of charity,  
it may confirm our hearts  
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father,  
and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord  
by your life. **Thanks be to God.**



The love of the gospel is for everyone; Christ's call is that his followers  
be open hearted to as many as possible, especially the poor.



"Ask and you shall receive." The problem is that most of  
the time when we ask for something, we don't receive it.  
We may ask for healing for a close friend or relative, and  
the person may die. Or we may ask for success in a job  
interview and we get rejected. Or like the person who came to me and said  
that they had a lot of financial problems and would I pray that they would  
win the lotto! I suspect that their prayer went unanswered. Sometimes  
we try to make a deal with God: "if you grant me this, I'll go to Mass every  
Sunday without fail!" But God is not a politician, God doesn't do deals!  
When we ask God for something, we are expressing our total dependence  
on a loving and caring God who has only our best interests in mind. And  
so our requests must always be conditional and accompanied by the  
Ignatian phrase, "if it is to the glory of God and the good of my soul." The  
prayer of petition is our way of throwing ourselves into the hands of God,  
trusting that God is always close to us, even if it doesn't seem like it at the  
time. We may not receive what we ask for, but God will always respond to  
our petition in the most loving and caring way. When we knock, God will  
always open the door, and when we seek, God will always be found.


**Fr. Peter McVerry**

## Jesus' Story

*Fr. Liam Hickey*


The King asked an artist to paint a picture of Jesus and his friends, at the party meal  
called 'The Last Supper.' The artist painted a big table, with Jesus sitting in the middle,  
and a whole lot of people around Him, poor people, beggars, lonely men and women. The  
King did not like the picture. The painter explained. That is my idea of Holy Communion  
and The Last Supper. God Our Father welcoming all his children, who are weak, weary  
and worn out.






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


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All 8.00am Masses & Eucharistic Prayer Services are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel.




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


Date	Time		
Saturday 30th August	5.00pm	Billy Cashin, Tower Grove	2nd Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 31st August	8.00am	Frank & Mary Doyle, Grallagh, Adamstown	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Thomas O'Donoghue, Waterford	Anniversary
	10.00am	Tom O'Connor, Pondfields	15th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon		
	3.00pm	Our Lady's Island Mass for the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality celebrated by Bishop Ger	
Monday 1st September	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	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	William & Mary Donovan, Mary Street	Anniversaries
	7.30pm	Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage A Time To Heal	
Tuesday 2nd September	8.00am	Special Intention	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Essie Ross (nee Rowe), New Ross & London, UK	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
	7.30pm	Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Ecumenical Service with Bishop Ger	
Wednesday 3rd Sept	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Special Intention	Wedding Anniversary
Thursday 4th Sept	8.00am	Eileen O'Rourke, Wexford Road	Anniversary
	10.00am	John & Mary Daly, Ballyrue	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 5th September	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	In Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving
Saturday 6th September	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	10.00am	Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Adoration Apostolate until 6.00pm	
	5.00pm	Patrick (Pat) Traynor, Mountross	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 7th September	8.00am	Tom Walsh, Lower Southknock	Anniversary
	9.00am	Mary Mullett, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	10.00am	Stasia O'Brien and the deceased members of the O'Brien & Brennan families, Mary Street	Remembrance
	12.00 Noon		
	3.00pm	Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Remembering our Loved Ones with Bishop Ger followed by dedication of Remembrance Wall	



**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:**  
Available @ €10.00 / week. Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.  
**Our Lady's (Left):**  
Billy Cashin, Tower Grove - Anniversary  
**Altar (Centre):**  
Paddy & Mai Murphy - Remembrance  
**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
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**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**  
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**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
We remember & pray for the souls of - William (Willie) Wall, Bellevue Heights, Patrick (Pat) O'Brien, Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK & Ard Mhicil, Kathleen (Kate) Connors (nee Connors), New Ross, Bill Kehoe, Creacon House, Damien Martin, UK & New Ross & Bridie Jones (nee Browne), Chapel Lane & UK, who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.  
**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:**  
We remember & pray for the souls of - James & Bridget Tubritt, Gorteens, Saltmills, Kitty Scully, Ballyrue, Johnny Scully, Cushinstown & Ballyrue, Victor Hennessy, Southknock, Seamus Martin, Charleton Hill & Nicholas (Nicky) Murphy, McMurrough, whose anniversaries occur around this time.  
**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:**  
We remember & pray for the soul of - Jimmy Nolan, Priesthaggard whose birthday 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.




