

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

## 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

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people: 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

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Amos 6:1. 4-7

**A reading from the prophet Amos.**

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and

use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 145:6-10

**R. My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **[R]**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just the Lord, who protects the stranger. **[R]**

3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **[R]**

### SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6.11-16

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

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Luke 16:19 - 31

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the

angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied, "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man, "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

**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.



# focus on sunday

TWENTY - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28th September 2025

*World Day of Migrants and Refugees*

The difference between wealth and poverty in the lives of many people is the theme of today's gospel: the story is a parable we can apply to our own lives, - we cannot sit by contented in our own situations while our brothers and sisters are in want. Christ shared his love with us: we must do likewise.



*Christ shared his love with us:  
We must do likewise*



Have you ever not had enough to eat and you could do nothing about it? Like being away somewhere and nowhere open. Maybe in hospital? But you know that tomorrow or later maybe you will get something better.

There are millions worldwide who are only at point 1, and never know if they will get anything more.

The story is about those with plenty and those with little. With hungry people who are ignored by others. About knowing that it is the will of God that nobody be hungry this night, but that God depends on his people to feed them. 'The point of the story is not to promote the idea of 'pie in the sky when you die'. It is rather an attack on the greed and selfishness in a world of plenty that leaves the poor excluded.

If this was a problem in biblical times, it pales into insignificance when we consider today's world and the scale of the misery experienced by so many'.

What can one person do? We did not individually cause the problem of world hunger. But we can all be part of the solution. Do we waste a lot of food – but we know even if we don't throw out the wasted food at dinner, the poor won't get it. Pope Francis said that wasted food is food stolen from the poor! We know that in fact that the world can produce enough food to feed everyone.

Even small gestures remind us of the pain of others if we offer some food to someone hungry, or to pay for a burger or a breakfast, or volunteer in food centres. We may talk with hungry people and treat them with dignity. This helps us feel their feelings. Without that we can pass by, and the dogs were kinder to Lazarus than many of his own people. The voice of the poor calling for help here and elsewhere is the cry of Jesus in the world. We pray for those who care for the hungry in day centres and can financially help them.

Sometime today hold a small bowl of rice in your hand, or one slice of bread, and remember that this is all many have to eat for today.

Give to all this day O Lord their daily bread. May we help you do this.

**Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger**

## Jesus' Story

*Fr. Liam Hickey*

Some people don't like today's story, because they think that God punishes people. God cannot punish or be angry. God can only love and forgive. Jesus tells us that the way of love is to care. Some people have a lot of money. Some people have not enough money for their needs. God loves both. The way of happiness for both is to care. Sometimes we pretend that we don't see the need of another. Sometimes we have to take risks to help, but God is always with us.





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

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10.30am to 2.00pm. Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays. Wide range in stock of Mass Cards, General Cards & Gift Ideas for all occasions. Mass Cards are also available in Nugent's Newsagents, Cooney's & Ryan's Homes.



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

Date	Time		
Saturday 27th Sept	5.00pm	Jimmy Callaghan, St. Aidan's, Irishtown	Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 28th Sept <div>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</div>	8.00am		
	9.00am	John O'Leary, Irishtown	3rd Anniversary
	10.00am	Tom Kielthy, The Bosheen	5th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Beatrice (Bice) Forte, Trinity Houses William (Willie) Wall, Bellevue Heights	Months Mind Months Mind
Monday 29th 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 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am	
	10.00am	Special Healing Intentions	Special Intention
Tuesday 30th Sept 	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Bridie Doyle, The Bosheen	2nd Anniversary
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 1st Oct	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Patrick & Mary Lennane, Irishtown	Anniversaries
Thursday 2nd Oct 	8.00am	The Browne & Devereaux Families, Neville Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Catherine Doyle, Old Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 3rd October	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Mary Browne, Chapel Lane & her daughter Bridie Jones (nee Browne), UK	Anniversaries
Saturday 4th October	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Patrick O'Neill, Newtown Commons	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 5th October <div>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</div>	8.00am	Pat & Kitty McDonald, William Street	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Carmel, Kathleen & Martin Dwyer, Ard na Greine	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Peggy & Sam Hill, South Street	Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon		




