

CÉAD BLIAIN AG FÁS - A 100 YEARS A-GROWING

The 10:00 O'clock Mass on Wednesday last took on an unusual complexion as we marked the 100th Birthday of Mrs. Brigid (Biddy) Foley, Creacon, one of our most faithful and regular members.

The best of good wishes & congratulations to her on reaching this wonderful milestone.

Interestingly, she was born in Australia on the 25th March 1926. Her family moved to Ireland in 1935, sailing from Perth on the Hodson Bay Ship. With her were her siblings Maureen, Luke & Alice. Maureen, had she survived until now would have been 98 also on the 25th March. Luke, Betty and Stella continue to be hale and hearty. To them all we wish 'Ad Multos Annos' (Many more years)!

Biddy Foley is slight of frame but obviously strong in will & determination. A life of hard work, total dedication to family & a lively personal faith is clearly a perfect recipe for such a long generous life, a towering example to all in how to approach life. May she continue to inspire!



Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome
Including visits to the Tombs of St. Francis of Assisi, St Clare of Assisi and Saint Carlo Acutis. 25th – 30th October 2026,
Spiritual Director – Fr. Marius Tomulesi OFM Conv
€1,565pps. Full itinerary available or to book your place contact Marian Pilgrimages (01) 8788159. If you require further information email Caroline at writefromtheheartofmary@gmail.com. Early booking is advised as limited spaces available.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2026 - 20th to 27th May 2026 Dublin to Dubrovnic - Spiritual Director Fr. Jim Finn - €875
Fully Guided daily programme by Marian Pilgrimage Guides. Single room Supplement €170. Prices are P.P.S. Flights, Bus transfers, B&B & Dinner included. (Not Included: Travel Insurance €35 up 79 years €70 for those over 80) For more information Contact Ann Murphy 087 2254206.

The Diocese of Ferns Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from 16th-21st May 2026. We are Inviting applications for Assisted Pilgrims and Helpers to join us on this wonderful pilgrimage. Assisted pilgrims forms can be got from your parish priest. Please contact: Tricia Murphy, Pilgrimage Secretary on 086 323 4551 for more details for helpers or assisted pilgrims.

Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage
The Totus Tuus annual pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from **28th August to 4th September**. Learn about the Fatima Message, the Rosary, the First Saturdays, the lives of the three visionaries, and visit the tomb and home of Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa, who lived solely on the Eucharist for 13 years. The cost is €915 which includes, flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, day trip to Balasar, trip to Valinhos and Adjustrel, trip to the Irish Dominican Sisters' Convent. There are places available to fly from Cork Airport, and also from Dublin Airport. Limited places are available. For more information call Damien on 087 20 49 048.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP NEW ROSS

Drop-In Service on the first Thursday of every month:-
St Michael's Pastoral Centre,
Michael St, New Ross.
(Please note change of time)
7.00pm—8.00pm.

Telephone No. 087 3846577

Free and confidential service

Celebrating the Radical Easter Message of Liberation for Women

“We are an Easter people.” Easter calls us to believe that the ‘stones’ which repress/ imprison us can actually be rolled away. It’s a time to ‘arise, shine; for your light is come.’ (Isaiah 60:1)

Speaker:
Gráinne Doherty is from Donegal and is an adult faith educator, and retreat facilitator. She strives to make connections between our religious beliefs and the lived reality of our everyday.



Venues: Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre Blackwater Co. Wexford	The Pembroke Hotel Patrick Street Kilkenny
Dates: 24th April 2026	25th April 2026
Times: 10.00 am - 4.30 pm	10.00 am - 4.30 pm
Cost: €35 (includes lunch) Pay on the door	€20 (includes tea/coffee) Pay on the door

Please book before Friday 17th April by contacting Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 - 9.00 am - 4.30 pm or email: regionalloffice@ssjg.ie Sponsored by The Sisters of St. John of God

PARKING in undesignated areas within the Church Grounds is not acceptable, as this may cause a dangerous situation should an emergency occur. **PLEASE CO-OPERATE.** Thank you.




Sunday 29th March 2026

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER



“Lord God, thank you for being the King of all peace. We ask you to fill our hearts with peace as we fix our eyes on you this week. We thank you for your many blessings in our lives, and we cast our cares on you—trusting that you will care for us. Amen.”

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, Cooneys, Ryans & Doyles Funeral Homes.

