

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

GREETING

In the name of the Father**Amen.**
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:
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

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things, both in heaven and
on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of
your people and bestow your peace on
our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 49: 3. 5-6***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his
servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring
back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the
ends of the earth.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 39: 2.4 7-10*

R. Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **[R]**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and
offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **[R]**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **[R]**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **[R]**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:1-3***A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul's to the Corinthians**

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an
apostle, together with brother Sosthenes,
send greetings to the church of God
in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus
Christ, who are called to take their place
among all the saints everywhere who
pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is
their Lord no less than ours. May God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Word was made flesh and lived
among us;
to all who did accept him he gave
power to become children of God.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 1:29-34***A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John

said, 'Look, there is the Lamb of God that
takes away the sin of the world. This is
the one I spoke of when I said: A man
is coming after me who ranks before me
because he existed before me. I did not
know him myself, and yet it was to reveal
him to Israel that I came baptising with
water.' John also declared, 'I saw the
Spirit coming down on him from heaven
like a dove and resting on him. I did not
know him myself, but he who sent me to
baptise with water had said to me, "The
man on whom you see the Spirit come
down and rest is the one who is going to
baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have
seen and I am the witness that he is the
Chosen One of God.'

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

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these
mysteries, for whenever the memorial of
this sacrifice is celebrated the work of
our redemption is accomplished.
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.
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.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection 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

**We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May your faithful people rejoice, we pray, O
Lord, to be upheld by your right hand,
and, progressing in the Christian life,
may they delight in good things
both now and in the time to come.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

And 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.

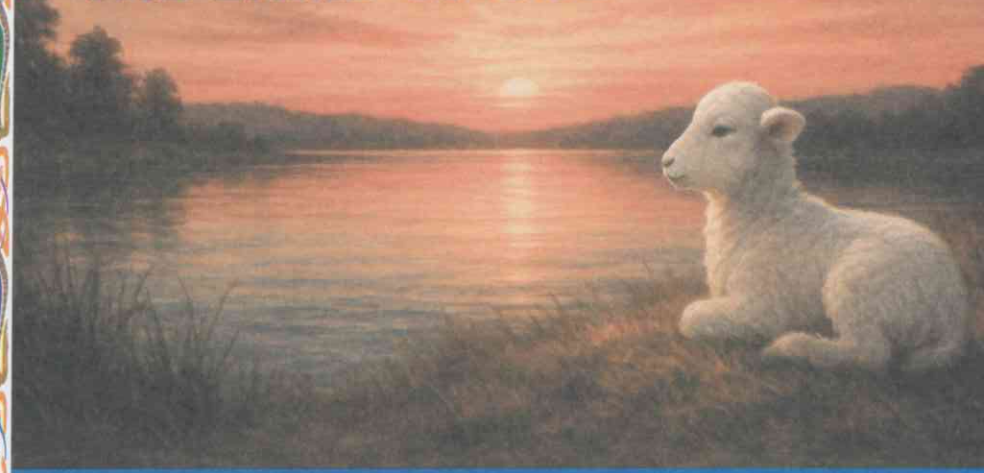


focus on sunday

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18th January 2026

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Catholic Schools Week begins

The Christian life is a calling from God to be companions of
Jesus and work for the spread of his love and justice. All of
us are asked to do this in our own lives.

BEHOLD,
THE LAMB OF GOD

When Jesus realised he was being followed, he got curious.
To the two who would later be apostles he presumed nothing,
but asked them 'what are you looking for? Or 'What do you
want?'.

Something had made them curious about Jesus too and they wanted to
know about him. Asking him where he stayed was really asking, 'who are you
really?', what makes you 'tick' in your life?' or 'what keeps you going?'

He would ask each of us the same. Jesus' first words to people were questions
about themselves. He had an innate interest in each of us, and he had learned
that from his Father who has a continuous caring interest in us.

