

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

## GREETING

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

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You bring light to those in darkness:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
May almighty God have mercy.....  
**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

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,  
and answer their prayers with unceasing  
kindness, that, for those who glory in you  
as their Creator and guide,  
you may restore what you have created  
and keep safe what you have restored.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21 - 23**

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes**  
Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says.  
Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured  
wisely, skilfully and successfully must  
leave what is his own to someone who  
has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is  
vanity and great injustice; for what does  
he gain for all the toil and strain that he  
has undergone under the sun? What of all  
his laborious days, his cares of office, his  
restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S.94: 1-2. 6-9

**R. O that today you would listen to his  
voice! Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **[R]**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made  
us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **[R]**
3. O that today you would listen to his  
voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw  
my work.' **[R]**

## SECOND READING Colossians 3: 1-5. 9-11

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

Since you have been brought back to  
true life with Christ, you must look for the  
things that are in heaven, where Christ  
is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your  
thoughts be on heavenly things, not on  
the things that are on the earth, because  
you have died, and now the life you have  
is hidden with Christ in God. But when  
Christ is revealed - and he is your life -  
you too will be revealed in all your glory  
with him.

That is why you must kill everything  
in you that belongs only to earthly life:  
fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil  
desires and especially greed, which is  
the same thing as worshipping a false  
god; and never tell each other lies. You  
have stripped off your old behaviour with  
your old self, and you have put on a new  
self which will progress towards true  
knowledge the more it is renewed in the  
image of its creator; and in that image  
there is no room for distinction between  
Greek and Jew, between the circumcised  
or the uncircumcised, or between  
barbarian and Scythian, slave and free  
man. There is only Christ: he is everything  
and he is in everything.

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



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**How happy are the poor in spirit;**  
**theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Luke 12: 13 - 21

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

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master,  
tell my brother to give me a share of our  
inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who  
appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator  
of your claims?' Then he said to them,  
'Watch, and be on your guard against  
avarice of any kind, for a man's life is  
not made secure by what he owns, even  
when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There  
was once a rich man who, having had a  
good harvest from his land, thought to  
himself, "What am I to do? I have not  
enough room to store my crops." Then he  
said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down  
my barns and build bigger ones, and store  
all my grain and my goods in them, and  
I will say to my soul: My soul, you have  
plenty of good things laid by for many  
years to come; take things easy, eat,  
drink, have a good time." But God said  
to him, "Fool! This very night the demand  
will be made for your soul; and this hoard  
of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is  
when a man stores up treasure for himself  
in place of making himself rich in the sight  
of God.'

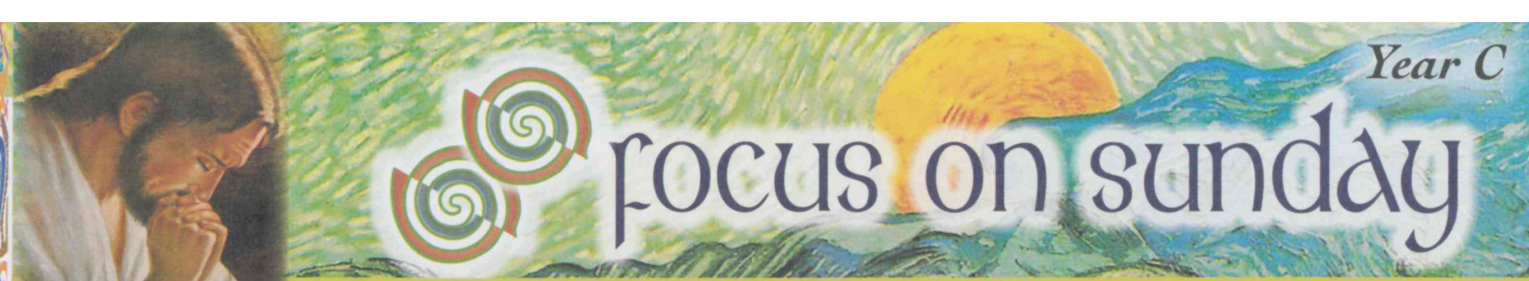
**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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.**



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3rd August 2025

## 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

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we  
pray, and, accepting the oblation of this  
spiritual sacrifice,  
make of us an eternal offering to you.  
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.  
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  
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

**You have given us, O Lord,  
bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights  
and sweetness in every taste.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection,  
O Lord, those you renew with these  
heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing  
care for them, make them worthy of eternal  
redemption. 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.**

