

# focus on sunday

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21st June 2026 Year A

## Day for Life

God is always with us. He knows our every thought, word and deed.  
He loves us and constantly cares for us.  
He looks upon us and says, 'Do not be afraid.'



Be proud of Jesus!  
In the gospel today Jesus says not to be ashamed of him or the word of God.

We often say to someone, 'I was really proud of you'; other times we find ourselves standing up for an individual or groups of people who are being criticised. Jesus knows that in following him, we will find opposition, in what we might sometimes say or in our way of life. A person, young or old, maybe even yourself may find themselves the only one in a family group who is a regular Massgoer, or who stands up for principles in some moral issue.

We find support in like-minded and like-believing people, or in people who may disagree with us but respect our point of view. We find support also in our practice of faith where we meet such people, also in prayer; as Jesus says, 'every hair of your head has been counted' by the Father who knows us and loves us through and through.

This too is the message in the first reading of God's continued presence with his people.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

At times in our life we feel we are in a storm and are afraid. When Jesus died, it was like a raging storm that killed Him, but God, our Loving Father, gave him New Life, and rescued Him, and now His Spirit is with us all the time, everyday, everywhere. So we ask Jesus to let His Spirit of Love shine through our hearts, when we help others at home, share with others and never forget to say Thanks, Please and Sorry, and have a smile for people.



## GOSPEL Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:  
'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

**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.

## 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.

confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

**R. In your great love, answer me, O God.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. (R)

2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. (R)

3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. (R)

## SECOND READING Romans 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

## GREETING

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

## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

Lord, 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

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Jeremiah 20: 10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered,

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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	Celebrant / Intention	Remarks	
Saturday 20th June	5.00pm	Rosie Goggins (nee Connors), The Maudlins	1st Anniversary	
Sunday 21st June	8.00am	Frank & Mary Doyle, Grallagh, Adamstown	Anniversaries	
 	10.00am	Matthew & Bridget Cahill & deceased family members, Ard Mhicil Paddy Murphy, Ballyrue	Anniversaries 17th Anniversary	
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass			
	12.00 Noon	Conor Doyle, Knockmullen John Tyrell, Rosbercon *HFC Band in attendance	2nd Anniversary Months Mind	
Unveiling of Bench / Seat in Memory of Nick Cooney will take place @ The Legion of Mary Pastoral Centre afterwards.				
Monday 22nd June	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 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am.		
	10.00am	Joan Murphy, Upper William Street	Anniversary	
	Tuesday 23rd June	8.00am	Ned & Mona Walsh, William Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Aaron Lennane, Irishtown	Anniversary	
	Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm			
	Wednesday 24th June	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Jim Merrigan, The Bullawn	Remembrance Anniversary	
	Monthly Parish Coffee morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass			
	Thursday 25th June	8.00am	Edward & Mary Joyce, Marley	Anniversary
	10.00am	Deceased members of the Clarkin Family, Neville Street	Remembrance	
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel		
	Friday 26th June	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Emy Rawson, The Bosheen	2nd Anniversary	
	7.00pm	Patron at St. Mary's Cemetery		
	Saturday 27th June	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Peter O'Hanlon, Drumcondra, Dublin & New Ross	1st Anniversary	
	Sunday 28th June	8.00am	Eileen French, "St Raphael's", Henry Street	Anniversary
	Patron at Mount Carmel Cemetery after 8.00am Mass			
	10.00am	James Forristal, The Rower, Kilkenny Margaret Connolly, Mount Garrett	Anniversary 4th Anniversary	
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass			
	12.00 Noon	Pat Nolan, MacMurrough Court, The Bosheen Anne Lambert (nee Gleeson), Southknock	Months Mind Months Mind	
	Patron at Priests Graveyard in Church Grounds after 12.00 Noon			
	3.00pm	Patron at St. Stephen's Cemetery		
	Please bring your own holy water to Bless the Graves			

**History Notes - Part 128:**  
**THE PINNACLE OF CARRIGBYRNE**

Travelling from New Ross to Wexford we are all familiar with The Pinnacle of Carrigbyrne which stands on the right towards the end of the long straight stretch of road beyond Ballinaboola. The official name of this fine memorial is The Brown-Clayton Monument which was erected in memory of Sir Ralph Abercrombie by his friend Brown-Clayton, the local landlord. Abercrombie was commander-in-chief of government forces in Ireland before 1798 but resigned because of the indiscipline of his army whom he described as "formidable to everyone except the enemy". The designer of the pillar was Thomas Cobden who also designed Carlow Cathedral. The original intention was to place the Pinnacle on an outcrop of the Rock of Carrigbyrne on the other side of the road, but a fatality in moving the completed work changed plans and it was, instead, erected on the construction site. The Pinnacle was struck by lightning in 1994 and the top third of the monument was badly damaged. It was expertly repaired and stands today as an echo of bygone imperial glories. The fine tricolour which now flies from the top of the Pinnacle is an ironic reminder of the political changes which have taken place since the Brown-Clayton days. *Courtesy of Jim Sutton*