We have many requests of the Lord in prayer. We may not get what we
want but we always are gifted in prayer with the presence and grace of the
Holy Spirit. This is the answer of Jesus: 'Ask and you shall receive the Holy
Spirit'. With the Spirit come the gifts of the Spirit like peace, joy, compassion,
forgiveness, endurance

All prayer gives us the realisation of the Spirit for God working within us.
With the Spirit comes the divine fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness (Galatians 5:22).

What kept Jesus going was wanting to share these gifts with us. He asks of
us to do the same.

Donal Neary SJ
Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



John The Baptist was a good man. He praised Jesus. He asked
the people to follow Jesus. John put other people first. At Mass we
praise God too. We say thanks for all our blessings. We ask God to
help us to put other people first.



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.
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Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.			
Date	Time		
Saturday 17th January	5.00pm	JJ Morrissey, Barrack Lane	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 18th January <div>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</div>	8.00am	John & Mary Anne Cullen Newbawn	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Eamon Somers, Chambersland	Anniversary
	10.00am	David Cass, Convent Court	1st Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
Monday 19th January	12.00 Noon	Robert Rochford, Upper William Street Kathleen Allen, Charleton Hill	Months Mind Months Mind
	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	Tom O'Shea, Newtown Commons	Acknowledgement
Tuesday 20th January	8.00am	Jim & Ellen Walsh, Marley, Borris	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Jimmy & Annie Kehoe, Church Lane	Anniversaries
Adoration takes place after 10.00am Mass until 8.00pm			
Wednesday 21st January	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Martin O'Neill, Cross Street	Anniversary
Thursday 22nd January	8.00am	Special Intention	
	10.00am	Special Exam Intention	
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 23rd January	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Liam Rowe, John Street & Rathfarnham, Dublin	2nd Anniversary
Saturday 24th January	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	
	5.00pm	Carmel McCormack (nee Kennedy), Millhouse, Newtown Commons	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 25th January <div>Sunday of the Word of God</div>	8.00am	Tom Walsh, Clonleigh	Anniversary
	9.00am	Kathleen Anderson, Mount Carmel	6th Anniversary
	10.00am	Sean Sutton, Lower Southknock	4th Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Betty Cass, Charleton Hill Aidan Kent, Woodland Grove	Months Mind 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):
Brendan Kidd, Brandon Park - Birthday Remembrance
Altar (Centre):
Special Intention
St. Joseph's (Right):
Special Intention
Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
William St. Ledger, Mount Carmel - Remembrance



RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Margaret Stanley (nee Myler), Abbey Hall & UK, Breda Dalton, The Maudlins & UK, Margaret Russell (nee Kinsella), St. Joseph's Square & Charleton Hill, New Ross & London, UK, James (Jimmy) Flynn, The Bosheen & Myler's Park, Terrerath, Larry Hoban, Neville Street & Inistioge, Kilkenny, Margaret (Margo) Dunne (nee Byrne), Springpark Joan Kehoe (nee Murphy), Charleton Hill & Seamus Lyng, Oldcourt, Ballykelly, Kathleen Lenehan (nee Dempsey), Hospital Road, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Michael Dalton, Chapel Lane, Michael Byrne (8th Anniversary), Neville Street, Sharon Butler (14th Anniversary), Mount Carmel, Lena Connolly, her son; Patsy & her grandson; Michael, Church Lane, John Byrne, London, UK, Liam Coffee, London, UK, Bob Cullen, London UK & Ann Heffernan (26th Anniversary), “Rosgar”, Southknock, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:
We remember & pray for the soul of - Brendan Kidd, Brandon Park, 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.

