

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen. The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 12: 1 - 4

A reading from the book of Genesis
The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 32: 4-5.18 - 20.22
R. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. [R]

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. [R]
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. [R]

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:8-10
A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
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GOSPEL Matthew 17: 1-9
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah. He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen 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.



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

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities.

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.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord.

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.**

Reflection

We too should follow Jesus to the mountain top but we should follow him too - down again for it is in living and serving others, in seeing in all people the image of God that we can truly follow Jesus to his home with the Father

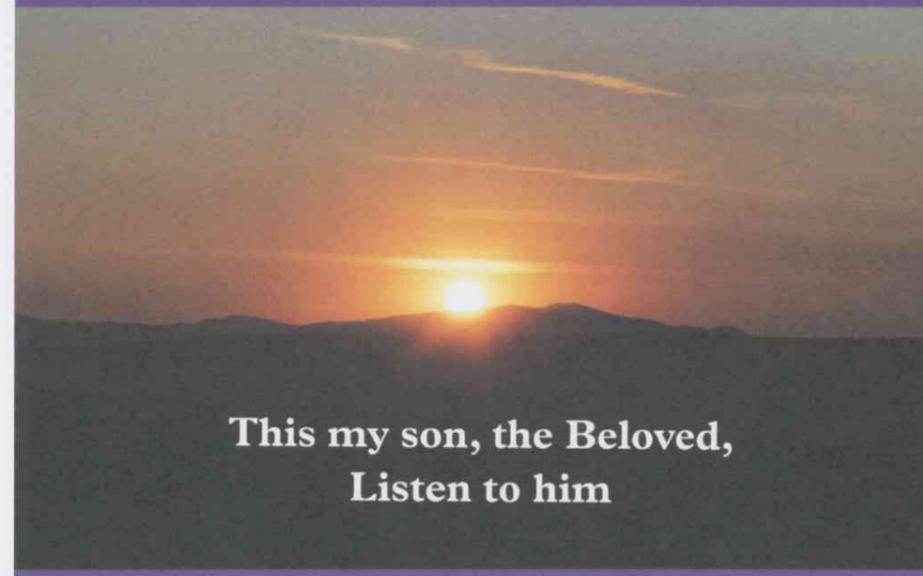
Lord, the glory which we see in your Transfiguration will one day be ours. We thank you for your promise and the gift of hope in this promise. Help me to see in all people the image of your glory, that in each person I meet lives the love and light of your Holy Spirit. Amen.



focus on sunday

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 1st March 2026 Year A

The gospel presents the glory of Christ, the One in whom we can always hope, the One who takes our sadnesses and despair into his own heart, and gives us through his death and resurrection the promise of eternal hope.



This my son, the Beloved, Listen to him



The crowds who listened to Jesus, enthralled by his teaching, were totally unaware of the person he was. The religious authorities who considered him a threat, and were planning to get rid of him, they too had no idea of who he was. Even the Apostles who walked with Jesus, listened to him, watched him, had no idea. On Mount Tabor, who he was, his inner self, was revealed to Peter, James and John. Even then, they were unable at the time to fully comprehend what they had seen and heard. And so it is with us. Every person is a mystery, who cannot be fully known by anyone else, even those closest to them. All we know is what we can see and hear and touch but we can never plumb the depths of another person's being. The Holy Spirit, God Himself, lives in each one of us. At a funeral, we incense the coffin, as a mark of respect for the body of the deceased, in whom God lived while they were alive. Those who love us reveal God's love to us. But everyone, even those whom some wish to push away, or discriminate against, sometimes homeless people, travellers, asylum seekers, people in social housing, are also the revelation of God to us, revealing to us how little we actually love. The followers of Jesus understood, after the Resurrection, that what we do to another person, we do to God. "I was hungry and you gave me to eat." God walks amongst us today, not recognised, welcomed by some, rejected by others.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus hides himself in human clothes to comfort and help people, and not to frighten them. Behind his human face to day, on the mountain, his friends get a taste of Heaven...Jesus' Face is dazzlingly beautiful....his friends want to stay with Him forever. God's image, part of God's Face, is in every human being. When we die we see God's Face fully lit up. A smile from our face is a blessing from God. Why don't we try today?

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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	Intention	Notes
Saturday 28th Feb	5.00pm	Annamai Merrigan (nee Smith), Parkfield	2nd Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 1st March 2026 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	8.00am	Maurice, Josephine & Laurence Kehoe, Ryleen	11th, 7th & 20th Anniversaries
	10.00am	Tommy & Peg O'Brien, Ard Mhicil Eileen & Ned Larkin, New Ross	Anniversaries Anniversaries
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Michael Hanrahan, Lower Southknock	Anniversary
Monday 2nd March	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	Molly & Jim Reeves, Mount Carmel	Anniversaries
Tuesday 3rd March	8.00am	Mary Cashin, JKL, her husband; Michael & her son; Patrick	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Thomas & Bridget Somers, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	Adoration takes place after 10.00am Mass until 8.00pm		
Wednesday 4th March	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association	
	10.00am	Martin & Nancy Byrne, Camblin	Remembrance
Thursday 5th March	8.00am	Jack & Fred Kennedy, Southknock	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Michael Browne, Chapel Lane, Thomas & Catherine McGee, Carrigbyrne	8th Anniversary & Remembrance
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 6th March	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Seanie Byrne, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	7.00pm	Lenten Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 7th March	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	11.00am	Ms. Power, Ms. Harrington Classes & Parish based Confirmations	
	12.30pm	Ms. Keenan & Ms. Callaghan Classes Confirmations	
	5.00pm	Thomas Dwyer, Mount Carmel & his wife; Hannah	1st Anniversary & Remembrance
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 8th March	8.00am	Andrew Murphy, Terrerath Brini Dolan, Riverview & Ann Doyle, Dublin	Recently Deceased Anniversaries
	10.00am	Peter, Marian & Breda Maher, Knockmullen	Anniversaries
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Peggy Foran (nee Rowe), Pondfields	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):
Kitty & John Hynes, New Ross - Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
Pat Traynor, Mountross - Birthday Remembrance
Tommy Byrne, Camblin who passed away recently.

