

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**GREETING**

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

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
May almighty God ..... 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**

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** Deuteronomy 8:2- 3.14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that

man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20

R. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! or Alleluia!

- O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. [R]
- He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. [R]
- He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. [R]

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

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



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world'.

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

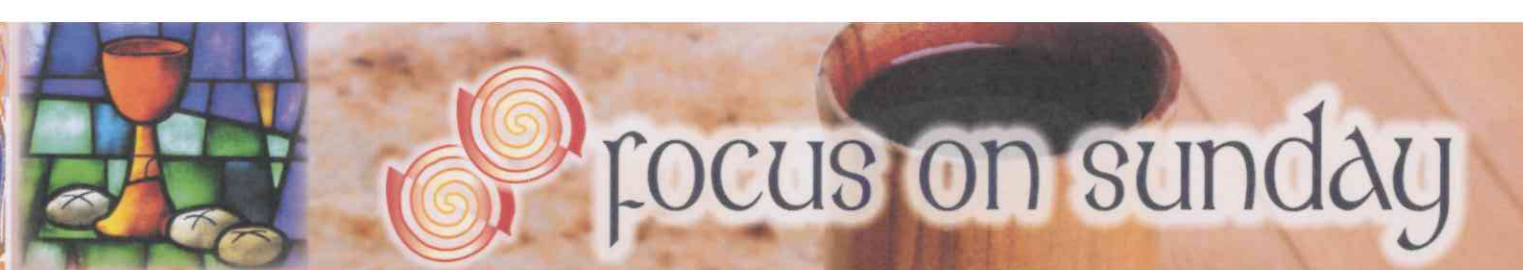
'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever'.

**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.



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

7th June 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 your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. Through Christ our Lord.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**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.

**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**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

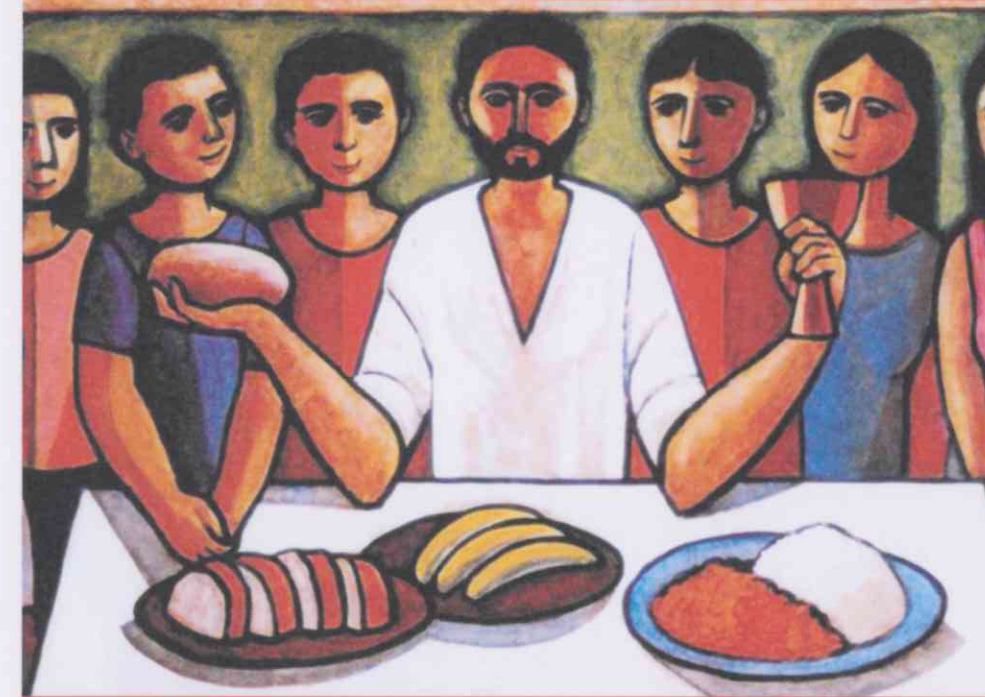
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign 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.

Today is our celebration that Jesus is present always with us, in signs we can recognise but not understand. It is a feast of the mystery of his presence, always close to his people.



I remember as a boy walking in the Corpus Christi procession, an altar boy. With my father holding the canopy as we had an almost two hour walk around Finglas with the first half of Benediction in the football field, ending then in

the church. Even the drunk on the path sang a hymn and blessed himself! As manna in the desert fed the people, the cup at Mass unites us with the death of the Lord, and the Scripture gives us the real meaning of the Eucharist.

It all brings life to the soul. Linked to the procession of our lives, to the hopes, problems, prayers and all that makes up the life of a person. A woman came once and gave the bread for the offertory to her children. She had walked miles with her children to Mass and they were starving. Who could give out? Maybe that day the bread was meant for her ordinary hunger!

Our mood for this feast is of thanks and wonder, that the God of heaven and earth would come to us in such an ordinary way. Without our help he could not come....without the farmer there is no wheat; without the baker there is no bread, without the priest no consecration and without the minister of the Eucharist he would just stay on the altar!

So each time we receive communion we are joyfully receiving his love for us, reminding us that this love is shown in each of us, and also the call to share our love. Our receiving communion is both this gift of his love, and a help to live our lives in love.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

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# 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 6th June	5.00pm	Martin Waters, Grange Road	1st Anniversary
Sunday 7th June	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Margaret Sinnott, Wexford Street Garry & Margaret Maher, Lower Southknock *Live on Southeast Radio & New Ross Singers attending	Anniversary Anniversaries
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	John Bradley, Knockavilla Geraldine Geoghegan, Ard na Greine	Months Mind Months Mind
Monday 8th 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	Breda O'Byrne, Mons Terrace, The Bullawn	11th Anniversary
Tuesday 9th June	8.00am	Imelda O'Rourke, Hewittsland	Anniversary
	10.00am	Paddy Quinn, Arnestown	Anniversary
Adoration will place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm			
Wednesday 10th June	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Helen Bermingham, Southknock	Remembrance Anniversary
Thursday 11th June	8.00am	Maevae O'Reilly (nee O'Connell), Terenure, Dublin	Recently Deceased
	10.00am	Lil O'Brien & deceased members of the O'Brien & Brennan families	Remembrance
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 12th June	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Nick Cooney, Charleton Hill	2nd Anniversary
Sat 13th June	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Johnny & Marie St. Ledger, Lower William Street	Anniversaries
Sunday 14th June	8.00am	John & Margaret Maddock, The Bullawn	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Margarita Rossiter, Michael Street Mary & Richie Butler, Mount Carmel	5th Anniversary 9th & 8th Anniversaries
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Margaret O'Leary (nee Whelan), Irishtown	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):**  
Josephine Byrne, Brandon Park - Remembrance

**Altar (Centre):**  
John Bradley, Knockavilla - Remembrance

**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
Miley Connors, Gorey - Remembrance

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**  
Gerard Fox, Dublin - Remembrance

**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.

**In Remembrance**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
We remember & pray of the souls of - Pat Nolan, McMurragh Court, Boshen, Phil Boyle, Shanbough, Rosbercon John Keane, Camblin, Sheila Kerrin, Vancouver, Canada, Brian (Rocco) Riche, Begerin, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:**  
We remember & pray for the soul of - Gerard Fox, Dublin, Josephine Byrne (5th Anniversary), Brandon Park, Mattie Brazil, Charleton Hill & Breda Kehoe, Castlemoyle Heights, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:**  
We remember & pray for the soul of - Larry Cash, Hewittsland, whose birthday 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.

**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

**History Notes - Part 127:**  
**JAMES ALEXANDER**  
James Alexander was Leader of the Unarmed Loyalists who assisted in the preparation of the defences of our town before the **Battle of Ross on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1798**. James, who lived on the Quay near the bottom of Sugar House Lane, was a school teacher who had seen service in the King's army during the American War of Independence in 1775. Early in the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> June, he was awakened by noise of cheering and gunfire uptown. James made his way across the Quay to the bridge where Tottenham's Yeomen Cavalry were stationed. He was encouraged to go forward to find out what was happening uptown. At the Tholsel the garrison there encouraged him to make his way up Mary Street to investigate. He cautiously inched his way forward on the left-hand path towards the slight bend in the roadway. To his alarm, he was suddenly confronted by the advance of the rebels downhill. He flattened himself against the wall between the two bow windows of Mr. Dowsley's house and as the engagement developed, he described how the gunfire "knuckled the pavement" at his feet. The advancing rebels mistook him for a priest because of his formal dress and shouted "Fan, fan, a athair" (Stay where you are, Father!). As the battle swayed and the Tholsel defenders advanced uphill, he was again in imminent danger but the officer in charge of the advancing troops recognised him and rushed him to safety. The Alexander family still farms at McMurrrough.

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.

**Volunteer Forms:** All volunteers (Sacristans, Cleaners, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Office Staff, Collectors, Counters, Pastoral Council Members, Parish Finance Committee Members etc.) are encouraged to collect & complete the **Diocesan Good Standing & Confidentiality Forms** this weekend onwards & return by Monday 8th of June 2026, which are available from the Sacristy or the Parish Office. Thank you.

**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 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.*

## Congratulations

**BAPTISMS:**  
We welcome into our Christian Community: Freya Delaney, Irishtown, Sean O'G Duffy, Wexford Street & Sean Mullett, Grange Road, 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:**  
\*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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

## Wexford Rally for Life

**Saturday 20th June**

**Leaving Friary Church at 2 pm**

Organised by:  
**WEXFORD FOR LIFE**  
Changing Hearts Saving Lives  
wexfordforlife.ie  
*Come along and bring your family*

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.

**Lough Derg Pilgrimage**

**Tue 30th June - Thurs 2nd July 2026**

Bus leaving St. Peter's Square, Wexford at 6.30am [via Enniscorthy (Abbey sq.) Ferns (Bus Stop), Gorey (Hospital) return to Wexford Thursday at 6.00 pm.

Island Fee: €85.00 Bus: €85.00  
Bookings: Fr. P. Cushen, Ferns  
Mobile 087-2387559  
Bookings taken and seat guaranteed with €50 non-refundable deposit.

**FÁTIMA**

**2026 FERNS PILGRIMAGE**  
Led by Spiritual Directors: Fr Denis Browne, Fr Paddy Browne & Fr Frank Murphy

**8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2026**  
**7 nights**  
**€925 per person sharing**

- Direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon
- Return airport transfers in Fatima (Optional Dublin Airport transfer)
- 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 Aljustrel, Valinhos & Santarem
- Optional: Travel Insurance €35 under 79 years / €75 80-94 years
- Single supplement €245; Dublin Airport Transfer (Cost TBC)

For information, please contact: Fr Denis Browne 086 4020260 | dnb@denisbrowne.ie  
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**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