**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 Ryan & Mairin Jackson  
Please contact your co-ordinator should you not be able to attend.


**PLEASE NOTE :**  
The Parish Office will close at **12.30pm** on the following dates to allow for Staff holidays : Tuesday 2nd & Friday 5th September and Tuesday 9th & Friday 12th September.  
Thank you for your understanding.

**CLOSING EARLY**

**History Notes –Part 87: PIGS CRUBEENS**  
Long ago men's wages were paid in cash in town. Friday night was pay night and pubs did a lively trade. Closing time for pubs was 10.30pm, when the happy workmen made their way homewards, often with a song to shorten the journey. A shopkeeper in Michael Street served pigs' feet, known as crubeens, which he boiled in a large Burco boiler in readiness for his Friday night pub trade. Crubeens, served in newspaper, were the fore-runner of today's fish and chips. However, on Saturday mornings, Michael Street was littered with small bones from the previous night's feasting – not a pretty site - before the local dogs breakfasted on them. In those days, Friday was a fast day, and meat was not allowed by the Church. However, when the crubeen-vending shopkeeper was challenged on this point, he insisted that pigs' feet was not meat, but what the meat stood on!  
**Courtesy of Jim Sutton**



**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 @ 7.30pm.  
**Tuesday 2nd September 2025:**  
Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Ecumenical Service @ 7.30pm.  
To accommodate Staff Holidays the Parish Office will close @ 12.30pm.  
**Friday 5th September 2025:** To accommodate Staff Holidays the Parish Office will close @ 12.30pm.  
**Saturday 6th September 2025:**  
Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Adoration Apostolate Day from 10.00am to 6.00pm.  
**Sunday 7th September 2025:**  
Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Remembering our Loved Ones Mass @ 3.00pm followed by Dedication of Remembrance Wall.  
**Monday 8th September 2025:**  
Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Mass @ 3.00pm with Closing Ceremony / Torchlight Procession & Mass @ 7.00pm.  
**Tuesday 9th September 2025:**  
To accommodate Staff Holidays the Parish Office will close @ 12.30pm.  
**Friday 12th September 2025:**  
To accommodate Staff Holidays the Parish Office will close @ 12.30pm.  
**Friday 19th September 2025:**  
Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Volunteers



*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.*

## A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Pilgrimage to OUR LADY'S ISLAND SATURDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER**

<b>Begins 10:00am</b>	<b>Adoration - Parish Church</b> Beginning with a time of Prayer, Praise, Hymns & Petitions. (All petitions placed in box before the Blessed Sacrament will be prayed for throughout the day)
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>'What can be so important about Eucharistic Adoration?' - Community Centre</b> <b>Talk by Mr Brendan Cleary</b> Chairperson - National Adoration Apostolate
<b>12:30am</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Guided Holy Hour - Parish Church</b> <b>Led by Fr James Cullen</b>
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Celebration of Holy Mass - Parish Church</b>
<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Rosary Procession</b>
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Praise &amp; Thanksgiving - Parish Church</b> Followed by Benediction

Lunch: Tea / Coffee, Sandwiches & Cake available at the Community Coffee Shop. (Booking in advance is essential) €8 per person. Please advise Monica on 087 641 9960.

*All welcome*

ADORATION APOSTOLATE FERNS DIOCESE

**New Ross Active Retirement** are returning after their summer break, Friday September 5th at 11am In the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane. New members welcome.

**Mass Bookings:** On Monday the 1st September, we will be taking Mass bookings up to & including February 2026.  
**Bethany Bereavement Support:** If you need support please ring 087 3846577. Drop in Centre in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre on the first Thursday 4th September @ 11.00am.

*Bishop Ger will be celebrating Mass in Our Lady's Island at 3.00pm on 31<sup>st</sup> August for the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, which forms part of the Jubilee 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope'. There will also be a Creation Walk at 5.00pm starting from the Church and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.00pm.*

**Ecumenical Service in Our Lady's Island** on next Tuesday evening 2nd September at 7.30pm. Canon Máirt Hanley, the Dean of Leighlin, will preach on the theme of Pilgrimage in this jubilee year. All most welcome.