**We are warned today against falling into the trap of greed.  
We are urged to become rich, not in the goods of this  
world but in the sight of God.**



*Become rich  
in what  
matters to God*

## Profit and loss



There is an phrase which goes, 'You never see a trailer being  
pulled after a hearse.' This would be a good way to sum up  
today's parable. Jesus tells us about a rich fool with a storage  
problem. He places his sense of security in storing up more and  
more wealth, so much so that he needs to build bigger barns to store his grain.  
For all his wealth, he does not realise his life is about to end. Nothing is more  
destructive to the human spirit than a preoccupation with accumulating more and  
more 'wealth'. Driven most likely by a lack of peace, we try to constantly fill a gap  
which can only be filled by God. A preoccupation with "storing up" stuff also affects  
our relationships with the world, especially with the poor. For example, globally,  
one-third of all food, is wasted. It is a lie to say that we do not have enough for  
everyone. Mahatma Gandhi famously said, "The world has enough for everyone's  
need, but not enough for everyone's greed."

Humanity is at a crossroads where over-consumption is concerned in our world.  
We now know that the Earth and her ecosystems are at breaking point due to  
the continued exploitation of minerals and resources that are needed to feed our  
consumption habits. According to scientists, we would need three planet Earths to  
maintain our current rates of production. The parable today is urging us to focus  
on what is truly important. We start with ourselves.

*"When nature is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious  
consequences for society. This...has engendered immense inequality, injustice  
and acts of violence against the majority of humanity... Completely at odds with  
this model are the ideals of harmony, justice, fraternity and peace as proposed by  
Jesus." (Laudato Si', 82).*

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

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

A poor man begged on the street. He said to people passing, "Give me some  
help, and God bless you." A man in bad humour said to him, "God didn't bless you  
much did He?" "Oh, He did sir," the beggar said. "God gave the money to others  
for me, but they forgot to share." God is Love, and always shares. Sharing makes  
us happy. God likes us to share our blessings and be happy.





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

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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 2nd August	5.00pm	Amy Aylward, Grange Road	3rd Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 3rd August	8.00am	John & Ann Dwyer, Cross Street & Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	9.00am	Nancy Martin, Ard Na Greine	9th Anniversary
	10.00am	Brendan Kidd, Brandon Park	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Peter O'Hanlon, Drumcondra, Dublin & New Ross	Month's Mind
Monday 4th August - Bank Holiday	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 King, Mountgarrett	Anniversary
Tuesday 5th August	8.00am	Dermot Bassett, Saltmills	Recently deceased
	10.00am	Paddy Cullen, Marino, Dublin	Anniversary
Wednesday 6th August	8.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm.	
	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Thursday 7th August	10.00am	Deceased members of the Foley family, South Street & Neville Street	Anniversaries
	8.00am	In Thanksgiving	Special Intention
	10.00am	Patrick McGrath, The Rower, Kilkenny	Anniversary
Friday 8th August	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	10.00am	May & Claire Dunne, Terrerath & Deirdre Dunne, Portmarnock, Dublin	Anniversaries
Saturday 9th August	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Patrick Laffan, Grange Road	Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 10th August	8.00am	Maisie O'Sullivan, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	9.00am	Philomena Brennan, Mount Elliott	3rd Anniversary
	10.00am	Cathal Mooney and his son; Eamonn, Mountross & Sheila Kavanagh, Kildare	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Hannah Dwyer, Mount Carmel	Months Mind

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)





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

**Our Lady's (Left):**  
Brendan Kidd (1st Anniversary), Brandon Park - Remembrance

**Altar (Centre):**  
Jimmy (James) Wall, The Bosheen - Remembrance

**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
Paddy Cullen, Marino, Dublin - Remembrance

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**  
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**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
We remember & pray for the souls of - Margaret (Peggy) Gabb (née Moran), Tinneranny & John Joe Vaughan, Glenbarra, Rosbercon, who has passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:**  
We remember & pray for the souls of - Michael Connolly, Mary Street, John King, Mountgarrett, Maisie Hearne, The Maudlins, Jimmy Grangel, Ballyroe Lower, Patrick McGrath, The Rower, Kilkenny, John Doran (50th Anniversary), High Hill, John & Ann Dwyer, Charlton Hill & Cross Street & Claire O'Flynn, Hospital Road whose anniversaries occur 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.

