

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

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

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the
darkness of error but always be seen to
stand in the bright light of truth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi, his servant, answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.'

Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS. 88:2-3, 16-19

R. I will sing for ever of your love,
O Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim
your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts
for ever,
that your truth is firmly established
as the heavens. [R]

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a
king;
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your
name,
who make your justice the source of
their bliss. [R]

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory
of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is
exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy
One of Israel. (R)

SECOND READING Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans
When we were baptised in Christ Jesus
we were baptised in his death; in other
words, when we were baptised we went
into the tomb with him and joined him in
death, so that as Christ was raised from
the dead by the Father's glory, we too
might live a new life.
But we believe that having died with
Christ we shall return to life with him:
Christ, as we know, having been raised
from the dead will never die again. Death
has no power over him any more. When
he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so
his life now is life with God; and in that
way, you too must consider yourselves to
be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ
Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:
'Anyone who prefers father or mother to
me is not worthy of me. Anyone who
prefers son or daughter to me is not

worthy of me. Anyone who does not take
his cross and follow in my footsteps is not
worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life
will lose it; anyone who loses his life for
my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me;
and those who welcome me welcome the
one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet
because he is a prophet will have a
prophet's reward; and anyone who
welcomes a holy man because he is a
holy man will have a holy man's reward.

If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold
water to one of these little ones because
he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly,
he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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



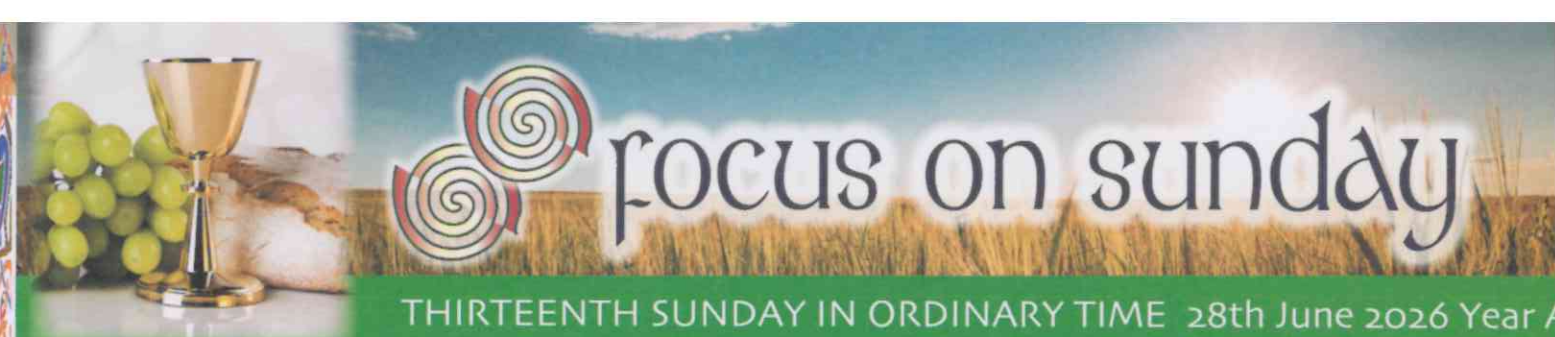
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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God 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.



Christ is no farther away than the people we meet every day.
His cry for help is heard in the needs of the poor, homeless, and those
rejected by society. Help us to hear and respond to His cry.

In Receiving, we Give



Matthew was writing to early Christians many of whom
had converted from Judaism. To abandon the God of their
fathers was so unacceptable in Judaism at that time that
they were often rejected by their own families, ostracised
by their community and sacked by their employers. Hence,

they had to make the difficult decision to choose between their commitment
to family and commitment to Jesus. Jesus is not telling us today to choose
between family and faith; on the contrary, our family is where we (most of
us) first experience being loved and learn to love others. It is in our families
that our faith is cultivated. The early Christian communities were also being
persecuted by the Romans, as they were considered traitors to the Roman
Emperor, since they declared that their allegiance was to Jesus and not
to the Emperor. They were being arrested, imprisoned and risked being
executed. Again, many had to choose between abandoning their Christian
faith and living, or staying true to their commitment and dying. Matthew
reminds us that, since Jesus returned to the Father, our brothers and sisters
are the presence of Jesus to us today ('I was hungry and you gave me to
eat' (Matt 25). Sometimes our commitment to them may cause us to die to
ourselves, lift us out of our comfort zones, make life difficult for us. That is
the cost of being a Christian. At such times, we remember that Jesus died
for us and it is only right that we should die for him, present today in our
neighbour in need.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

