# TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21st September 2025

# **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

# 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

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.

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# 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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

# FIRST READING Amos 8: 4-7 A reading from the prophet Amos.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel. raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money and the needy for a

pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob. 'Never will I forget a single thing you have

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 112: 1 - 2. 4 - 8

# R. Praise the Lord. who raises the poor.

- 1. Praise, O servants of the Lord. praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore!
- 2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God. who has risen on high to his throne vet stoops from the heights to look down to look down upon heaven and earth?
- 3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. [R]

# SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our Saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man. Christ Jesus. who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich, but he became and by the Holy Spirit poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 16.1-13

(Shorter form in italics \*16: 10 - 13\*) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

\*Jesus said to his disciples:\* 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with

his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw any longer. " Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. \*The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of

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: 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, me up an account of your stewardship the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father because you are not to be my steward and the Son, who with the Father and the Son

# focus on sunday

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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.

# 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 with favour, O Lord, we pray. the offerings of your people.

that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.

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..... AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come

# 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 laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.



The prophet Amos reminds us of our duty not to exploit the poor and needy while in today's Gospel St. Luke tells us that we cannot serve both God and money. If we serve God, then, we will not forget today's victims of poverty.



# Focus-

# Kingdom economics

If you think that all the parables Jesus told were pleasant stories about people of integrity, then today's Gospel might make you think again. The manager has been given notice by his CEO and decides to even up the tables, while he still can, for those who

are struggling to pay their debts to the company. He is happy to let debt go and redistribute the finances. The only value the money really has is in the way it is used. The manager is free-spirited, a bit of a scoundrel yes, but Jesus liked scoundrels, once their efforts were put to good use. The manager uses the power he still has now to change the future for himself and for others.

Change is urgently needed at political levels, when it comes to the reality of climate change. The science is clear; our world is warming due to human activity giving rise to drought, famine, devastating wildfires, extreme weather events, sea level rise and the displacement of millions of people. Climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing our world today and has grave implications for many aspects of our lives: environmental, social, economic and political. We know that just 100 fossil fuel companies are responsible for 70 per cent of the carbon emissions which drive this crisis. These corporations care little for future generations. Young people are standing up to such systems, calling them to account, engaging in political action and challenging all of us to raise our voices for our common home. They say, "Change is coming whether you like it or not!" Today's parable invites us, like the manager, to "holy mischief"

"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?... We may well be leaving to coming generations debris. desolation and filth." (Laudato Si' §160-161)

Eco-Congregation Ireland is an example of a faith-based organisation (in Ireland and the UK) encouraging Christian communities to become eco-parishes, shining as examples of what is possible in order to address this crisis. Can you consider getting involved?

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

Money is important for family and country, and a blessing. Jesus tells us that it is the wrong use of money that makes us selfish and unhappy, and can bring pain, hurt and sadness to the world. Young people who do charity walks and collect money to help others, make money a servant, not a master, and so taste happiness. May our hearts enliven our hands to be generous in giving and sharing.

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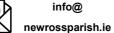
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Date	Time		
Saturday	5.00pm	Thomas St. Ledger, Upper William Street	1st Anniversary
20th Sept	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 21st	8.00am	Special Intention	Intentions
Sept	9.00am	Eddie Bennett, Wexford Street	Anniversary
25th Sunday	10.00am	Helen Gannon & Hannah Brennan, Nunnery Lane	Anniversaries
of Ordinary Time	12.00 Noon	Theresa (Tess) Hunt, (nee Mugan), The Bosheen Kathleen (D Kate) Connors (nee Connors), New Ross	Months Mind Months Mind
Monday	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
22nd Sept	9.30am	Rosary is recited every morning in the Parish Church from Monda	

to Saturday, ho		1 .	ited every morning in the Parish Church from Monday however on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month the Novena of Fatima is held @ 9.15am	
	10.00am	Kieran Foley and deceased members of the Foley & Brennan families, Cross Street	Anniversaries	
Tuesday	8.00am	Michael, Kitty & Tom Walsh, Clonroche	Anniversaries	
23rd Sept	10.00am	Helena Brennan, Butlersland	Anniversary	
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm		
Wednesday	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish		

	24th Sept	10.00am	John & Mary Doyle, Barntown	Anniversaries
	COULT	Monthly Parish Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10am Mass		
		2.00pm	CBS School Mass	
Th	Thursday	8.00am		
	25th Sept	10.00am	Andrew Brennan, An Caislean Maol / JKL & Ollie	11th Anniversary
			Newport, Wexford	& Remembrance
		3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	Friday 26th	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	September	10.00am	Madeline Ryan, Ard na Greine	3rd Anniversary
Sat	Saturday	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	27th	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	September			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

Jimmy Callaghan, St. Aidan's Irishtown

**Polish Community Mass** 

John O'Leary, Irishtown

Tom Kielthy, The Bosheen

Beatrice (Bice) Forte, Trinity Houses

William (Willie) Wall, Bellevue Heights

# Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:

Available @ €10.00 / week. Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.

