



Our faith is nourished and grows through the experiences of our lives. It can also weaken and disappear. We need the support of our Church and fellow - christians to strengthen and direct our growth when we lose our way.



Today and in the coming Sundays we will hear the parables from Matthew 13. Parables are more of an experience than just a story with a hidden meaning, they are the great wisdom teachings of Jesus. They demand an alertness from us, speaking to our hearts through what is said, and often through what is left unsaid. Parables do not end once we are finished hearing them. They stay with us, often leaving us with unanswered questions which invite us to ponder and reflect on our own experiences; parables awaken our senses.

Today's parable itself is well known and concerns seeds, where they land and what happens to them. We might take note of the seeds as representing God's Word and the effect it has, or does not have, on us. What makes the difference in the parable is the type of soil the seed lands on and how suitable it is for growth to take place. Let us consider our hearts the soil for a moment: how open are we to receiving seeds that may be planted there? Any decent gardener will know that good soil is key in order to cultivate anything. Soil is basically rock that has been broken down by various forces such as wind, rain, freezing and thawing. It can be too acidic, or it can be too alkaline. Good soil needs lots of air and water, and some manure; it needs to be tended to and prepared. We too are weathered down by various forces in our lives which can either close us down and harden our hearts or can open us up and help us to grow into greater awareness. The disciple is one who hears the word and understands it, and it bears fruit (13:23).

Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty. Adapted from *The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*, Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2022.

**Jesus' Story** *Fr. Liam Hickey*

When Jesus saw a farmer sowing seeds in the ground, He was reminded of God Our Father, who gives the seed of life to all the world, and the seed of His Spirit is present in every person's heart. God Our Father can never stop loving us, but sometimes the seed of God's love is forgotten, when we miss giving thanks, and sharing, and when we hurt others. But the seed of God still loves us all the time.

**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**  
 Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. 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**  
**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

**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**  
**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
 Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. 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. **Amen**  
 Go in peace, **Thanks be to God.**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **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 show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 55: 10-11*

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
 Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *PS. 64: 10-14*

**R. Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.**

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **(R)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **(R)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R)**
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R)**

**SECOND READING** *Romans 8: 18-23*

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds this seed will remain forever. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 13: 1-23 (\*shorter form 13: 1-9)**  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*\*Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'* \*  
 Then the disciples went up to him and

asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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

**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 All bow for following two lines:  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **Amen.**

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

Date	Time	Intention	Notes
Saturday 11th July	5.00pm	Hannah Dwyer (nee Purcell), Mount Carmel & her husband; Tommy	1st Anniversary & Remembrance
Sunday 12th July	8.00am	Ann Kavanagh, Nunnery Lane	20th Anniversary
	10.00am	Tom Hayden, Priory Place	2nd Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy		
Monday 13th July	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	Herbert & Sarah Bradley, Dublin	Anniversaries
Tuesday 14th July	8.00am	Lar Walsh, Marley	Anniversary
	10.00am	Michael & Kathleen Kent, Cross Street	Anniversaries
Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm			
Wednesday 15th July	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Bernard & Julia McNally, Cushinstown	Remembrance Anniversaries
Thursday 16th July	8.00am	Carmelite Community & Benefactors & Friends	Special Intention
	10.00am	Luke Roche, Lower Southknock	Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 17th July	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Bridget & John Furlong, William Street	Anniversaries
Saturday 18th July	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Alice Cullen, South Street	10th Anniversary
Sunday 19th July	8.00am	Pauline McCormack, Greystones	Anniversary
	10.00am	Noreen Sutton, Shallows Park	Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy		
16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	12.00 Noon	Eileen Byrne (nee Leacy), Skerries & New Ross	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):**  
Maggie Murphy (nee Connors), Rosbercon - 1st Anniversary

**Altar (Centre):**  
Willie Murphy, Priory Street - Anniversary

**St. Joseph's (Right):**  
Special Intentions

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**  
Special Intentions

*In Remembrance*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
We remember & pray for the souls of - Diane Dalton, Fethard On Sea, Gretta (Margaret) Kavanagh (nee Martin), Wicklow Town & Enniscorthy, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:**  
We remember & pray for the souls of - Bert Gordon, South Street, Pat & Aileen Murphy (nee Finn), William Street, Ballyanne & London, UK, Maggie Cash, Hospital Road, Willie Murphy, Priory Street, Paddy & Gretta O'Connor, Wexford Road & Maggie Murphy (nee Connors) (1st Anniversary), Rosbercon, 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.

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**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.  
**NEW REVISED ROTAS: Please call to Parish Office or Sacristy to collect the New Rotas which will take effect from the 1st August 2026.**

**Burren Outdoor Retreat:** Friday 4th September to Sunday 6th September. Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Mary at 087 970 1130 for information or Des at 085 161 4951 for bookings.

**History Notes - Part 131: THE MASHES**  
The area outside town now known as Marshmeadows was from many years rough marshland, with the name mispronounced locally as 'the mashes'. There was a large breach in the riverbank opposite today's Oaklands Roundabout on the Wexford Road which created a wide channel. This huge breach flooded all the fields from there almost to Camblin with the ebb and flow of each tide, so that the whole area became a marsh. For the young it was a joyful wilderness full of bulrushes, frogs, drains to be explored and fished in, all in easy reach of the path on the riverbank or from the main road. Parents were anxious about the dangers associated with such flooded marshland but generally to little avail, as it was a happy hunting ground for boys who usually ignored their parent's warnings. The big operation of sealing the breach in the riverbank was eventually undertaken by the local authority and the area over time became the fine industrial estate it is today. During its years of flooding, it was a popular venue for wild duck hunting, although the ingress and exit of the tides could be a problem for hunters caught out and temporarily marooned. Mr. Andrews was a retired banker who lived in Priory Street who was a keen duck hunter in 'the mashes'. It caused no alarm for passers-by to see him sitting patiently on his shooting stick with his dog and shotgun, on a high point in the flooded marsh awaiting the tide to ebb. *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

**New Ross Pastoral Area**

## ST CARLO ACUTIS FAITH CAMP

for children

"The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven." - St Carlo Acutis

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

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

**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.*

## BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP NEW ROSS

**Volunteers Needed!**  
Bethany Bereavement Support, New Ross.

We are looking for volunteers.  
Would you be interested in joining us?

We are a voluntary community and Parish based listening service, which aims to support bereaved adults through the grieving process.  
For more information please contact the Parish Office, New Ross, (051) 421348.  
or contact our information line on 087 9905299.

**Abide in His Love Women's Conference.** The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, 20-22 November 2026. Join women from across Ireland for a faith-filled weekend with inspiring speakers including Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more. A conference not to be missed!  
Register now: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com/>

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## SUMMER FESTIVAL

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"I WILL TRUST AND WILL NOT BE AFRAID, FOR THE LORD GOD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SONG" - ISAIAH 12:2  
COME AND SEE!

**ALL DAY PARKING PROHIBITED. CHURCH GATE CLOSURES @ 6.00PM EVERY EVENING. CHURCH GROUNDS CONSTITUTE A SACRED SPACE. PARKING IS RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHURCH USERS. IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY WE REQUEST PARKING TO TAKE PLACE IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY. ONE WAY SYSTEM IN OPERATION.**

## Congratulations

**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:  
Aine Thomas, Arnestown & Thomas Donovan, Foulkmills, 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.

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