

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

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....
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 willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING Numbers 21:4-9**

A reading from the book of Numbers.

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For their is neither bread nor water here: we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against

you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 77: 1-2 34-38

R. Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **[R]**

2. When he slew them then they would
seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was
their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer **[R]**

3. But the words they spoke were mere
flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. **[R]**

4. Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. **[R]**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

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

The state of Jesus Christ was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

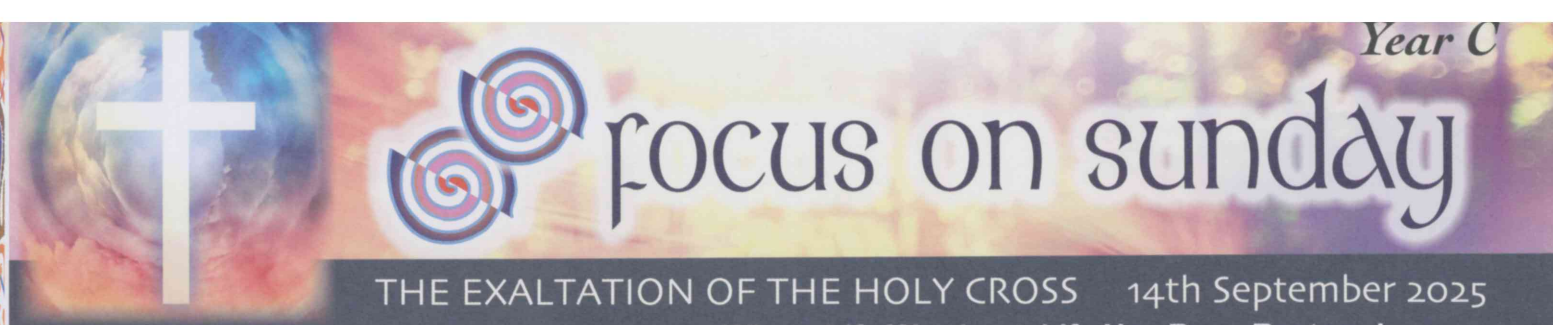
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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:

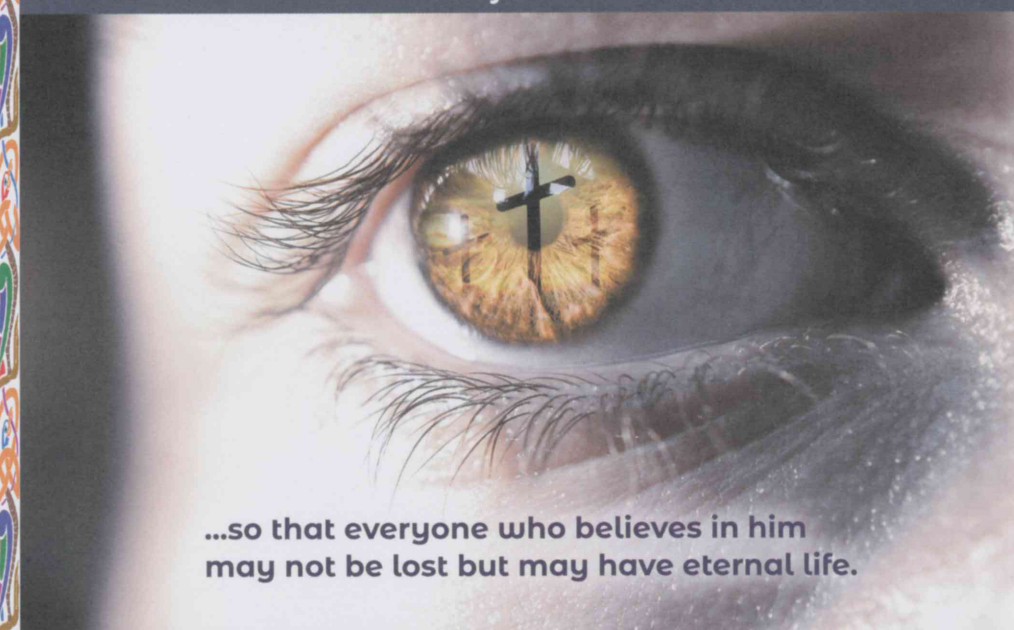
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and
was buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.
He will 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.



