

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:
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,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone
before. Who lives and reigns with you....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:14.36-41
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' 'Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.'

He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 22:1-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
or Alleluia!

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. [R]
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff; with these you give me comfort. [R]
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. [R]
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2: 20 - 25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord; I know my own sheep
and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 10: 1 - 10.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

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.



focus on sunday

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Day of Prayer for Vocations) 26th April 2026 Year A

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, we pray, O Lord, that we may always
find delight in these paschal mysteries, so
that the renewal constantly at work within
us may be the cause of our unending joy.
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

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

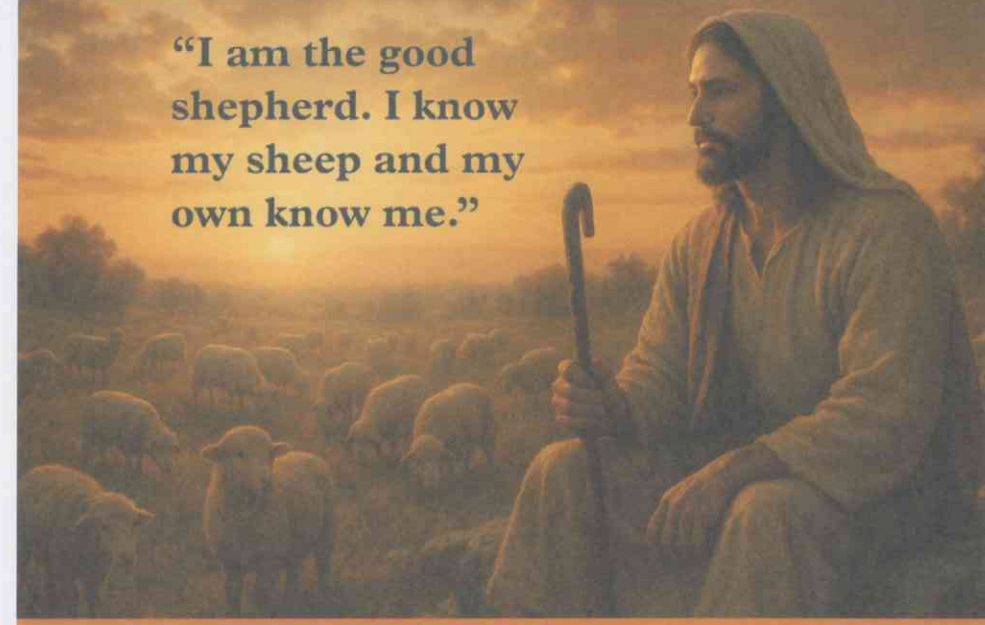
May the blessing of almighty God, the
Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you
for ever. Amen.

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God.

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We are all called into God's service, some as priests and religious.
Today we pray for all people who have given their life to serving God
and living his Gospel. We pray that many others may
follow the Lord in this way.

"I am the good
shepherd. I know
my sheep and my
own know me."



Listen, Discern, Live

In his talks on vocations Pope Francis highlighted three
points of vocation in our Christian life.

In listening to the world, as in the cries of the poor, in the
hopes for a better world, and other concerns, we get a sense

of the world today. In listening to the Scriptures, especially the words of Jesus,
we get a sense of how world and faith interact and can dialogue with each
others. In listening to others who have taken into their lives the call of Jesus,
our own call is strengthened.

What we hear from the Church, the world, and from others brings us to
discernment. We may for example be in touch with people who have different
ideas on spreading the gospel. We need to discern the good and maybe the
not-so-good in these ideas and bring what we have 'heard' from the Lord to
bear on our decisions.

We live the gospel – we put into practice what we have heard and discerned.
Our faith community – in a parish, school, religious community, in what we
read and tune into on social media can help us discern how to live.

We are helped by the example of family, friends, community, and the many
others who help us live the gospel. I write this the day Sr Stan, the founder of
Focus Ireland, died – a great woman who influenced in such a gentle way so
many of us – a true guide in faith and Christian love.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus tells us that God Our Father is like A GOOD SHEPHERD. The Good Shepherd
minds his sheep. He knows the name of every sheep. He does not drive the sheep. He
leads them to find good food. He coaxes them, does not frighten them, and He cares spe-
cially for the hurt one. So God Our Father invites us all the time with His Love. We have
special food from Heaven in Holy Communion, and Jesus says "Come to me when you
feel weak and lonely. Take and eat I am your Forever Friend".



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 25th April	5.00pm	John Aspell, Fr. Cullen Terrace	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 26th April  	8.00am	Kathleen Delaney, Bawnmore	Anniversary
	10.00am	Peter & Annalee Connolly, Castleblaney, Monaghan Joseph Caulfield, Southknock & Pat Dunne, Terrerath	Anniversary Anniversaries
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	The North family, Abbey View	Remembrance
Monday 27th April 	3.00pm	Holy Hour for Vocations in St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy.	
	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 28th April 	10.00am	Special Intention	Special Intention
	8.00am	Michael Hunt, Pondfields	15th Anniversary
	10.00am	Breda & Eileen Furlong, William Street	Anniversary
Adoration will place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm			
Wednesday 29th April 	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association In Thanksgiving	Remembrance Thanksgiving
	Monthly Parish Coffee morning take place in the Sacristy after Mass		
Thursday 30th April 	8.00am	Allan Murphy, The Bosheen Kevin Manley, Abbey View	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Kieran O'Reilly, Mount Carmel	Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 1st May	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Margaret Malone, Lower Micheal Street	5th Anniversary
Saturday 2nd May 	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Ann Somers, The Bungalows, Irishtown	1st Anniversary
	11.00am	Parish First Communion Celebration	
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass	
Sunday 3rd May 	8.00am	Tom Murphy, Upper William Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Seamus Burke, Chambersland Aaron Phillpot, Cluain Fada	16th Anniversary 7th Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Maureen Murphy (nee Cass), The Bosheen Bridget Hartley, Windmill Lane & Listerlin, Kilkenny	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 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):
Patrick Furlong, Barrow View Heights - 1st Anniversary