St. Joseph's (Right):
Special Intentions

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Walter & Anna Bradley, Knockavilla - Anniversaries

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

Eucharistic Ministers

MARCH 2026

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
5.00pm - Mary Rowe
10.00am - Georgina Fleming
12.00 Noon - Pat Wickham

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
5.00pm - Rita Sinnott, Anne Rochford & Liam Nolan
10.00am - Nan Furlong, Kathleen & David Maher
12.00 Noon - Jagienka Borecka & Murray O'Brien

Please contact your co-ordinator should you not be able to attend.

History Notes - Part 112:
THE JESUIT SCHOOL IN NEW ROSS
The Jesuit Order was present in town during the 1600s. Fr. Stephen Gelosse, S.J., together with a colleague opened a school for 120 boys (including 35 boarders - 18 Catholics and 17 Protestants) in 1660. The Jesuits had gained the use of St. Michael's Church, and the school was behind the Church in Barrack Lane. Gelosse taught students to perform moral and religious drama for public audiences in the manner in use in Belgian schools, where he was trained. These performances, held in the chief square of the town, drew large audiences from both Catholic and Protestant communities from far and wide. Catholic religious practice was scarcely tolerated at the time, and the Jesuits were periodically threatened but managed to maintain the school through the support of liberal Protestants in town. However, in 1670 protestant interests added pressure on the authorities and in 1676 the Jesuits were forced to leave town. The Jesuit Order in New Ross had been well supported by Bishop Luke Wadding of Ferns who was parish priest of New Ross in those years. The school was tolerated in its early days as non-denominational. It was a high-grade classical establishment, scarcely touching the common folk. It appears that Gelosse accepted the status in the hope of gradually making the school Catholic. However, after the closing in 1676 came the merciless severity of the Penal Laws which ended Catholic schooling for a long period. **Courtesy of Jim Sutton**

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the souls of - John (Johnny) Kehoe, Ballybrazil, John Joe (Jack) Hunt, Dunganstown, Lee Furlong, The Bullawn & Tommy Byrne, Camblin who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Gary & Carmel Breen, Glenmore, Margaret, Richard, Mary & Fred McElwee, Rosbercon, Margaret & Niamh McElwee, Ballyknock, Kathleen Furness (2nd Anniversary), Charleton Hill, James & Margaret Moore, New Ross, Michael Hanrahan, Lower Southknock, Mary Dwyer, Fr. Cullen Terrace, Betty Murphy (nee Richardson), Fairgate, 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.

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:
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.

The New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday the 6th March at the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane at 11.00am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 2nd March 2026: Mass bookings will commence for up to & including August 2026.

Tuesday 3rd March 2026: First Confessions will take place in the Schools.

Wednesday 4th March 2026: Confirmation Service of Light will take place during School day.

Thursday 5th March 2026: Bethany Bereavement Drop in clinic takes place @ 11.00am in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre.

Friday 6th March 2026: Stations of the Cross @ 7.00pm

Saturday 7th March 2026: New Ross Parish Sacrament of Confirmations @ 11.00am (Ms. Harrington, Ms. Power Classes & Parish based Preparation Group) & 12.30pm (Ms. Keenan & Ms. Callaghan Classes).

Sunday 8th March 2026: Third Sunday of Lent.

Friday 13th March 2026: Stations of the Cross @ 7.00pm.

Sunday 15th March 2026: Fourth Sunday of Lent & Mothers Day.

Tuesday 17th March 2026: St. Patrick's Day, Bank Holiday. Parish Office Closed. Vigil Mass will take place on Monday 16th March @ 5.00pm in Parish Church. Masses @ 8.00am in Mount Carmel, 10.00am & 12.00 Noon in Parish Church.

Friday 20th March 2026: Stations of the Cross @ 7.00pm.

Sunday 22nd March 2026: Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Friday 27th March 2026: Stations of the Cross @ 7.00pm.

Sunday 29th March 2026: Palm Sunday, Summertime begins clocks go forward an hour.

Monday 30th March 2026: Penitential Service @ 7.00pm.

Tuesday 31st March 2026: Annual Chrism Mass in St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy.

Wednesday 1st April 2026: Mass bookings will commence for up to & including September 2026.

Poor Clares Galway

Monastic Experience Day

An opportunity to explore and experience PoorClare spirituality for women from ages 18-35

Taking place on Saturday March 7th 2026 from 10am to 5pm

For more info: events@poorclares.ie

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14 & 15 MARCH

Rise & Shine brings local children and young people with additional needs on a week-long pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes each Easter.

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All donations greatly appreciated!

NEW ROSS DRAMA FESTIVAL 2026:
This year's festival kicks off on March 18th, running for eight nights to March 27th. We have a great selection of new plays & new groups performing in St. Michael's Theatre over the eight nights. Box office is now open in St. Michael's (051) 421255 with Patrons tickets €60 or €15 nightly (students half price) or call into St. Michael's Theatre to confirm your booking.

A Life of Adoration, Prayer, Intercession for the World

Vocation Discernment Weekends

20- 22nd March 2026

17-19th April 2026

Single Women

Age (18-35)



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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.