

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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 healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
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, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Wisdom 9:13-18*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

'What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the

heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 89:3-6. 12-14.17

R. O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **[R]**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **[R]**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **[R]**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Philemon 9-10.12-17*

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother, especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 14:25-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

**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- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7th September 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

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty, and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.
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.....

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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. **Thanks be to God.**

The christian's life is centred on God and not on possessions or wealth: these are to be used in the service of God.

"Anyone who does not carry his cross..."



The cost of discipleship

Today's Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? Reflect back on a time when you gained a new insight.

When this happens, it often involves letting go of something we were attached to - the call to "hate" our family is not to be taken literally but perhaps we need to break free from a habit or relationship that is holding us back. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, this entails moving on from the comfortable and that can be painful.

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls each of us to become "painfully aware" of what is happening to our world. We know that the past 200 years of 'development' has caused widespread destruction of our world, altering the very fabric of our ecosystems. We consider 'development' to be measured by infinite economic growth. This is simply not possible on a planet with finite resources. Levels of consumption by humans are out of control; we have not considered the full cost of the "tower" (Lk 14:28).

The Season of Creation is a time to reconnect with the beauty of God's creation so that we can set out on more sustainable paths. This involves breaking away from certain systems which we once depended on and embracing a more gentle way of walking on this earth. It requires a drastic change of heart so that we can set out on new paths as a global community.

"The ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion...Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." (*Laudato Si'*, 217).


Perhaps this Season of Creation, you might read Pope Francis' Laudato Si' and invite some people to join you.

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

Jesus is always telling us that God is Love. Love is trying to put others first, and to care. Our parents put us first and cared for us when we were small. Often they had to stay awake at night if they worried about us. Often they had to do without things to save money for our care. Jesus says there is always a cross to carry, when we love and care. God helps us to grow in love. We need to ask all the time.




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 6th August	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	Eileen & Michael Nolan, Southknock	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Remembering our Loved Ones with Bishop Ger Nash followed be dedication of Remembrance Wall	
Monday 8th 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 st Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am	
	10.00am	Sr. Eily O'Gorman & her parents Catherine & Tom O'Gorman, Clogheen, Co.Tipperary	Anniversaries
	7.00pm	Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage Closing Mass in Church with Torchlight Procession	
Tuesday 9th September	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	In Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 10th Sept	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Pat & Bridie O'Farrell, Southknock	Anniversaries
Thursday 11th Sept	8.00am		
	10.00am	Marie Calton (nee O'Donoghue), Dublin & Waterford	3rd Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 12th September	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Special Birthday Intention	Special Intention
Saturday 13th September	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	The Kehoe Family, Bewley Street	Remembrance
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 14th September	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		




Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:
Available @ €10.00 / week.
Commencing Saturday @ 10.00am to the following Saturday.
Our Lady's (Left):
Special Intention
Altar (Centre):
Ownie Furlong, Ballyrue - Birthday Remembrance
St. Joseph's (Right):
Dolores & Martin Cullen, Parkfield - Golden Wedding Anniversary
Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
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RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Conor Porter, Raphoe, Donegal, Niall Treacy, Davidstown & New Ross, Beatrice (Bice) Forte, Priory Street, Patricia Fortune, Shanbogh, Rosbercon who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.
ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Harry Doherty, Mount Carmel, Peg Cleary, Neville Street, Mary Mullet, Charleton Hill, Eileen & Michael Nolan, Southknock, Billy Howlett (5th Anniversary), Palace East, Clonroche 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:
We welcome into our Christian Community - Killian Konieczny, Bergerin Loftus & Philip Walsh, Charleton Hill, who was 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 & 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

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. There is NO bus arranged from New Ross Parish to Our Lady's Island Closing Ceremony.
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
Saturday 20th September 2025:
Pilgrims of hope Jubilee 2025 - Consecrated Life.
Wednesday 24th September 2025:
Monthly Parish Coffee Morning.


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

CLOSING EARLY


History Notes - Part 88:
A CLOSE SHAVE
There was a fine quay at a point near the Albatros factory site called The Franklin. It was on the site of the old Hearne's Mill and was a favourite place for swimming at high tide, long ago before swimming pools were created.
On a fine summer's Sunday evening a crowd of friends from Robert Street/Michael Street area headed for the Franklin at high tide. The band included Mr. Corish and his sons, accompanied by the Curtis boys and others. I was about nine years old and not yet a swimmer but I tagged along for the excitement. There was a big chain across the quayside stretching over the quay wall into the river. Amid the excitement and splashing, I tripped over the chain and went headlong into the tide, virtually unnoticed. I am sure I was half-drowned when someone noticed my yellow pullover under the water. A cousin of the Curtis family on holidays from Cork named O'Sullivan, dived in and rescued me. I was brought ashore and pumped out and I recovered quickly. Then Mr Corish took over. A fire was lit, my clothes were dried and everyone present was sworn to secrecy. It remained unspoken of and generally unknown in town.
Some years later, Mrs Curtis met my mother and told her the tale. Naturally, my mother was shocked and confronted me about the incident – "Why did you not tell us!!" My answer was eventually accepted – "If I had told you , you would never have let me out again" **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.




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.
Mass Bookings: We are currently taking Mass bookings up to & including February 2026.




Next Weeks Readings: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Num 21: 4-9. Ps 77: 1-2, 34-38, R/ 7. PHIL2: 6-11. Jn 3: 13-17.




Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: 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.




Lectio Davina: Come and join our Group every Wednesday morning at 10.45am in the Pastoral Centre and experience God in our lives through the Sunday Gospel.



Legion of Mary: Meetings every Tuesday evening @ 7.30pm in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre. Contact: Alex Doyle Tel: 087 273 8703.




TAIZE: Meet for Prayers 1st Friday of every month in Good Counsel College Church @ 8.00pm




Parish Office / Shop in Legion of Mary Pastoral Centre: All items for sale are Blessed on the First Friday of every month.

Join the Journey: RCIA Programme in the Diocese of Ferns




Are you curious about the Catholic faith? Interested in exploring what it means to be Catholic? Our Diocese hopes to offer the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those aged 18 and older who wish to learn more about the Catholic Church and discern joining our community of faith. Come to Our Initial Gathering!
Date: Wed 24th September 2025 Time: 7.30 pm
Location: Pastoral Centre, St. Peter's College, Summerhill, Wexford
This no-obligation gathering is a chance to meet others, ask questions, and discover what the RCIA journey involves. Whether you're seeking to return to your faith, explore Catholicism, or prepare for sacraments, we welcome you.
Contact: Sean O'Leary at pdw@ferns.ie to RSVP or learn more.
Take the first step, join us and explore the beauty of the Catholic faith!

The Canonisations of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati




On **Sunday the 7th September, from 10.15am to 11.45am**, RTÉ One television will broadcast the Mass to be celebrated by Pope Leo XIV for the canonisations of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati from Saint Peter's Square, Rome. Wendy Grace will provide the commentary and translation.

Jubilee Year Opportunities at Lough Derg this September



Quiet Day Retreat – Come apart by yourself, and rest for a while - Friday 12th September. Admission €40 includes refreshments and lunch. Advance booking essential. **CONTACT by email - info@loughderg.org or Tel. 0 (0353) 719861518 www.loughderg.org, Pettigo, Co Donegal, F94 PC60.**
There is still time to collect your Lough Derg Pilgrim Passport stamp

Holy Mass
in honour of
Ven. Edel Quimm
Blessing with Relic
Sat 13 Sept
6pm
St Aidan's Cathedral
Enniscorthy
Main Celebrant
Fr Bernardo de Nardo



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