

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 May almighty God

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

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2: 1 - 11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven,

and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**The word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. or Alleluia.

- Bless the Lord, my soul!
 Lord God, how great you are,
 How many are your works, O Lord!
 The earth is full of your riches. **(R)**
- You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **(R)**
- May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
 May the Lord rejoice in his works!
 May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
 I find my joy in the Lord. **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

**The word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
 From the clear celestial height
 Thy pure beaming radiance give.
 Come, thou Father of the poor,
 Come with treasures which endure;
 Come, thou light of all that live!



Thou, of all consolers best,
 Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
 Dost refreshing peace bestow;
 Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
 Pleasant coolness in the heat;
 Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
 Visit thou these hearts of thine,
 And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
 Nothing pure in man will stay;
 All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
 On our dryness pour thy dew;
 Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
 Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
 Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
 Thee confess and thee adore,
 With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;
 Give us life with thee on high:
 Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL John 20: 19 - 23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

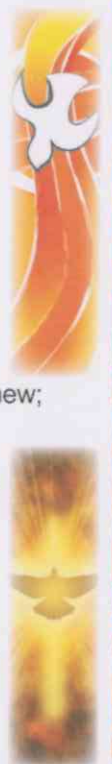
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

**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



focus on sunday

The coming of the Holy Spirit is a gift of God for all peoples: the sign of his presence is in the reconciliation, justice and peace we create among people. The feast today is both a gift and a call: a call to be the ones who make the Holy Spirit present among God's people everywhere.



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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. 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, alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.



Pentecost was the moment which changed the lives of Jesus' disciples for ever. They were filled with the Holy Spirit, the experience of God's love. They realised that nothing, henceforth, can separate them from God's love.

Even when they were being arrested, imprisoned, threatened with death, they recalled the words of St. Paul: "I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell - can separate us from God's love. Indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." Amidst the ups and downs of our own lives, the disappointments, the tragedies, the times our lives seem to be falling apart, the times we are tempted to believe that God has abandoned us, the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, given to us in its fullness at our Confirmation, is God's promise that His love is still accompanying us. Everything in this world is constantly changing, the weather, the seasons, even our moods, but the only thing that never changes is the love that God has for us. Not even our sins can diminish God's love for us in the slightest way. God's love does not shield us from difficulties in life, but our belief in that love residing within us promises to shield us from despair, or anger, or the temptation to give up. In prayer, we deepen our faith in that love. There is nothing more practical than prayer.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

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.

Parish Office
051 421 348
Priest on Duty
051 421214 (24 Hr)

Parish Mobile
087 1212 707
(Text Alert Only)

www.
newrossparish.ie

info@
newrossparish.ie

Visit us on
Facebook/New
Ross Parish

Volume 45 No. 21

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	Intention	Notes
Sat 23rd May	5.00pm	Patrick Merrigan, The Bungalows, Cross Street	30th Anniversary
Sunday 24th May 	8.00am	Elizabeth Whelan, Irishtown	Anniversary
	10.00am	Mary & Michael Meaney, Nunnery Lane JJ Conway, Cluain Fada	Anniversaries 5th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Harriet (Noleen) O'Loughlin (nee Cullen), New York, USA & Cross Street, her sister; Anna Sheehan and her brothers; Martin & Dick Cullen	Recently Deceased & Remembrance
Monday 25th May 	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	Pat Fortune, Shanbough	Anniversary
Tuesday 26th May 	7.00pm	For the Month of May, each evening Rosary will take place from Monday to Friday at the Grotto in the Irishtown.	
	8.00am	Edward & Bridget McDonald, Newbawn	Anniversaries
Wednesday 27th May 	10.00am	Angela Peyton, Coventry, UK & Mayo	Recently Deceased
	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
Thursday 28th May 	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Teresa & Michael Walsh, Charleton Hill & their daughter; Kathleen Shelly, UK	Remembrance Anniversaries
	8.00am	Monthly Parish Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass. All Welcome.	
Friday 29th May	8.00am	Donors Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Laurence Kehoe, Newbawn	Anniversary
Saturday 30th May	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
Sunday 31st May 	10.00am	Lena & Jim Connolly & their son; Patsy, Church Lane	Anniversaries
	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
Sunday 31st May	5.00pm	Sheila & Nicholas Doyle, Chambersland	Anniversaries
	8.00am	Julie, Michael, Jim & Pat Lee, Church Street	Anniversaries
Sunday 31st May	10.00am	James Connolly, Church Lane	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass	
	12.00 Noon	Louise Hennessy (nee Muldowney), Southknock	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):
Get Well Special Intention

Altar (Centre):
Nick Cooney, Charleton Hill - Birthday Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
Joan Byrne, Coventry, UK & High Hill - Birthday Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
The Conrad Family, USA - 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.