# Our Lady's (Left): In Thanksgiving

Altar (Centre):

Patrick (Pat) O'Brien, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK & New Ross - Anniversary St. Joseph's (Right): Special Intention

# **Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**

Anastasia May St. Ledger, Bewley Street and Kathleen Joyce, Bewley Court -Anniversary

# Remembrance

# RECENTLY DECEASED:

We remember & pray for the souls of -Clare Barry, Bridgetown, Carmel Cotton, Inverness, Scotland & New Ross Patrick (Paddy) Cosgrave, Marsh Lane & Countess Ann Berenstorff, Berkeley Forest, New who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

# ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We remember & pray for the souls of -Helena Brennan, Butlersland, Jim Dovle, Ardross 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.

Anniversary

3rd Anniversary

5th Anniversary

Months Mind

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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.

PLEASE NOTE: The will be NO 8am Mass in Mount Carmel on Tuesday 30th September, however Morning Prayer & Communion Service will take place instead.



### SEPTEMBER 2025 MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.00pm -

9.00am -

Miriam Carroll

10.00am -

**Georgina Fleming** 

12.00 Noon -

**Pat Rossiter** 

MINISTERS OF THE

**EUCHARIST:** 

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.

5.00pm -

Anne Rochford

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

Tuesday 30th September 2025: No 8.00am Mass in Mount Carmel, however Morning Prayer & Communion Service will take place Monday 20th October 2025: Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Youth

**UPCOMING** 

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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

Wednesday 15th October 2025: Medjugorje Pilgrimage Celebration Mass at 7pm Celebrated with Rt. Rev Mgr. Don Kenny All are welcome.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO HELEN KAVANAGH **OF DUNBRODY**

ARCHERS! Helen won gold medal at **European Archery** Championships in

Estonia!

# Join a Choir for a night! New Ross Singers invite you to a ight-hearted 'Open Rehearsal' on Monday 22nd September at 7.30pm at St. Mary's Secondary School. The Choir sings a mixture

of popular music and well-known serious work. Come and give it a try!

### <u> History Notes - Part 90:</u>

THE MISSIONS When I was a boy, the annual Church Mission was an important event in the life of all Church goers. Sunday Masses were full, and weekly Confraternity meetings were held separately for men and women. Eleven thirty Mass on Sundays was packed and latecomers had to search for a seat. Corpus Christi processions from the Irishtown to the Parish Church via Mary Street and South Street were big occasions, with decorative arches in Irishtown and private houses along the route adorned with flowers and candles and statues in veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. However, the big event in the life of the Catholics was the annual mission. A week for the women followed by a week for the men consisted of morning Mass and evening rosary, sermon and Benediction. The missioners were two visiting preachers, usually from the Redemptorist or the Jesuit Orders. One was a severe and agressive preacher who frightened the lives out of the congregation with threats of fire and damnation, and mortal sin. The second missioner was usually "the nice man" with a much more gentle message. The term "God's Stormtroopers" was well chosen as a description of their role. I well remember the final hymn of the last night of the men's mission - "Faith of Our Fathers" - which raised the roof of the church. My father told the story of a mission in the old parish church (now St Michaels Theatre) when an agressive preacher was in full flight. A working man stood up in the congragation and shouted "Father, if what you say is true. I have no hope of Heaven!", and the sound of his boots echoed in the silence as he marched out of the church. Courtesy of Jim Sutton

### 'WE HAVE NOT HERE A LASTING CITY'

That is a line from the Letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament and it is a line often used by Diocesan Priests at this time of the year, when they meet with the Bishop to discuss the needs of the Diocese and those discussions regularly result in priests being asked to move to a new parish or other duties. Our Parish has just had that experience

and that happens too, in order to best meet the needs of the Diocese. We thank him for his work here and wish him every happiness and success in his

As you know, Fr. Brian has moved to the Parish of Ferns. His stay here was short

His replacement is a familiar face. Fr. Odhrán Furlong returns after a gap of 25 years. We will now be the beneficiaries of all the intervening years of experience as he reconnects with the Parish. We welcome him wholeheartedly and look forward to many years of fruitful ministry.

New Ross COPD Support Group is delighted to announce a new community-based exercise programme for people living with COPD. This exercise programme is free of charge. The classes will involve a range of exercises that improve aerobic



capacity, strength and flexibility. The classes will also offer a social gathering where individuals living with COPD can meet others who have a lived experience of this long term lung condition. Classes will be delivered by an instructor who has experience of delivering exercise programmes which are specifically tailored to meet the needs of people living with COPD. This programme will be delivered every Monday from 12pm in St Michael's Pastoral Centre, starting Monday 29th September. Please contact Katie in COPD Support Ireland on 083 086 4118 or email support@copd.ie for more details and to book your place.





Saturday, 4 October 2025 at 19:00 **Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre** Ballyvaloo, Blackwater, Wexford, Y21X392 Free admission, all welcome

# Agenda:

Trócaire representative on Gaza relief HeART of Gaza children's art popup exhibition Candle lit vigil at Ballyvaloo beach

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Abide in I fis l Women's Conference

Abide in His Love - Women's Conference November 21st-23rd at The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. An Amazing event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ. 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.