On Baptism day there is a short journey made from The Open Door of the Church, to The
Baptism Font at the Altar. This is to remind us of God's Love journey for us, from Heaven
to earth, and back to the joy of Heaven. There are people with us all the time on our earth
journey. Jesus shows us what to do on our journey. We need to be kind and help our neigh-
bour, and follow Jesus' way.

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

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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 27th June	5.00pm	Peter O'Hanlon, Drumcondra, Dublin	1st Anniversary
Sunday 28th June 	8.00am	Eileen French, "St. Raphaels", Henry Street	Anniversary
	Patron at Mount Carmel Cemetery after 8.00am Mass		
	10.00am	James Forristal, The Rower, Kilkenny Margaret Connolly, Mountgarrett	Anniversary 4th Anniversary
Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass			
Patron at Priests Graveyard in Church Grounds after 10.00am Mass			
	12.00 Noon	Pat Nolan, MacMurrough Court, The Bosheen Anne Lambert (nee Gleeson), Southknock	Months Mind Months Mind
	3.00pm	Patron at St. Stephen's Cemetery	
	Please bring your own Holy Water to Bless the Graves		
Monday 29th 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 st Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am.	
Tuesday 30th June 	10.00am	D D Sriyani Elizabeth, Sri Lanka	Recently Deceased
	8.00am	Patricia Fitzgerald, Nunnery Lane	Birthday Remembrance
	10.00am	Margaret Ryan, Rugby, UK & Mary Byrne, Manchester, UK, Sadie Doherty, Graiguenamanagh, Mary Kehoe & Nellie McGrath, The Rower, Kilkenny	Remembrance
Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm			
Wednesday 1st July 	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Margaret Connolly, Mountgarrett	Remembrance 4th Anniversary
Mass bookings commence @ 10.30am in the Parish Office up to & including December 2026			
Thursday 2nd July 	8.00am	Teresa Murphy, Cross Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Eamon & Annie Kissane, Priory Place	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 3rd July	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Bobby Rochford, William Street	Anniversary
Saturday 4th July	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Marian Doran, High Hill	12th Anniversary
Sunday 5th July 	8.00am	Betty Ronan, Irishtown	10th Anniversary
	10.00am	Martin Moylan, Bewley Street	2nd Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass	

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):
Patricia Fitzgerald, Nunnery Lane
- Birthday Remembrance
Altar (Centre):
Special Intentions
St. Joseph's (Right):
Special Intentions
Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Robert Rochford & Rosie Moran, William Street - Remembrance

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of -
Anita O'Hara (nee McGrath), 'Shalom', Coolcotts, Wexford, Patrick (Pat) Cahill, Bristol, UK & JKL Place, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the soul of -
Mary (14th Anniversary) & John (9th Anniversary) Ryan, Charleton Hill, Damien Martin (1st Anniversary), London, UK & New 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.

JULY 2026

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
5.00pm - Mary Rowe
10.00am - Mary Martin Carroll
12.00 Noon - Mairin Jackson

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
5.00pm - Patricia Quinn, Joan Foley & Declan Rowsome
10.00am - Liam & Patsy Nolan
12.00 Noon - Jagienka Borecka & Claire Nixon

