

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us....
Amen.



(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful,
we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 2: 1 - 5*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord

shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 121: 1-2.4-5, 6-9

**R. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **[R]**
2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **[R]**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' **[R]**
4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' **[R]**
For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Romans 13:11 - 14*

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

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 24:37 - 44*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too

must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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.**



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

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

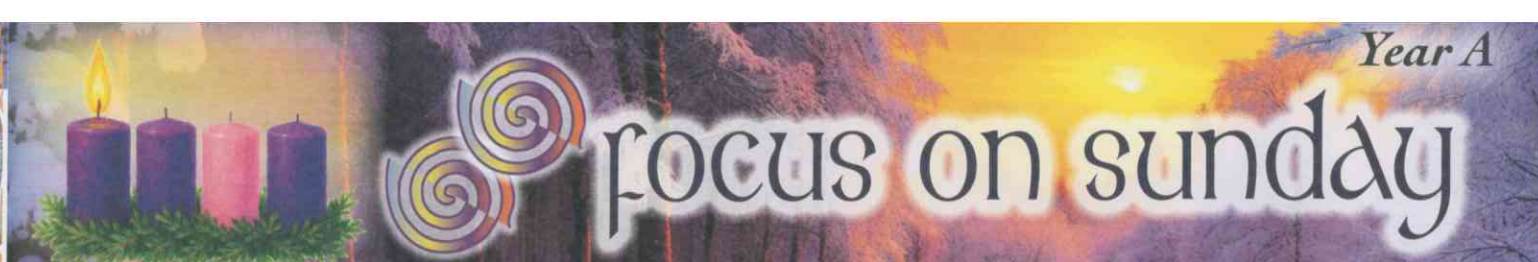
And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

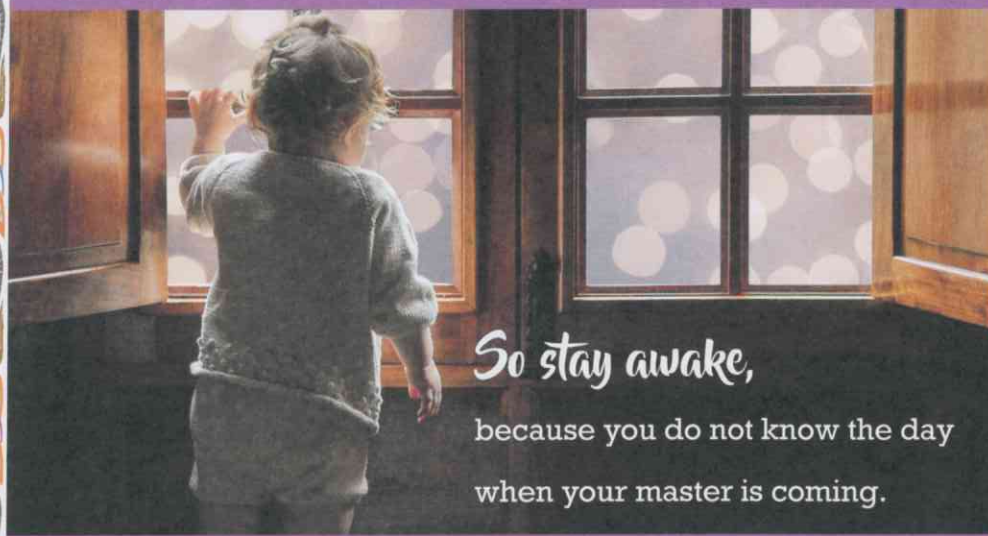
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 30th November 2025

Advent is a reminder that our life on earth is a preparation for the life of eternity in heaven; and that we wait for the coming of Christ to take us home.



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

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The circle of evergreen leaves stands for God who is without beginning and without end. The purple ribbon and three purple candles stand for penance and sorrow for sin. The red candle stands for joy of living in God's way of love. Today the first purple candle is lit as we begin our preparations for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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.



