

Jesus assures his disciples that he is risen from the dead and sends them to preach the gospel in his name. He assures us of this too, and we are sent to be his people in our family, among our friends, in all parts of the world.



We have all been on the road to Emmaus. It is the experience of disappointment, of being let down, or worse, the shattering of our hopes, our expectations, the feeling that our life is falling apart. The two disciples had spent a lot of time with Jesus, they had left the security of their lives to commit themselves to following him. And it had all seemed to have been a disaster, Jesus was dead. They were on their way back to pick up the pieces of their old lives, feeling that following Jesus had been a huge mistake. They meet Jesus on the journey home, who first got them to express their feelings about what had happened, (important when life has hit a crisis), helped them to understand the meaning of what happened and showed them that this crisis could open up a whole new way of life for them. Their disappointment was turned into joy. The breaking of bread, repeating what he had done at the last supper, and which we repeat at every Mass, revealed the meaning of Jesus' life and death. Just as he had sacrificed himself for us, so they too were now to go forth and sacrifice themselves for others. What seemed to them to have been the end, turned out to be a new beginning. They returned to Jerusalem to share their wonderful, life-changing, experience with the other disciples. As Christians, we commit our lives to follow Jesus more and more closely, by giving ourselves more and more fully to others, particularly to those in need.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



On Good Friday, the body of Jesus was broken on the outside, but a "New Spirit" came to Him inside. He rose from the dead. He is present and alive now, in a different way, through His Spirit. His Spirit is with every person. His Spirit is with those who died too and will be with us when we die.

within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, All bow for following two lines: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Go in peace, Thanks be to God.

though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24: 13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn

can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:1-2.5.7-11

R. Show us, Lord, the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' [R]
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. [R]
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. [R]
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1: 17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who,

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God have mercy on us.....

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

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:14.22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

"I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing

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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 18th April	5.00pm	Brendan McPhillips, Mac Murrrough Island	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 19th April	8.00am	Michael & Margaret Sutton, Michael Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	John Gannon, Nunnery Lane *Communion Preparation Mass	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Patricia Rowsome, Mount Ross	Anniversary
Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass			
Monday 20th April	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	James Caulfield, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
Tuesday 21st April	8.00am	The Deceased people of Bewley Street	Remembrance
	10.00am	John Moran, South Street	Anniversary
<p>St. Carlo Acutis 1st Class Heart Relic from Assisi Talk for Schools after 10am Mass followed by blessing with the Relic. *Parish Office will be closed for the day. **Carlos Acutis items will be on sale throughout the event in the Church Porch.</p> <p>Adoration & meditated Rosary with reflections from St. Carlo from 11.00am. Adoration will continue until 8.00pm as usual.</p>			
Wednesday 22nd April	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Niall Russell, Lower Southknock	Remembrance Anniversary
Thursday 23rd April	8.00am	Peter Holden, Abbey Hall & Swindon, Uk	Anniversary
	10.00am	Special Intention	Special Intention
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 24th April	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Patrick & Ultan Warren, Nunnery Lane & Michael Street	Anniversaries
Saturday 25th April	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	11.30am	24Hr Adoration for Vocations in The Most Holy Trinity Church, Bunclody	
	5.00pm	John Aspell, Fr. Cullen Terrace	1st Anniversary
Sunday 26th April	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
	8.00am	Kathleen Delaney, Bawnmore	Anniversary
4 th Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Peter & Annalee Connolly, Castleblaney, Monaghan Joseph Caulfield, Southknock & Pat Dunne, Terrerath	Anniversary Anniversaries
	12.00 Noon	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass The North family, Abbeyview	Remembrance

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):
Margaret & William Rochford, Old Charleton Hill - Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
Special Intentions

St. Joseph's (Right):
Bridget & Jim Dalton, Chapel Lane - Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Bozena Jastrzebska, Ballyrue - 5th Anniversary

APRIL 2026 MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.00pm - Donal Murphy
10.00am - Brian Teague

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

12.00 Noon - Bridget Rossiter O'Flynn
5.00pm - Patricia Quinn, Joan Foley & Eddie Rowe
10.00am - Paul Harrington, Martin Connolly, Khanh Phi Tran
12.00 Noon - Rose Ryan & Rita Condon

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

We remember & pray of the soul of - Julie Walsh, Lower Southknock, who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We remember & pray for the souls of - Patricia Rowsome, Mount Ross, Kathleen Connors, (6th Anniversary) Killenaule, Thurles, Kathleen Kennedy, Southknock, Patrick & Lena Doyle, Mount Carmel, TJ Hearne (4th Anniversary), Bawnmore Terrace & Bryan Hennessy, Mount Alto & Ballymacar, 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.

WEDDINGS:

We congratulate: Amanda Niwinska & Kristopher Kavanagh, Brooklawn, who were married recently in our Catholic 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.

History Notes - Part 120:

THE THOLSEL

The local Council offices continue to be housed at the Tholsel. The name is derived from the collecting of tolls in this area in the early days of the town's history – toll stall. The old granite building in the town centre, sometimes referred to by locals in the old days as "The Tonsil", was built in 1749 and rebuilt in 1806 when the stonework was dismantled, numbered and reassembled to the original design. The defence of the cross-roads at the Tholsel during the Battle of Ross in 1798 was the most important action in holding the town by the Crown forces. Here Sergeant Hamilton with his Donegal Militia, his face and teeth blackened by gunpowder, held his ground while the retreating defenders re-assembled and re-entered the town over the bridge. The Tholsel houses two maces and the charter of King James. There are plaques on the outside of the building commemorating townsmen Fr. James Cullen, founder of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association and Michael O'Hanrahan, executed for his part in the 1916 Rising. Perhaps the most unusual plaque, dating from the days of the Tottenham ascendancy, marks the laying of the first stone on 12th July 'the anniversary of ye glorious Battle of the Boyne'. The town seal of the hound hunting the deer on the bridge, which was given to the town by King John is prominent. The arches of the ground floor were once open to accommodate market trading.