**An Exciting Opportunity in Inistioge:** Inistioge Parish Choir has built a well-deserved reputation over the years as a choir with clout! The group is now seeking an accompanist (organ/piano) to join the team from early September. Calling all interested parties in the region to contact Choir Director Philip Hardy at [philiphardy0@gmail.com](mailto:philiphardy0@gmail.com) or 087 2790956



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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.

**Grantstown Rosary Conscious Group:**  
Meeting takes place at Our Lady's Shrine Augustinian Priory, Grantstown, Wellington Bridge, Co. Wexford on Sunday 10th August 2025, 3.00pm to 4.00pm. All Welcome.

**Monday 4th August Bank Holiday.**  
Parish Office is closed.  


**History Notes - Part 83**  
**THE FAMINE IN OUR AREA**  
The greatest tragedy to hit Ireland in many years was the potato blight of the mid 1800s known as the Great Famine/An Gorta Mór. When the crop failed in successive years, the worst being 1847, many of the poorer people were faced with starvation. The population of Ireland halved over those years due to death and large scale emigration, mainly to America and Canada. The hardest hit areas were in the west and south-west of Ireland. The government of the day was slow in relieving the situation. Wexford is said to have escaped the worst ravages of the famine years. The Workhouse system had been introduced to Ireland shortly beforehand and it gave considerable relief to the destitute. The New Ross Workhouse stood on the grounds of The New Houghton Hospital and the old walls behind the hospital, are a stark reminder of those days of hardship. The town market in Robert Steet, now the site of our magnificent Parish Church, was the property of the town council and was pressed into temporary service as a fever shed during those years. The government ran work schemes to provide employment and a local reminder of these schemes is the road from Three Bullet Gate up to the Nash Turn and Dowsleys Barn. This road was quarried into the rock and the spoil was barrowed down to backfill New Ross Quays which were being extended at the time. My father remembered delivering milk to the New Ross Workhouse (known as the Poorhouse) on Poorhouse Road (now Hospital Road) via pony and car from their dairy in the Maudlins, in the early days of the last century.  
**Courtesy of Jim Sutton**

**Sunday 3rd August 2025:** Light the Fire Hill of Slane. Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope.  
**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 & 1.05pm. 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  
**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.

**New Ross Meals on Wheels: Annual Church Gate Collection** will take place weekend **9th & 10th August.**  
**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE.**  



**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.  
**Next Weeks Readings:** NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 18: 6-9. Ps 32: 1, 12, 18-20, 22, R/ v 12. HEB 11: 1-2, 8-19. Lk 12: 32-48.  
**Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish:** Collections 20th & 27th July 2025 @ €3,248.91 (313 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.





**Grandparents Trip to Knock Shrine - Sunday 27th July 2025**  
Oh what a beautiful experience it was! We left New Ross at 7am with the sun shining down on us. We recited a rosary after Carlow and arrived at the Grand Hotel, Moate for a delicious breakfast. John Murphy connected his phone to the mic and played some lovely songs which all joined in with. We continued our journey to Knock saying a Rosary before arriving in Knock about Noon. Everyone did their own thing whether lighting candles or having Masses said for friends and loved ones who couldn't travel with us. At 2:30pm we went to the Basilica for 'The Anointing of the Sick' which was a beautiful ceremony for everyone. Before Mass started at 3pm there was a procession of young and old carrying banners from all over the world and this year New Ross Parish Grandparents association took part as it was live on EWTN. Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam. During Mass, Dana sang 'Christ Be Beside Me'. After Mass there was Benediction, where the Blessed Sacrament was carried through the Basilica blessing everyone. The weather was glorious, so we were able to have the Rosary around the Shrine after Mass. We headed back to our bus about 5pm and recited a Rosary before arriving in the Grand Hotel for a delicious dinner served and enjoyed by all. At 8pm we headed home and Marian Mangaoang recited the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Such a lovely group to travel with and our thanks to John and the staff in the Parish office; Martha, Breda and Wendy for organising the trip and thank you to Martha for the beautiful poster, and especially to Monsignor Joe for travelling to celebrate Grandparents Day with us.

**During the Fleadh Members of Wexford Lions Club and Wexford Historical Society will trace the story of the Catholic faith in Wexford town with a tour of Churches from ancient ruins to the present day. Monday 4th to Friday 8th August, meeting at Nicky Rackard Statue at 4pm - All are welcome.**





*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.*