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

History Notes - Part 129:
A SHARP WIT
My grandfather, James Cahill, lived in William Street with my mother as his housekeeper in the early years of the last century. He was a keen woodworker and the front room of the house was his workshop. He built himself a lathe and the escape of sawdust into the house increased. My mother objected strenuously at this nuisance, but he was unrepentant. His view was that there was dirty dirt and clean dirt, and that his sawdust was clean dirt.
The owner of a large grocery business in South Street had a row with his messenger boy and sacked him. Work was scarce and the young man joined the British Army and was sent to the battlefield in France at the height of the Battle of The Somme during the First World War. After a short time, news came back to this family that he had been killed in action. The news shocked and disappointed the townsfolk. My grandfather was a postman and on delivering post to the shop he overheard a conversation at the counter between a customer and the shop owner. The conversation was about the young casualty and as my grandfather walked through the shop towards the front door, without breaking his stride, my grandfather remarked to the owner "That's one young fellow you sent to his death!"
Courtesy of Jim Sutton

Congratulations

BAPTISMS:
We welcome into our Christian Community: Kali Murphy Walsh, Brooklawn, 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: Michelle Jowska & Owen Lennon, The Moorings, Rosbercon, 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.

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.

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.

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.

HIS HOLY NAME
We all have a name that we are proud of. Bestowed by our parents at birth, a name that we like to see honoured for the time that we are on earth. Now our Father who art up in heaven sent his Son to save us from hell and gave Him a name above others. A name that we all know so well. Now the Lord likes to see His name honoured. It is a shame when we call Him in vain. It takes a small amount to ask Him to share in our joy or help in our pain. It is not right to shout or curse Him when a prayer in a whisper will do. For the Lord likes to see his name honoured, the exact same as me or you, so when we arise in the morning our first thought should be to pray 'O please dearest Jesus please help us to honour your name for today'.
Courtesy of Angela Power

ST. MARY & ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH, NEW ROSS - Final Instalment
The Census of 1891 reported New Ross had 5,847 inhabitants. St. Michael 's Theatre South Street, New Ross, formally the Parish Church, New Ross from 1806 until 1902. Before becoming a Theatre, Cinema, Restaurant and Art Centre, St. Michael's Theatre was the Parish Church for 96 years serving the spiritual needs of the town until it closed its doors on Sunday 28th September 1902 on the very same day, the new, Magnificent Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Michael, Robert Street opened its doors for the first time. The long history of both Churches is complex and would take a large volume book to tell all the interesting and historical happenings over the last 220 years of both Churches. In the Year 2022, the Parish Church in New Ross celebrated its 120 years of unbroken service providing the spiritual needs of its parishioners. When one considers the costs of building any type of house in 2026 it is worthwhile to take a look back 124 years and see how much it cost to build the Parish Church, fit it out, including the Great Church Organ; the magnificent marbled Altars were built by the Pearse family, Dublin whose famous sons Pdraig and William who were executed in Kilmainham Jail, May 1916. It is also fitting that our local town park was named after Pdraig Pearse. The main building contractor was a local man Andrew Cullen from Cross Street (Lane). The Cullen family still reside there. Andrew built many fine buildings during his career but the New Ross Parish Church was his greatest achievement and his biggest contract.
Cost of building the Church £16,257
Extras brought this figure up to £19,382
The fitting out of the Church cost £9,625
In January 1903 the Church had a debt of over£2,000
By June 1905 it was announced that the New Ross Parish Church was debt free. The Final Official cost amounted to £29,007 and in today's money this would exceed over €5,000,000. On Thursday 18th January 1906 a note in St. Michael Kavanaghs hand stated there is no debt on St. Mary and St. Michael 's Parish Church, Robert Street, New Ross. It is also worth noting that because the Church was being built at around the time of the 1798 rebellion anniversary in 1898 a commemorate monument was delayed for 9 years as funds were tight within the Parish and Town in general. However, the Monument did go ahead and was completed by 1907 and is now sited opposite the Tholsel.
Courtesy of Seamus Kiely

New Ross Pastoral Area

ST CARLO ACUTIS FAITH CAMP
for children

-  **Aged 6 - 12yrs**
-  **August 10th - 13th**
-  **10am to 1pm daily**
-  **St Michael's Pastoral Centre, New Ross Y34 N799**

 Art & Crafts

 Dance and Songs

 Prayer

 Team Games

 Drama

For more details and to register your child please call or email the New Ross Parish Office directly on **051 421348**
info@newrossparish.ie
Book early to avoid disappointment.

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