**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

**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.**

**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

**NEW ROSS PARISH,  
CHURCH OF ST.MARY & ST.MICHAEL  
PATRONS 2026**

**FRIDAY 26TH JUNE:**  
• ST. MARY'S CEMETERY @ 7:00 PM

**SUNDAY 28TH JUNE :**  
• MOUNT CARMEL GRAVEYARD AFTER 8:00 AM MASS  
• THE PRIESTS' GRAVEYARD IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS AFTER 12.00 NOON MASS  
• ST. STEPHENS CEMETERY @ 3:00 PM

\*PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN HOLY WATER BOTTLE TO BLESS THE GRAVES.

**New Ross Pantomime Society** are holding their AGM on **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm** in St. Michael's Theatre (upstairs). All are welcome to attend.

**Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome:** Including visits to the Tombs of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Carlo Acutis and St. Clare of Assisi **25th – 30th October 2026**, Spiritual Director – Fr. Marius Tomulese OFM Conv. €1,565pps. Full itinerary available or to book your place contact Marian Pilgrimages (01) 8788159.

*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.*

**In Remembrance**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
We remember & pray of the souls of - Marek Rajmund Ciemiala, An Caislean Maol, John Tyrell (Months Mind), Rosbercon, Eileen Byrne (nee Leacy), Skerries, Dublin & New Ross & Joshua Morrissey, New Ross, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:**  
We remember & pray for the soul of - Nick Cooney, Charleton Hill, John Kearns, The Bullawn, Michael Connors, Ballywilliam, Ned Cash, Hospital Road, James Henneberry, Charleton Hill, Larry & Nellie Larkin & their daughter Elizabeth, Priory Street Patrick Henneberry, William Street, Michael & Bridget Newport, Wexford, Reena & Joe McGowan, Wexford & Conor Doyle (2nd Anniversary), Knockmullen, 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.

**JUNE 2026  
MINISTERS OF THE  
WORD:**

Eucharistic Ministers

5.00pm - Pat Wickham  
10.00am - Paul Harrington  
12.00 Noon - Geraldine Ryan

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

5.00pm - Eddie Rowe, Rita Sinnott & Anne Rochford  
10.00am - Adrian & Mary Maher & Paul Harrington  
12.00 Noon - Mairin Jackson & Pat Rossiter  
Please contact your co-ordinator should you not be able to attend.

**Happy Fathers Day to all the Daddy's of the Parish.**

**KNOCK  
FERNS & KILLALOE  
Diocesan Pilgrimages  
to Knock  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**PILGRIMAGE PROGRAMME**

2pm:  
Outdoor Stations of the Cross

2.30pm:  
Anointing of the Sick in Knock Basilica

3pm:  
Concelebrated Mass in Knock Basilica followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Outdoor Rosary (Weather Permitting)

**2026/2027 Contribution Envelopes**  
commencing Sunday the 5th July 2026. Envelopes are now ready for collection at the Parish Office by all our distributors for their areas. Thank You.

**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):**  
Peggy & John Connick - Remembrance

**Altar (Centre):**  
Leo Brady - Remembrance

**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
Vincent Power, Adamstown - Remembrance

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**  
Thomas Kidd, Clonroche - Anniversary

**Happy GRANDPARENTS DAY**

**New Ross Annual Grandparents Day trip to Knock Sunday 26th July 2026.**

Bus leaving at 7.00am from Carpark, opposite Dunbrody Visitor Centre, The Quay, New Ross.  
Cost €30.00 per person.  
Stopping in Moate, Co. Westmeath on the way for refreshments at your own expense.  
Contact New Ross Parish Office 051 421 348.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all the Volunteers who attended the successful Safeguarding Meeting last Tuesday evening at St. Michael's Pastoral Centre.

Calling all Adorers "EUCHARISTIC FIRE" A talk by Mr Brendan Cleary, Chairperson of the National Adoration Apostolate **Monday 22nd June at 7 pm St Michael's Pastoral Centre, New Ross** Followed by Refreshments ALL ADORERS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, INCLUDING YOUNG PEOPLE, SHOULD NOT MISS THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE