

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 FatherAmen.

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 WORDFIRST 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.

focus on sundaySECOND 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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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 17th January	5.00pm	JJ Morrissey, Barrack Lane	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 18th January 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	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	
Tuesday 20th January	10.00am	Tom O'Shea, Newtown Commons	Acknowledgement
	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	Special Intention
	10.00am	Special Exam Intention	Special 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	
	8.00am	Tom Walsh, Clonleigh	Anniversary
Sunday 25th January	9.00am	Kathleen Anderson, Mount Carmel	6th Anniversary
	10.00am	Sean Sutton, Lower Southknock	4th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Betty Cass, Charleton Hill Aidan Kent, Woodland Grove	Months Mind Months Mind
Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass			
Sunday of the Word of God			



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 or 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

In 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.

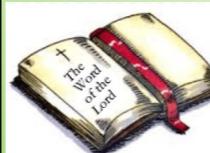
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: "God our Father, we trust in your loving kindness. Bless our Diocese of Ferns with many priestly and religious vocations. Give the men and women you call the light to understand your gift and the love to follow in the footsteps of your Son. Amen". To find out more about a vocation 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. Eucharia
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.



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, D04 YF66
When? 28th February 2026
10:30am – 4pm
COST FREE. Light lunch provided.
Please Register Before 25th February
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Nuns: www.carmelitesisters.ie
Friars: www.ocd.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.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025

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.



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