The 2007 film *The Bucket List* stars Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson as two terminally ill men who put together a wish list of things to do before they 'kick the bucket'. They do a skydive, get tattoos and visit the pyramids. Some of the items on the list are more abstract – witness something truly majestic; help a total

stranger for the good; find the joy in life. Of course, we would live very differently if we knew our days were numbered. Sometimes it is only when the fragility of life is laid bare that we manage to get our priorities in order. Everything can change in an instant.

As we begin Advent, a season of joy and expectation, this might seem like a gloomy Gospel to reflect on. Its tone is apocalyptic but when Matthew was writing his Gospel, his community had these questions at the forefront of their minds - when will Jesus return? What signs will there be? Why is it taking so long? Jesus does not offer an answer to this question except to say, "Keep awake!" Instead of worrying about questions that we cannot possibly know the answer to, what is important is how we are living now, today, in the present moment. Are we living aware of Christ present here and now in each person and in all of creation? Awakening to this miracle of universal love is a second coming or re-awakening we can get on board with. Advent is a very special time, a liminal space where we are full of expectant hope. It is an opportunity to take stock and see what is truly important; then we can experience the true joy which the season offers. Today's Gospel invites us to be ready; not on tenterhooks and full of anxiety, but to be attentive, with open hearts, so that God's grace and love can enter once more this Christmas. How might you embrace this call to live with greater awareness, waiting and watching for Christ's presence in the world around you this Advent?

"God's hope for history seems to be that humanity will one day be able to recognize its own dignity as the divine dwelling place, which it also shares with the rest of creation." - Richard Rohr

Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty. Adapted from *The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*, Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2022.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Come Lord Jesus, Come and be born in our hearts, this Christmas. Jesus was born in Mary's heart first, when she listened to the Angel, and she said "Yes." Then she went quickly to help her cousin, Elizabeth, who was expecting a baby. To see ways that we can help others at home, at work, and to share our gifts, and be attentive to God's blessing is the best way to celebrate Christmas.



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

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All 8.00am Masses & Eucharistic Prayer Services are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel.

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

Date	Time		
Saturday 29th November	5.00pm	Thomas O'Brien & his father Tommy O'Brien, Glenbarra	1st Anniversary & Remembrance
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 30th November	8.00am	James & Catherine Murphy, Ballyrue	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Richard & Wendy Cahill, Tower Grove	2nd Anniversaries
	10.00am	Therese Burke (nee Collins), Ardross	2nd Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Jimmy Somers, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
Monday 1st December	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	John Bowe, Abbey Hall	51st Anniversary
Tuesday 2nd December	8.00am	Craig & Jean Tracey, Parkfield	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Alice Cullen, "Hillcrest", Cross Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 8.00pm	
Wednesday 3rd December	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Maura Cullen, Marino, Dublin	Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance
Thursday 4th December	8.00am	John & Maura Nixon, Ard Mhicil	Anniversary
	10.00am	Kathleen Bowe (Nee Ryan), Abbey Hall	3rd Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Mass for 50 Years of Borads of Management in Catherine McAuley Junior School, Castlemoyle Y34 XT89	
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 5th December	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Jimmy & Mary Caulfield, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
Saturday 6th December	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Anita Bolger, Creywell & Ard na Greine & Dublin	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 7th December	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	9.00am	Eoghan Brennan, Tower Grove	6th Anniversary
	10.00am	Marian Cashin & her son Michael, Woodbine Close	1st & 3rd Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Betty Doran (nee Power), High Hill	Months Mind



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:

Candles are a wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. We light them at all prayers in our Church. Candles aid the focus of our prayer. Have you been asked by a family member of friend to "Light a candle for me" as comfort & assurance of Prayer?

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

Our Lady's (Left):
Mollie Dunne, Carlow - Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
Thomas O'Brien, Glenbarra - 1st Anniversary

St. Joseph's (Right):
Deceased members of New Ross Active Retirement - Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Special Intention



RECENTLY DECEASED:

We remember & pray for the souls of - Michael Murphy, Lucan, Dublin & Sr. Perpetua, Presentation Sisters, Matloc, who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We remember & pray for the souls of - Godfrey Hill (13th Anniversary), Butlersland, Ellen Kelly (2nd Anniversary), Ballinaberna, Mollie Dunne, Carlow, Billy Tubritt, Gurteens, Saltmills & Edward & Mary Colfer, South Street 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.



BAPTISMS:

Baptisms take place on the First Saturday & Third Sunday @ 1.00pm each month. A Minimum two weeks notice is required & a maximum of four candidates per booking. No Private Baptism booking can be accommodated. 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:

We congratulate - Mary Cash, An Caislean Maol & Francis O'Connor, Peterborough, UK who were married recently in our Parish Church. 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 30th November 2025: First Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of HOPE.

Monday 1st December 2025: Mass bookings will be taken up to and including May 2026.

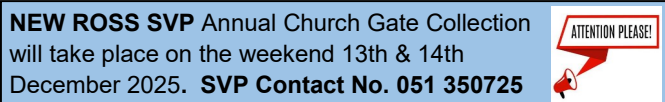
Thursday 4th December 2025: Thanksgiving Mass for 50 Years of Board of Management. in Catherine McAuley Junior School @ 12.00 Noon.

Sunday 7th December 2025: Second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of PEACE.

Monday 8th December 2025: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day. No Vigil Mass on Sunday 7th December. Masses @ 8.00am in Mount Carmel, 10.00am & 1.05pm in Parish Church. Parish Office Closed.

Sunday 14th December 2025: SVP Annual Church Gate Collection. Third Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of JOY.

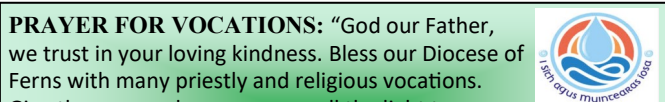
Thursday 18th December 2025: CBS Secondary School Carol Service in the Church.



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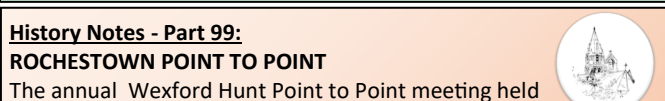
will take place on the weekend 13th & 14th December 2025. SVP Contact No. 051 350725

For Young Women (18-40yrs) who are discerning a Vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life, monthly meetings are held in Charleville Retreat Centre, Cork. The day includes prayer, talks, Holy Mass, Adoration and a chance to meet and chat with religious sisters of different communities. If you are interested in attending please mail womendiscern@corkandross.org



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 please contact: Fr. Roger O'Neill - Vocations Director, Email: vocations@ferns.ie



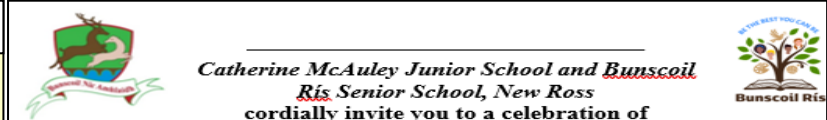
History Notes - Part 99:

ROCHESTOWN POINT TO POINT

The annual Wexford Hunt Point to Point meeting held at Rochestown was eagerly looked forward to when I was a boy. We received a half day from school to attend and the walk to the race course about a mile from Ballymacar Roundabout was no trouble to us. The event was a great day out for the whole area and the high ground where the crowds assembled and the bookies did their business yielded a fine view of the racing. In earlier times town bands attended, various stalls were set up and the carnival atmosphere was enjoyed by all. I had an experience there which cured me from any tendency towards gambling. My total betting capial was half a crown which I hoarded carefully until the last race. The race was billed as a Farmers Race between four horses and I randomly backed one of them. The other three horses fell and my fellow romped home the winner! I made my way in delight towards the bookies stand to find to my dismay that my bookie was nowhere to be seen. If I had had more experience I would have noticed that all the bookies including my fellow were in the process of packing up to leave as I was placing my precious bet. A lesson of a lifetime! **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.