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

**Our Lady's (Left):**  
Martin & Eily Finn - Anniversaries

**Altar (Centre):**  
Deceased members of the Ryan Family

**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
In Thanksgiving

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**  
Andy Doyle, Birthday Remembrance



**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
We remember & pray for the souls of - James (Jim) Forristal, Shanbough, Rosbercon, John Kelly, Knoxtown, Clonroche & Lower William Street, Thomas Norman Jacob, Ard Ross & The Campus Garage, The Quay, New Ross & Elizabeth (Betty) O'Neill (Nee Fortune), Portmarnock & New Ross, who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.


\*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.

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





**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND**  
REDISCOVER EACH OTHER

Venue: Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare  
Date: Friday 7th - Sunday 9th November 2025  
Open to all married couples

**STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE IN JUST ONE WEEKEND**  
Register online at [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)



**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**

**Tuesday 30th September 2025:**  
**No 8.00am Mass** in Mount Carmel, however Morning Prayer & Communion Service will take place.

**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. Msgr. Don Kenny All are welcome.

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

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

**New Ross Active Retirement**  
General Meeting will be held on Friday 3rd October at 11am at the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane.

**Ladies watch found in the church after recent funeral, please contact the Parish Office.**


**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)




**History Notes - Part 91:**  
**THE GREAT BRIDGE OF ROSS - 1200 A.D.**



The Norman conquerors were quick to realise the importance of a prime site on the Barrow river on which to build the new town of New Ross. The location was some fifteen miles inland, with an excellent waterway running far into heartland Leinster. As early as 1189, William Marshall's wife, Isabella, set about building the trading town and erecting a magnificent wooden bridge opening up the way to Kilkenny, Marshall's main centre of administration. The new bridge was a wonder in its day and the town quickly became known as Rospointe i.e. Ross of the Bridge. Meanwhile, the English King John, to whom the Normans owed allegiance, was wary of the new conquerors setting up an independent state in Ireland. In a show of strength he landed with a huge army at Crook in June 1210 and marched north via Kilkenny, eventually arriving in Dublin. The army marched to Rospointe on the day after landing, and records describe how the King John and his entourage were received with fanfare and acclaim as they crossed the new bridge. Correspondence from the King to London during this visit is addressed "from the town of the new bridge of William Marshall". According to tradition, in a later incident, a stag was chased by a hound across the bridge, in the presence of William Marshall accompanied by King Henry The Third. The action of this chase was incorporated in the coat of arms of William Marshall. It is also part of the official coat of arms of our town.

**Courtesy of Jim Sutton**



*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.*





## NEW ROSS PARISH CHURCH

### Medjugorje Pilgrimage Celebration Mass

### Wednesday 15th October 2025




### @ 7.00pm

### Celebrant: Monsignor Don Kenny

### All Welcome.


*(Refreshments served afterwards & please bring your petitions)*

**"Open Meeting"**  
All members, players, parents, supporters and members of the community are invited to attend an important open meeting in **Geraldine's GAA Clubhouse**. This meeting will cover urgent and vital matters concerning the future of our club, and it is essential that as many voices as possible are heard.

 Date: Fri 3rd Oct 2025  
 Time: @8pm  
 Venue: Geraldine's GAA Clubhouse

Your input and support are crucial as we make decisions that will shape the road ahead. Please make every effort to attend and encourage others to do the same. Together, we are The Geraldine's

**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 29<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Katie in COPD Support Ireland on 083 086 4118 or email [support@copd.ie](mailto:support@copd.ie) for more details and to book your place.



## GAZA VIGIL - LIGHTING THE DARKNESS



A humanitarian vigil supporting Trócaire's relief work with medical aid for Gaza

**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

Join us!  
Scan QR code:



Free tickets at [GazaVigil.Eventbrite.ie](https://GazaVigil.Eventbrite.ie)

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