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Radio Mass 104.7FM & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH & CHURCH CAM LIVE WEBSITES.
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 28th March	5.00pm		Mary Power (nee Caulfield), Harvey Place & Waterford City
	7.00pm		Polish Community Mass
Sunday 29th March	8.00am		Billy & Josie Long & their children, Limerick
	10.00am		Josephine Moore, Henry Street Andy Foran, Pondfields
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
Monday 30th March	12.00 Noon		Thomas Merrigan, Knockmullen
	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	Eily O'Donoghue, Waterford Margaret Mulhall, Kiltealy	Anniversary Anniversary
Tuesday 31st March	7.00pm	Penitential Service	
	8.00am	Kathleen Kehoe, Newbawn	
	10.00am	Kay Tyrell, Moungarrett	
Wednesday 1st April	Adoration takes place after 10.00am Mass until 8.00pm		
	7.30pm	Mass of Chrism, St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy	
Thursday 2nd April	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association. Ann Rossiter, Church Lane	Remembrance Anniversary
Friday 3rd April	3.00pm	*NO Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious Life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Holy Thursday	
	5.00pm - Parish Church	Terry & Clare O'Reilly, Woodlawn Grove	Remembrance
	7.00pm - Mount Carmel	Very Rev. Fr. Odhran Furlong PP VF, New Ross & Adamstown	Recently Deceased
Saturday 4th April	3.00pm in Parish Church & Mount Carmel	The Celebration of the Lord's Passion *Parish Office Closed	
	7.00pm	Final Stations of the Cross	
Sunday 5th April	11.00am	Polish Community Food Blessings	
	2.00 - 4.00pm	Confessions	
	7.00pm - Parish Church	Nick Grace, Irishtown	12th Anniversary
Sunday 5th April	8.00pm - Mount Carmel	Sr. Georgette, Carmelite Convent, Fayoum, Egypt	
	8.00am	Alfred Place & deceased members of the Roche & Place families, New Ross	
	10.00am	Jimmy Martin, Ard na Greine Frances Kennedy, Pondfields	11th Anniversary 8th Anniversary
	*Blessing of Salt		Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass
Sunday 5th April	12.00 Noon	Deceased members of the Defence Forces	
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	



History Notes - Part 117: THE BANSHEE

Long ago, when darkness came, everyone pulled their chairs or stools to the fire and soon the stories of the day were doing the rounds. Then ghost stories were called for. The long dark nights of winter gave a special feeling of reality to them. A favourite subject was the banshee. She was a lady who specialised in keening and combing her hair in the middle of the night. If a piece of comb was found in the vicinity of the previous night's recital, it was taken as proof of the identity of the vocalist. The suggestion that the source of the vocal efforts was nothing more than an amorous effusion of the local lovesick tomcat was dismissed with the scornful reply "Cats don't use combs". Combs in those days was called a rack. It was said that if the banshee was heard near a particular house that it foretold a death coming to that family. It was said of her that she followed families whose surnames began with an O or a Mac. Fairy stories were often told around fires in the days of the banshee. However, the arrival of the ESB and the electric light banished fairies and ghosts, and it is believed that the banshee disappeared at about the same time.
Courtesy of Jim Sutton

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the soul of - Darragh Power, Ballycullane, who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Enda Somers, The Maudlins, Ted St. Ledger, Bewley Street, Pauline McCarthy, Carlow, James & Margaret Moore, Killeghney, Leila Laffan, Charleton Hill, Thomas Merrigan, Knockmullen, Jimmy Goggins (10th Anniversary), The Maudlins, Sean Finn, Ard na Greine, Shay Kehoe, Nunnery Lane, Maggs Martin Chambersland Close & Philomena Caulfield Halley (3rd Anniversary), Waterford, 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.

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 a 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): Paddy Cosgrave, Marsh Lane - Birthday Remembrance
Altar (Centre): Pauline McCarthy, Carlow - Anniversary
St. Joseph's (Right): Special Birthday Intention
Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Special Intentions

APRIL 2026

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
5.00pm - Donal Murphy 10.00am - Brian Teague
12.00 Noon - Bridget Rossiter O'Flynn

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
5.00pm - Patricia Quinn, Joan Foley & Eddie Rowe
10.00am - Paul Harrington, Martin Connolly, Khanh Phi Tran
12.00 Noon - Rose Ryan & Rita Kondon
Please contact your co-ordinator should you not be able to attend.

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.

Our Future Church

We are fundraising for 'Our Future Church' to inspire faith and build hope in our parish communities. This will continue to train lay people for ministry and mission - to guide children and families as they prepare for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation - to offer prayer services - and to support families and loved ones in times of illness and bereavement. There are envelopes for donations within the church and you can also give online at ferns.ie - Please join us in this vital mission to sustain parish life and build 'Our Future Church'. Thank you!

Mass of Chrism

Tuesday March 31st 2026
St Aidan's Cathedral,
Enniscorthy
7.30 pm

You are kindly asked to be seated by 7.00 pm
Seating will be allocated on a first come basis.

All Welcome

On Holy Thursday or on a day more convenient in Holy Week - the Bishop gathers with his Priests in the Principal Church of the Diocese St. Aidan's Cathedral in Enniscorthy, where he:

1. Celebrates the Mass of the Lord's Supper
2. Recalls the Institution of the Eucharist
3. Renews the Institution of the Priesthood
4. Consecrates & Blesses the Oils used in the Sacraments during the following year.

A. The Oil of Chrism - used in Baptism, Confirmations & Ordinations.
B. The Oil of the Sick - used in anointing the sick.
C. The Oil of Catechumens - used in Baptisms.

The Priests also renew their commitment to the obligations of their ordination. In recent years invitations are extended to all parishioners and religious to attend and renew their baptismal & religious promises to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Thus the whole **People of God** gather publicly to renew their Faith and ask Gods Blessings on their efforts to live the Christian Life.

CATHOLIC SUNDAY school

school

Sunday's during 10:00am Mass

BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD / GRANDCHILD

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE ON 051 421348

LENTEN SERVICE

Friday 8pm Good Counsel College

Taizé Prayer

The New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday 3rd April at 11am in the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane.

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