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of - Randy Conrad, Los Angeles & his father; Fred, Indiana, USA, Mary Phelan (nee Doolan, Tullogher, Kilkenny, Matty McGrath, Rosbercon, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the soul of - Beatrice Boland, Charleton Hill & her granddaughter; Hayley Nolan, Woodbine Close, Bob Quinn Senior, Priory Street, Sadie Brazil, Charleton Hill, Hugh O'Connor, Mountgarrett, James & Catherine Walshe & deceased family members, Bewley Street, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:
We remember & pray for the soul of - Ned Cash Senior, Hospital Road, whose birthday occurs 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.

History Notes - Part 125:
THE ROUTED DRAGOONS

During a lull in the attack by the rebels on The Three Bullet Gate defences in the Battle for Ross in 1798, General Johnson sensed an opportunity to disrupt the onslaught. He sent a party of 30 dragoons from his reserves on the Quay, via Maiden Gate into the Irishtown and along the Bohereenna-slainig (now called the Bosheen). The plan was to surprise from the rear John Kelly's Bantry pikemen besieging the Gate. However, the mounted dragoons found the fields around the Gate too small for effective cavalry action and became trapped between Kelly's men and their support division of Bantry pikemen led by Thomas Cloney. The dragoons were quickly overcome and only two escaped to the safety of the town walls. The dragoon sergeant was lucky to be dragged back to safety holding on to the traces of an artillery horse.

Courtesy of Jim Sutton

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.

Congratulations

BAPTISMS:
We welcome into our Christian Community: Leah English, The Bullawn, who was 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.

WEDDINGS:
We congratulate: Camila Cudara, Ballsbridge, Dublin & Dara Furlong, Blackrock, Dublin, who were married recently in our Parish 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.

The Patricians Monthly Catholic Discussion Group;
Topic - Alfie Lambe The Speedy Gonzales of the Legion of Mary on Wednesday 27th May 2026 @ 7.30pm in Room 3, St. Michaels Pastoral Centre Y34 N799. Organised by the Legion of Mary. All Welcome, Refreshments served.

Annabelle's Foundation LAUNCH NIGHT

FRIDAY • MAY 29TH • 7PM

HORSE & HOUND, BALLINABOOLA, CO WEXFORD Y35 TW08
RSVP: annabellefoundation24@gmail.com

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.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF WILLIAM MARSHAL: 1147-1219
Courtesy of Seamus Kiely; WEEK 4

Was sentenced to hang at age 5. Was sent away at an early age to train for Knighthood at Tancarville. Was Knighted on the eve of battle. Made his way out into the world with nothing but a good horse named Blancart and his marital prowess. Watched his Uncle die, was wounded and captured as he held off rebels so the Queen could make good her escape. Was ransomed by Eleanor of Aquitaine, Queen of England and given money, horses, arms and rich vestments as thanks for his hardship. Became a legendary tournament eventually besting 500 Knights over his career. Was appointed as the young King Henry's tutor in chivalry for 15 years.

Fulfilled his dying master's last request, to bear his Crusader's Cross to the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Fought with the Templars in the Holy Land for over 2 years. Unhorsed Richard the Lionheart. Was given the hand of Heiress Isabel De Clare, was 20 years her senior. Became Lord of Stirling and Leinster. Had 10 children with his wife Isabel, 5 boys and 5 girls. Was caught "for a day and a night" in a storm at sea and promised God to build a Church if he survived, so founded Tintern Parva Abbey in Ireland. Founded the town of New Ross in 1207 and Cartmel Priory, both exist to this day. Became Earl of Pembroke. Two of his sons were taken hostage when he fell out of favour with King John. His wisdom and statesmanship, negotiating between rebel Barons and King John, led to the signing of the Magna Carta. Became Regent of England. Personally led a charge at the age seventy and won the day at the battle of Lincoln during the Baron's war. Through his leadership he put an end to the Baron's war by defeating the rebel English Barons and the French invaders, saving his country. Served four Kings, Henry II, Richard I, John and Henry III. Became a Knight Templar on his death bed. Buried in Temple Church in London.

There will be a One day coach trip to Knock Shrine on Sunday July 5th for the Ferns Diocesan Day. Pick-up Points: Wellingtonbridge, Campile & New Ross. Fare € 88 including two meals contact details **Nicholas Bowe phone 087 9418661.**

Finding God in Nature and Culture – Saturday 27th June 2026, Kildare Town. A day of talks, music, storytelling, prayer, and pilgrimage exploring the relationship between Christian faith, Irish culture, imagination, and the natural world. Featuring Paul Vander Klay, Fr. Conor McDonough OP, and Heather Pollington. Hosted at Solas Bhríde Centre with pilgrimage visits to St Brigid's Well and Kildare Cathedral. Tickets and information: WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM

Join the Pray for Life Novena

Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May (Trinity Sunday)

Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena and [@prayforlifenovena](https://instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

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