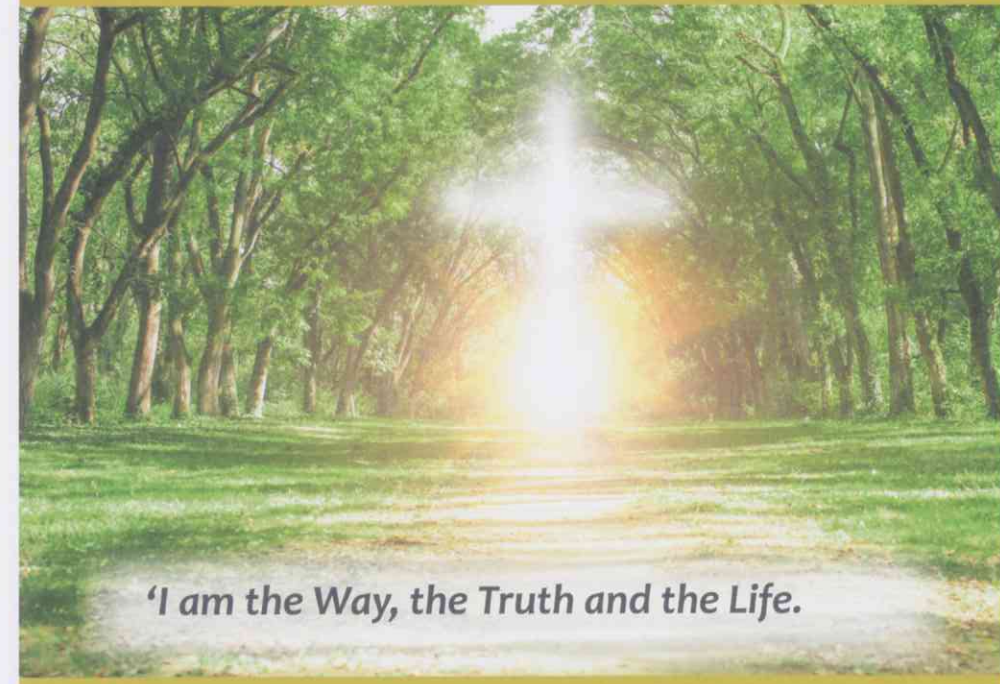


The centre of Christianity is not a rule of law, a code of behaviour, but a Person whose love we receive and whose life we imitate. Jesus is in this manner, "the way, the truth and the life."



'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.'



"I am the Way"

Philip and Thomas are desperate to understand more fully where Jesus is going, how they can get there, what God is like and how can they see God? Big questions which show their deep

desire to know God more intimately. Jesus urges the disciples to embrace the journey, the Way that lies ahead of them rather than focusing on the destination. For it is only in the light of the events that will happen to them (and us) that any period of time can be fully understood. In the past, the phrase "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life..." may have been used to exclude those who did not consider themselves followers of Christ, but this is a distortion of a beautiful text. Jesus is the Way because he models the Way for us and we are invited to follow.

We read throughout the Scriptures that people experienced God in different ways. For Moses it was in a burning bush or a cloud; for Elijah it was a whisper; for Solomon and Joseph it was in a dream. Philip wants to see God and the response he receives is that God can be experienced in the here and now, for to know Jesus is to know God (Jn 1: 1-18). Jesus, through his life, shows us what the presence of God in this world looks like and, at the same time, what it means to be fully human. Through him we see that God is love, inclusive, embracing of all people, compassionate. Jesus invites us to contemplate this mystery of God's presence in him, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me..." We are invited to become more aware of this truth today, that the sacred is present in the material universe, in human form, in created matter, and through Jesus we can come to see this more deeply.

"The Eternal Christ is thus revealed as the map, the blueprint, the promise, the pledge, the guarantee of what is happening everywhere, all summed up in one person so we can see it in personified form" - Richard Rohr

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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
 O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. 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.
 When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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
I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
 Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. 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.
 Go in peace, **Thanks be to God.**

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

GREETING

In the name of the Father*Amen.*
 The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
 For we have sinned against you.
 Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
 And grant us your salvation.



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.*

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, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 6: 1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
 About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon,

Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

R. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. or Alleluia!