Courtesy of Jim Sutton

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

OPEN DAY

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Sunday April 19th 2026 } 3pm to 5pm

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WEXFORD ROSARY CONSCIOUS GROUP.

38 years ago this July. Our Blessed Mother appeared in Grantstown Augustinian Priory, Wellington Bridge, Co. Wexford. Our Blessed Mother gave us beautiful messages and hymns to help us to live our daily lives. After the winter we are restarting the ROSARY CONSCIOUS GROUP. We will come together to pray the Rosary on Sunday 26th April 2026 at 3pm in Grantstown Day Care Centre, Wellington Bridge, Co. Wexford. Anyone interested Contact: Barry 087 9801999 or just come along. All Welcome.

Celebrating the Radical Easter Message of Liberation for Women

This Conference will be on 24th April 2026 Venue: Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre, Blackwater, Co. Wexford The speaker: **Dr. Gráinne Doherty** Times: 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. Cost: €35 (includes lunch) pay on the door. **Booking essential:** Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00 am – 4.30 pm Monday to Friday or email; regionaloffice@ssjg.ie before 17th April 2026

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.

2026 FERNS PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Led by Spiritual Directors : Fr. Denis Browne, Fr. Frank Murphy & Fr. Paddy Browne. 8th OCTOBER 2026 for 7 nights - Cost €925 per person sharing - includes: • Direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon • Return airport transfers in Fatima (Optional Wexford - Dublin Airport transfer. Please inquire at time of booking - €TBA) • 7 nights • Hotel Avenida • Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day • Full religious programme • Guided tour of Sanctuary & Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary • Visits to Village of Aljustrel (Home of Visionaries) & Valinhos (Site of Early Visions) & Town of Santarem (Site of Eucharistic Miracle) • Optional: Travel Insurance €55 under 79 years / €75 - 80-94 years For information, please contact: Fr Denis Browne at frdenisbrowne@gmail.com & 086-8926260. For bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800.

Tuesday 21st April 2026: *Parish Office will be closed for the day. **Carlos Acutis items will be on sale throughout the event in the church.

DIOCESE OF FERNS

VISIT OF THE OFFICIAL 1ST CLASS HEART RELIC from Assisi, Italy

NEW ROSS
St Mary's & St Michael's Parish Church

April 21

10.00am: Celebration of Mass including Talk for Schools followed by blessing with the relic

11.00am: Adoration and meditated Rosary with reflections from St. Carlo. Open to the public for veneration and relic blessing

Relic will leave New Ross at 12.30pm.

All are warmly invited to attend to venerate and receive a blessing of the Relic on this special and prayerful occasion

Saint CARLO ACUTIS

Scan the QR Code to watch the Incredible Life of St. Carlo

2026

Festival of Choirs

Concert

ST. AIDAN'S CATHEDRAL
SUNDAY APRIL 19th 4-6PM

Celebrating joy in singing together,
blending sacred music from classical, contemporary, folk and gospel styles

Featuring choirs from
Enniscorthy Gospel Choir St Mary's Enniscorthy
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St Mary's Bunclody St Senan's Choir

Admission is free.

All welcome

Diocese of Ferns

Safeguarding Training Sessions 2026

These sessions will provide a basic knowledge of safeguarding best practice in the Catholic Church focusing on:

- what is safeguarding
- why do we safeguard
- how do we safeguard
- who do we safeguard

All volunteers are welcome

- **Volunteers who work directly with children and vulnerable adults** e.g., altar server supervisors, leaders of children's choirs & children's liturgy groups, sacramental preparation facilitators, eucharistic ministers visiting people's homes, home visitation team members
- **Volunteers who carry out all other roles in our parishes** e.g., secretaries, sacristans, readers, eucharistic ministers, cleaning teams, flower arrangers, collectors, committee members

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

- Tuesday 16th June 2026, Pastoral Centre, New Ross, 7-8.30pm

Free to Attend No Booking Required

For more information, please contact:
Lisa Delaney
053 9174972
safeguarding@ferns.ie

We are looking forward to meeting with everyone!

The Diocese are holding our **Safeguarding Training Sessions** for all volunteers in our parishes once again this year as it has been 3 years since our last big sessions. These are aimed at all volunteers in the parishes. The NBSCCI policy states that this training is a **requirement** for all those who volunteer directly with children or vulnerable adults, for example, altar server supervisors (including sacristans), children's choir leaders, children's liturgy group leaders, mixed choir leaders, sacramental preparation facilitators (if parish based), youth group leaders (if parish based), eucharistic ministers who visit homes/nursing homes & home visitation team members. **Please tell these volunteers in your parish that it is mandatory for them to attend on Tuesday 16th June @ 7.00pm in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre Y34 N799.** Other volunteers who do not work directly with children or vulnerable adults should also be encouraged to attend. The more people who are aware of safeguarding best practice in the Catholic Church, the safer place it is for our most vulnerable groups.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will visit the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross from Monday 20th April until Thursday 23rd April 2026.