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 14th September 2025

Where Life Was Lost, Life Has Been Restored.

**The cross looked like a tragedy, with everything ended by death.
But it was really a triumph, a victory over sin and death
confirmed by the resurrection.**

**Come to our senses**

In the parables of things lost and found we hear of God's celebration when the lost are returned to the community. In the third parable we hear that the younger brother eventually "came to himself" or came to his senses. He realised that he had made wrong choices, he entered into a greater awareness and had a change of heart. We might focus today on the aspects of our lives in which we too must come to our senses, especially during this Season of Creation.

We lament the destruction of God's creation, the loss of biodiversity due to human activity. God's creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend. In 2020 the Living Planet report stated that 68 per cent of wildlife had disappeared in the period from 1970-2016. We are living through the sixth mass extinction of life in our planet's history, driven by human over-consumption. For example, the destruction of our great rainforests destroys trees but also the habitats of insects, mammals, plants and creatures which will never be seen again. In Laudato Si', Pope Francis invited us to "feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement" (LS, 89). We are part of, and dependent on, complex and delicate ecosystems which make up the web of life. This web is now unravelling and we know that humans cannot be healthy on a planet that is not healthy.

As we come to this awareness, this crisis can seem so overwhelming. Yet, hope is found in action. We are capable of choosing again what is good, like the Lost Son, coming to our senses, and making a new start. As with all significant change, this begins at the grassroots. The Irish Bishops have invited parishes to return 30% of Church grounds back to nature. How might your parish get involved?

"Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another." (Laudato Si', 44)

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

God cannot punish anyone, because we are God's loved children. But we can punish ourselves, and God wants to help us. There are false gods, who promise happiness from drugs, greed, and bullying, stealing, hurting others, and selfish ways that make us unhappy. Jesus' Spirit promises to help us. We light a candle, keep a pocket cross, and ask Mary our Mother to pray for us.

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

May this oblation, O Lord,
which on the altar of the Cross
cancelled the offence of the whole world,
cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins.
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

**When I am lifted up from the earth, I will
draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having been nourished by your holy
banquet, we beseech you, Lord Jesus
Christ, to bring those you have redeemed
by the wood of your life-giving Cross
to the glory of the resurrection.
Who live and reign 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 in peace. **Thanks be to God..**



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

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

Date	Time		
Saturday 13th Sept	5.00pm	The Kehoe Family, Bewley Street	Remembrance
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 14th Sept	8.00am	Thomas & Elizabeth Mernagh & deceased family members, Ard na Greine	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Martin Hussey, Mount Elliott	5th Anniversary
	10.00am	Robbie, Biddy & John Walshe, South Street	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Special Intentions	Intentions
Monday 15th Sept	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 st Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am	
	10.00am	Special Intentions	Intentions
Tuesday 16th Sept	8.00am	Paddy Walsh, Marley, Graiguenamanagh	Anniversary
	10.00am	In Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 17th Sept	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	John & Margaret Byrne, Foulksmills	Anniversaries
Thursday 18th Sept	8.00am	Jim & Bridget Hawe, Piltown, Kilkenny	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Pat & Rita Reidy, Garryowen, Limerick	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 19th September	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	May St. Ledger, Bewley Street & Kathleen Joyce, New Ross	Anniversaries
Saturday 20th September	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Thomas St. Ledger, Lower William Street	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 21st September	8.00am	Special Intentions	Intentions
	9.00am	Eddie Bennett, Wexford Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Helen Gannon & Hannah Brennan, Nunnery Lane	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Theresa Hunt, The Bosheen Kathleen (D Kate) Connors (nee Connors), New Ross	Months Mind Months Mind



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

Our Lady's (Left):
Private Intentions

Altar (Centre):
Betty Broaders - Birthday Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
Jim Doyle, Ardross - Anniversary

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Anniversary

In Remembrance

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Martin Hussey, Mount Elliott (5th Anniversary) & Laurence Fortune, Shanbough, whose anniversaries occur around this time.


BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:
We remember & pray for the soul of - Colin Bradley, 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.

Congratulations

BAPTISMS:
We welcome into our Christian Community - Michal Sieradzki & Zuzanna Goral, Bellevue Heights, 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 and 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.



SEPTEMBER 2025
MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
5.00pm - Anne Rochford
9.00am - Miriam Carroll
10.00am - Georgina Fleming
12.00 Noon - Pat Rossiter

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
5.00pm - Mary M. Carroll, Fiona Cullen & Liam Nolan
9.00am - Martin Burke & Wendy Cullen
10.00am - Nan Furlong, Catherine O'Gara & Khanh Phi Tran
12.00 Noon - Rita Condon & Pat Rossiter

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 19th September 2025:
Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Volunteers

Saturday 20th September 2025:
Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Consecrated Life.

Sunday 21st September 2025 :
To celebrate the Jubilee of Volunteers there will be a Thanksgiving Mass for Community Volunteers @ 12 Noon at The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, Wexford.

Wednesday 24th September 2025:
Monthly Parish Coffee Morning. in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome.

Monday 20th October 2025:
Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Youth

Monday 27th October 2025: Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed.

Wednesday 29th October 2025:
Monthly Parish Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome.

Wednesday 1st October 2025:
Mass bookings will be taken up to and including March 2026.


History Notes - Part 89: THE ANCIENT MARINER

Long ago New Ross Boat Club had a caretaker, named Willy, who had spent most of his life as a deep-sea sailor. He treated the younger members of the Club as crew of his sailing ship and was quite strict on discipline and how we conducted ourselves as users of the Club's boats and swimming facilities. He was very meticulous in keeping the clubhouse neat, tidy and clean. He regularly washed down the premises and used a soft soap concoction which he called "sugee" - this became his nickname. He used the sugee liberally with hose and brush and nothing escaped his cleaning campaign. The Club's big round clock ticked away over the Committee Room door until Willy, in his enthusiasm, opened the little door underneath and hosed the insides - to the consternation of the Club president.


If you got Willy sitting down on a seat in front of the clubhouse and primed him gently, he had some great stories of his sea-going days. He had all sorts of strange sounding names of ports he called to, like Valparaiso and Pernambuco in South America.

One of the best remembered stories he told us was of a visit to a South American port where himself and a colleague, on docking, headed for the bright lights. Before they got there they were accosted by two members of the local security force who demanded money from them. Their reply to the demand was "No pesetas!" to which the guards promptly replied "Calaboosa pronto!". They marched the two boys off to the local jail. According to Willy they were lodged in a filthy, lice-infested cell and kept there until they were ready to buy their freedom.

Courtesy of Jim Sutton



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






Monastic Vocations Weekend (October 24-27)

CISTERCIAN NUNS

The Cistercians at Glencairn Abbey invite you to discern God's call to monastic life, as lived here since 1932. If you are a single woman between the ages of 19-40, come and experience our life of prayer, work, hospitality and liturgy in the solitude and beauty of St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Co Waterford. Visit our website www.glencairnabbey.org
Contact Sr Mairéad, Novice Mistress: vocations@glencairnabbey.org





To Celebrate the Jubilee of Volunteers

Bishop Ger Nash:

requests the pleasure of the company of

Community Volunteers

to a Mass of Thanksgiving at the

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street


Sunday September 21st 2025 at 12noon



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 - 892 6260 frdenisbrowne@gmail.com. For bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800

ABIDE IN HIS LOVE - Women's Conference 21st -23rd November 2025 - The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. An Amazing event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ. Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters, & Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check out Eventbrite for tickets & more information. Not to be missed!



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.