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **[R]**
2. For 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]**
3. 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]**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:4 - 9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.' I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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.

New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael

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Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.

Date	Time	Intention	Notes
Saturday 2nd May	5.00pm	Ann Somers, The Bungalows, Irishtown	1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	*Polish Community Masses are cancelled until further notice	
Sunday 3rd May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	8.00am	Tom Murphy, Upper William Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Seamus Burke, Chambersland Arron Phillpot, Cluain Fada	16th Anniversary 7th Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday - Parish Office Closed	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 5th May	8.00am	Ned & Mona Walsh, William Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Stephen O'Gorman, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
Adoration will place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm			
Wednesday 6th May	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Wedding Anniversary Special Intention	Remembrance Special Intention
Thursday 7th May	8.00am	Sean Finn Ard na Greine	9th Anniversary
	10.00am	Kathleen & Maurice Doyle, Southknock	Anniversaries
Friday 8th May	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Ciss & John Wall & deceased family members, Charleton Hill	30th & 28th Anniversaries & Remembrance
Saturday 9th May	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Kathleen Daly (nee Murphy), Ballyrue Upper	1st Anniversary
Sunday 10th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	8.00am	Martin Maddock, Hewittsland	Anniversary
	10.00am	Liam Bruen, Dundalk Willie Reeves, Mount Carmel	Anniversary 6th Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Honor Kelly (nee McCallan), Dunbrody Heights	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):
Arron Phillpot, Cluain Fada - Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
Special Intentions

St. Joseph's (Right):
Martin Nelms, UK - 1st Anniversary

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Special Intention

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

We remember & pray of the souls of -

Richie Lyng, Connecticut, USA,
John Carney, Yorkshire, UK & The Maudlins
Angela Valdivielso (nee Conway), Mount Carmel,
Seamus (Myles) Breen, Breens Hardware, Mary Street & Auckland, New Zealand, who passed away recently.
May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:

We remember & pray for the souls of -
Mary & Jack Ryan, Charleton Hill,
Margaret (Peggy) O'Gorman, Knockavilla & John Dreelan (12th Anniversary), Mount Ross, 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.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

New Ross Parish - Saturday 7.00pm Polish Community Masses are cancelled until further notice.
Apologies for any inconvenience.

For those that have returned their **CHY's Tax Rebate Forms**, thank you. If you still have one please return to the Parish Office.

History Notes - Part 122:

Michael O'hanrahan -

Michael O'hanrahan was born in St. Mary's Terrace in 1877. His father Richard, a cork cutter, is said to have taken part in the Fenian Rising of 1867. The family moved to Carlow where Michael was educated by CBS and Carlow Academy. He joined the Gaelic League and taught Irish in Carlow. He moved to Dublin and became involved in more radical nationalist campaigns. He was sworn into the Irish Republican Brotherhood (The IRB) and joined the Irish Volunteers on their formation in 1913. He worked as administrator at their headquarters in 2 Dawson Street. He became quartermaster general of the Dublin 2nd Battalion of which Thomas McDonagh was commandant. In the 1916 Rising he served in Jacob's biscuit factory and was third in command under McDonagh and Major John McBride. He was taken into custody following the surrender of Jacob's garrison on Sunday April 30th. He was tried by court martial and executed on 4th May with other leaders of the insurrection. His brother Harry who was with him in Jacob's was also sentenced to death, but his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Harry was released with the other prisoners of the Rising around Christmas time. A round blue memorial plaque was recently mounted in South Street near St. Mary's Terrace to mark O'hanrahan's birthplace and a fine limestone memorial adorns the Tholsel wall in his memory.

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

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.

'THANK YOU!' - The organising committee of the recent St. Carlo Acutis Relics Visit wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to Bishop Ger Nash, the Priests of the Diocese and the people of the Diocese of Ferns for their wonderful participation in this historic and grace-filled event. We are especially grateful to Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo and Ms Gwen Wiseman, custodians of the Relics, to the pastoral councils and to all those in each of the towns of Enniscorthy, Wexford, New Ross and Gorey that were visited by the Relics who gave so generously of their time, efforts, and hospitality to make the visit such a memorable occasion. A special word of thanks is due to the primary and secondary schools who so warmly responded to the invitation to attend in their local areas. The presence of the students brought a unique and deeply significant dimension to the experience, one that will remain in the hearts and memories of the people of the Diocese for many years to come. **By the Organizing committee**

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.