Catherine McAuley Junior School and Bunscoil Ris Senior School, New Ross

cordially invite you to a celebration of

50 Years of Boards of Management

in our Primary Schools

We are deeply grateful for the dedication, generosity, and commitment that board members have given in service to our schools over the past five decades.

Past and present Board members are welcome to join us for a **Special Mass** of thanksgiving to mark this significant milestone.

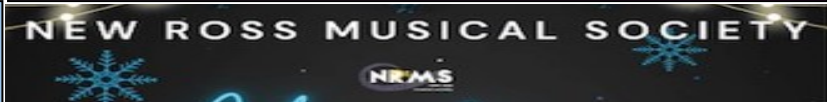
Please spread the word!

Thursday, 4th December 2025
12:00 p.m.
Catherine McAuley Junior School, Castlemoyle, New Ross. Y34 XT89

Following Mass, you are warmly invited to join us for **refreshments and fellowship**.

Queries to: 051425586/051448378

"Celebrating 50 years of faith, service, and community in education."



NEW ROSS MUSICAL SOCIETY

Christmas MARKET

Over 45 Stalls
Monster Raffle
Face Painting
Refreshments

ENJOY SOME FESTIVE TUNES WITH HFC BRASS BAND
ARRIVAL OF SANTA @2PM

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2025

11AM - 4PM

IN THE HORSE & HOUND HOTEL,
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BAKING, GIFTS, CRAFTS, JEWELLERY, DECORATIONS,
TREATS, FLOWERS, HANDMADE & LOTS MORE

The **New Ross Active Retirement** general meeting will be held on Friday the 5th December at the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane at 11.00am. Christmas Party after the meeting. All members welcomed.

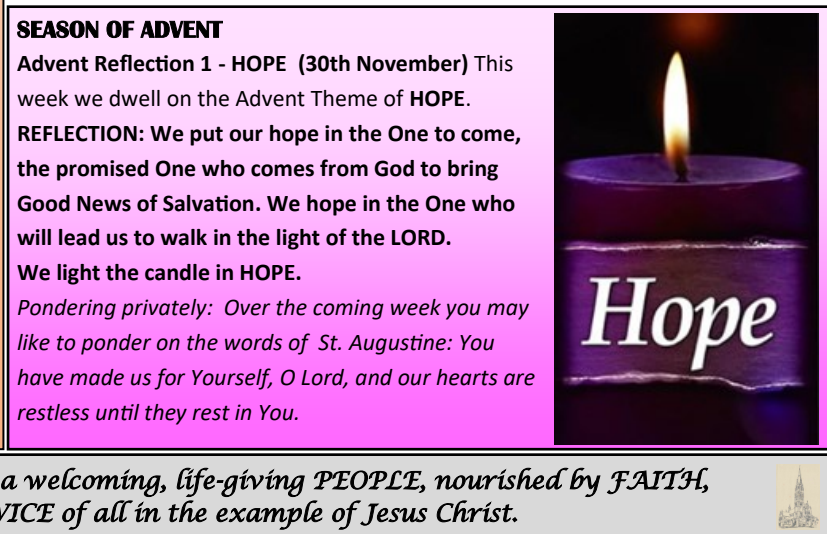
SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent Reflection 1 - HOPE (30th November) This week we dwell on the Advent Theme of HOPE.

REFLECTION: We put our hope in the One to come, the promised One who comes from God to bring Good News of Salvation. We hope in the One who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD.

We light the candle in HOPE.

Pondering privately: Over the coming week you may like to ponder on the words of St. Augustine: You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.



Hope