Altar (Centre):
Joe Bennett, Pondfields - 21st Anniversary

St. Joseph's (Right):
Special Intention

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Bridie Doran, High Hill - Remembrance



MAY 2026
MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
5.00pm - Margaret Rossiter
10.00am - Claire Nixon
12.00 Noon - Aileen Dunne

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
5.00pm - Marian Dalton, Mary Rowe & Fiona Cullen
10.00am - Maureen Clarkin, Catherine O’Gara & Margaret Campion
12.00 Noon - Roy Murphy & Murray O’Brien

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



Eucharistic Ministers

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of -
Seamus Murphy, Dunganstown & Goretta Crowdle, Irishtown, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

In Remembrance



ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of -
Agnieszka Rembas, Rosbercon, Joe Bennett (21st Anniversary), Pondfields, Patrick Furlong (1st Anniversary), Barrow View Heights, Marian O’Rourke, Lower William Street & Bridget & Michael Dalton, Chapel Lane, their sons; Michael, Jim & John, their daughter-in-law; Mary & their grand-daughter; Dawn, 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.

Flames of Hope invite to a day of retreat. SATURDAY MAY 23rd, VIGIL OF PENTECOST. VENUE: Parable Garden Ballinesker. TIME: 10.30am - 4.00pm. PRESENTER: TOM GUNNING. COST: € 20 (Subsidised by Flames of Hope). Tea and Coffee available and we bring our own lunchTo book: ring 0874475434 before April 30th - (Fifteen places available)



History Notes - Part 121:
THE SISTERS OF MERCY - The Mercy nuns came to town from Wexford in 1853 on the invitation of the parish priest, Fr. James Walsh. Their first residence was in Priory Street, owned by the Augustinian Fathers, but the house proved too small. The New Ross sisters became independent from Wexford in 1857 when four sisters were appointed to work in town. The Order acquired the Tottenham town house, named The Sugar House, which gave its name to nearby Sugar House Lane. This house is now known as Delare House, opposite The Theatre. Primary, secondary and junior pupils were taught there by ‘the nuns’, and by 1889 there were fifteen sisters in total on the staff. A new school, to cater for four hundred pupils was completed in 1895, and many will remember this building at the corner of Robert St. and Michael St. just below St. Josephs. An annex was added where pupils were taught domestic economy. When Mount Carmel school closed in 1932 their students enrolled with the Mercy sisters, causing serious overcrowding. A new national primary school (girls and boys) was built in Michael Street opening in 1945. The old national building became St. Mary’s Secondary School. In 1975 all boy pupils were transferred to an old establishment at the top of Michael Street (known affectionately as ‘the Mickil Street school). The final move came in 1971 when the Good Shepherds Order left town and the Mercy nuns moved from South Street to the Irishtown where their fine secondary school still thrives. Their mission as a teaching Order has run its course but the respect and affection with which these marvellous ladies are remembered lives on.

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



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.



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.



A CALL TO COURAGE:
On Sunday 26th April 2026, Bishop Ger Nash has issued a new Pastoral Letter entitled “A Call to Courage”. In this Easter message, the Bishop invites us to draw strength from the Resurrection, which frees us from fear of change and calls us to face the future with pilgrim hearts. He encourages us to live synodality by walking together in unity amid diversity, welcoming the stranger, and adapting our parish structures, including the development of Pastoral Areas. The letter highlights stories from the booklet Field Notes from Ferns and thanks all who serve the Church, while announcing a new Certificate in Collaboration and Mission with applications due by 31st May 2026. May the Risen Lord give us courage for the journey ahead.





Last Tuesday the 21st of April, we had the Public Veneration & Blessing of the Relic of St. Carlos Acutis visit our parish church & the Diocese of Ferns. It was a lovely memorable event attended by lots of people from our parish & its environs including many pupils from the primary & secondary schools in the locality. Thank you to everyone involved in any way with the events organisation, particularly to MONSIGNOR ANTHONY FIGUEIREDO, custodian of the St. Carlos Acutis Relic, who celebrated mass with our local clergy.



CATHOLIC SUNDAY school

Sunday's during 10:00am Mass

BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD / GRANDCHILD
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE ON 051 421348



New Ross Drama Workshop present **Juno and the Paycock** at St. Michael's Theatre from Thursday the 30th April to Saturday the 2nd May, nightly 7.30 pm Admission € 15.00. Tel: 051-421255

BAPTISMS:
We welcome into our Christian Community: Brodie O’Farrell, Irishtown Heights, Dáire Daly Winston, Maidan Lane, Roman Joe, Auburn Avenue, Maria Toselli, Auburn Avenue & Fiadh Murray, Slaght, Camblin who were baptised recently in our Parish Church.

* 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.





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