SET IN IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST
THE NEW ROSS HISTORY GROUP PRESENTS -
FRIDAY 15TH - SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026
THE 807th ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE OF
WILLIAM MARSHAL
(1147 - 1219)
FOUNDER OF THE TOWN OF NEW ROSS IN 1170
A WEEKEND OF HISTORY & HERITAGE

FRIDAY 15TH MAY

10AM: Gathering at the Marina on the Quay
New Ross
For a scenic River Cruise on The Barrow Princess
Following in the footsteps of William Marshal
Music with Bog Oak & Friends. Including a
packed Lunch. Cost €35 per person.
Booking in advance is essential as numbers are
limited.

SATURDAY 16TH MAY

10AM: Gathering at St. Mary's Church May Street
New Ross
Tour of the cemetery by Mylen Cooney of New Ross Town
Followed by a walk to the High Cross in the town
The Historic Streets of the Town. The famous results and
place names. The tour finishes at the grounds of the
Abbey. Refreshments with the Tipperary Band & Chorus.
A performance by the New Ross & District pipe band at the
Townside House Square.
FREE EVENT.

SUNDAY 17TH MAY

10AM: The Emigrant Stone at Dun. Four of the
Lighthouses by Hook or by Hook. Car parking at New Ross
Transport. After the tour Group to Regensburg Castle
Germany.
As seen on 'Great House Revival' Series 3, Episode 6
& Unique look back to how the 14th century.
Talks by Michael Conway. Music by Sharon Clancy & Friends.
Cost €30 per person including Lunch.
Dishes of Castle, New and Irish only. Contact Joanna
Scan the QR CODE to register or visit www.newrosshistorygroup.ie

CONTACT JOANNA FOR TICKET INFORMATION ON 0863995544

We may take it as an established fact that there was a continuous settlement in the area.

In the National Museum of Ireland (alongside the Dail, right hand side, not open on Mondays) a famous gold find or hoard was found near New Ross dated 700 to 800 BC. It was discovered in 1895 and contained four gold bracelets and one dress fastener. You can see them there for free. In the Spring of 1837, another great hoard of more than a thousand coins was dug up at Dunbrody Abbey. They were all made of silver and were mostly Anglo-Saxon. However, among them were about 200 Hiberno-Norman coins minted in Ireland by the Danish Kings of Dublin, Waterford and Limerick during the century preceding the Norman invasion.

The New Ross area at that time was covered in mighty trees which the Normans would utilize when building the first timber bridge over the River Barrow by William Marshal.

We should mention also before the Normans came, the Vikings were here nearly 300 years and the oldest City in Ireland is Waterford City. New Ross is a Norman town.

The first Bishop of Ferns, Saint Aiden died on the 31st of January 632. There were also three Saints in our area, all from around the year 600, St. Evin, St. Abban and the famous St. Molling who established a millrace, a monastery and a church at Saint Mullins. Saint Mullins has the oldest working graveyard in Ireland. Some famous men in our history are buried in the graveyard, 1417 The King of Leinster Art Mac Murragh, 1798 General Thomas Cloney and many others who were killed in the Battle of Ross on the 5th June 1798. **Courtesy of Seamus Kiely**

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:

We congratulate: Kelly Fitzgerald, Willow Park & Des Cleary, Southknock, 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.

Flames of Hope - A Day of Retreat on Saturday 23rd May 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 lunch To book: ring 0874475434 before April 30th - (Fifteen places available)

NEW ROSS AREA BEFORE THE NORMANS CAME:

It is reasonable to presume that from the earliest human habitation of Ireland, some form of settlement would have existed in the New Ross area. It was an advantageous place in which to be with the mighty River Barrow available for use. Before the Normans came, New Ross had a series of vertical rock surfaces along the back of John Street where Northgate surgery and the back of the old Slevin's Petrol Station. Early settlers were attracted to cliffs and ledges where there was shelter. When William Marshal built the town he used the rock areas as a quarry, it is said half the town was built with rock from that area.