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 107:
The Casting of The Arrow
The casting of the arrow by Councillor John Dwyer, Cathaoirleach of New Ross Council, recently into the sea at the Hook was honouring an ancient tradition going back to the middle ages. The medieval ports of Ross and Waterford were locked for centuries in a bitter dispute over the right to import wine. William Marshall had secured the right for Ross to wine imports and the taxes that went with them. This right was regularly contested by Waterford since King John decreed in the early years that all Ross-bound ships must discharge at Waterford. Despite later decrees in favour of Waterford, William Marshall and his descendants ignored instructions and wine imports continued to discharge at Ross quays. Ross claimed jurisdiction over the Hook side of the estuary while they claimed that the Dunmore side belonged to Waterford. Ross devised a dramatic way of asserting the claim while their friend King Edward The Third (died 1377) was still alive. Each year a party left Ross and proceeded by land, while another party went at the same time by river. They met half way down the peninsula at a point near Loftus Hall and here an arrow was shot from the land into the water of the estuary, as an assertion to Ross's claim to full jurisdiction over its eastern shore and water. The arrow casting tradition lives on.
Courtesy of Jim Sutton





JANUARY 2025
MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
5.00pm - Padraig Ryan
9.00am - Anne Rochford
10.00am - Mary Martin Carroll
12.00 Noon - Mairin Jackson

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
5.00pm - Patricia Quinn, Joan Foley & Declan Rowsome
9.00am - Lizzie Connors, Marie Merrigan & Sr. Eucharía
10.00am - Paul Harrington & Khanh Phi Tran
12.00 Noon - Roy Murphy & Claire Nixon
Please contact your co-ordinator should you not be able to attend.



CATHOLIC SUNDAY school
Sunday's during 10:00am Mass
BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD / GRANDCHILD
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE ON 051 421348



Congratulations



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: Katie Cash, Lower Southknock & Thomas Connors, Cloughbawn, 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.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND
Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland, Dates: 20 -22 March 2026.
A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER. Venue: “St Marys” Knock, Co. Mayo Online: www.marriageencounter.ie



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 30th January 2026: Bishop Ger celebrates 10.00am Mass in Parish Church with local primary school pupils for Catholic Schools Week.
Monday 2nd February 2026: Parish Office Closed. Bank Holiday. Presentation of the Lord Candlemas Day. Blessing of Candles will take place at all masses. Please ensure your name is clearly on your candles & collected in a timely manner on the day.
Tuesday 3rd February 2026: Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats will take place at all masses. 1.05pm & 7.00pm, The Blessing of throats only.
Wednesday 11th February 2026: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick, Anointing of the Sick at all Masses & @ 3.00pm.
Tuesday 17th February 2026: Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day.
Wednesday 18th February 2026: Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be given at all Masses. Ashes only @ 1.05pm & 7.00pm.

† DIOCESE OF FERNS
In the spirit of St Brigid
Sacred Earth, Sacred People

JOIN THE CELEBRATION



Sacred Earth, Sacred People - In the Spirit of St Brigid is a diocesan initiative encouraging parishes, schools and communities to celebrate St Brigid's Day outdoors. It honours St Brigid's peace, hospitality, healing and care for creation. The celebration features:

- ✓ A short outdoor liturgy led by lay people
- ✓ A simple pilgrimage walk
- ✓ Prayer with water
- ✓ Blessing of St Brigid's Crosses

When: **Around 1 February 2026**
Start At : Time of your choosing
Where: Any safe place of natural beauty



RESOURCES FOR PARISHES



Booklet



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Come and See
Men & Women, aged 18-40, interested in exploring the Carmelite Way of Life with Carmelite Friars and Nuns

Where? Avila Carmelite Centre, Dublin, DO4 YF66

When? 28th February 2026
10:30am – 4pm
COST FREE. Light lunch provided.

Please Register Before 25th February @ opendayAvila@gmail.com

Nuns: www.carmelite Sisters.ie
Friars: www.opd.ie



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18 – 25 JANUARY 2026
Diocesan Ecumenical Service in the Church of the Annunciation, Clonard, on Sunday 18 January, at 7.00p.m. The preacher is Canon Nicola Halford, Rector of Enniscorthy & Monart Union. All are Most Welcome.

