

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Wisdom 12: 13. 16 - 19*

A reading from the book of Wisdom
There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS. 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

- O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. *(R)*
- All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. *(R)*
- But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. *(R)*

SECOND READING *Romans 8: 26-27*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 13: 24 - 43 (* shorter form 13: 24-30)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." *'*

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable,

'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. 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

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

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. 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.**

focus on sunday

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th July 2026 Year A

God knows the good and evil in a person's heart and accepts both in us. He knows our struggles over evil and he both heals and forgives the wrong-doing in our lives.

Our life is a bit like this field ...



Jesus had an urgency about the kingdom. Fire in his belly that God would be alive and well in the world. He wanted to do the world a world of good. And wanting the kingdom – a world of justice, compassion, love to grow in our everyday situations. A real desire for a better world, neighbourhood, family life, community life, marriage – whatever it may be. Like Jesus look at the field and say, I love this field, this world. I love this world with its gold and grey, its saints and sinners. Jesus wanted a better world but first loved the world as it is – lover of all that is. And he ends by saying that evil will not prosper forever, that it will be burned up at the end. Whatever this may mean in fact, it encourages us to know that all efforts to build God's kingdom will in time bear fruit.

The judgment – yes, the field is empty of weeds, but there are no flowers! Nourish what is good, encourage rather than exhort, work for good within the world as it is with its weeds and its flowers, and really desire the kingdom of God.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



If there was no dark, we would not see shining stars. Babies live in the dark before they are born. Light and Dark is God's Mystery of Love. When someone scores a goal, he/she is delighted, but the goalkeeper is sad. Saints say that when we see GOD, all sad and bad things will be lit up in the Love of God's Face, in Jesus Christ. A Saint who died in prison prayed "May the hurt done to me be accepted as Forgiveness, for those who know not what they do".



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Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.			
Date	Time		
Saturday 18th July	5.00pm	Alice Cullen, South Street	10th Anniversary
Sunday 19th July 	8.00am	Pauline McCormack, Greystones, Wicklow	Anniversary
	10.00am	Noreen Sutton, Shallows Park	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Eileen Byrne (nee Leacy), Skerries & New Ross	Months Mind
Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass			
Monday 20th 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 st Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am.	
	10.00am	John O'Byrne, Cushinstown	7th Anniversary
Tuesday 21st July 	8.00am	Three Special Intentions & the deceased members of the O'Brien family	Special Intentions & Remembrance
	10.00am	Vera North, Chambersland & her parents; Martin & Agnes Keane, & sisters; Joan & Mary, Ballinruane, Ballycullane	Anniversaries
	Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm		
Wednesday 22nd July	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Mary Dale, Irishtown	Remembrance Anniversary
	10.00am	John & Monica Condon, Haughton Place	Anniversaries
Thursday 23rd July 	8.00am	Mary Foley & Eileen Sinnott, Irishtown & UK	Anniversaries
	10.00am	John & Monica Condon, Haughton Place	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 24th July	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Richard & Jimmy Reynolds, Irene Creamer & May Fennelly, Kilkenny & USA & deceased family members	Remembrance
Saturday 25th July	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Peter O'Hanlon, Rosetown, Arthurstown Mary Bolger, Ard Na Greine	1st Anniversary Anniversary
Sunday 26th July 	7.00am	Bus leaving Carpark opposite Dunbrody for Grandparents Trip to Knock	
	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intention
	10.00am	Aidan & Mollie St. Ledger, William Street	Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Tim Coughlan, Southknock	3rd Anniversary



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):
Michael Dempsey, Priory Street
- Birthday Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
Mary Dale, Irishtown - Anniversary

St. Joseph's (Right):
Anthony Larkin, Pondfields - Anniversary

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Thanksgiving



RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of - Kay Kavanagh, Fr. Cullen's Terrace, Joan Kent (nee Rowe), Tower Grove & Josie Gordon (nee Fitzgerald), Grange Road & Southknock, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Paddy Foley, Chambersland, Anthony Larkin, Pondfields, Kitty Flannelly, Haughton Place, Mary Dale, Irishtown & Jimmy & Nancy Ryan, Michael Street, 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.

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

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 132:
THE REBEL HANGMAN - During the two days following the Battle of Ross in 1798, the royalist troops had free quarter for mopping any remaining rebels. General Johnson then ordered a halt and soon afterwards a drummer and his wife were arrested for looting. The court martial which followed condemned them to be hanged for disobeying orders, but the wife was reprieved because of her age. A volunteer was called for amongst the captured rebels to act as hangman in return for which he was promised his freedom. According to local lore, the hanging took place from a tree in St. Mary's churchyard overlooking Mary Street. These trees were shot to pieces by the artillery stationed in the grounds of St. Mary's church concentrating fire on Bewley Street/Mary Street. The hanging of the drummer duly took place with the rebel acting as hangman. He was released as promised and headed for home via the Irishtown. It is believed he was followed by friends of the executed drummer and never reached home.

Courtesy of Jim Sutton



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.

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

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.



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.




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2026 FERNS PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA Led by Spiritual Directors : Fr. Denis Browne, Fr. Frank Murphy & Fr. Paddy Browne. 8th OCTOBER 2026 for 7 nights - Cost €925 per person sharing - includes: • Direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon • Return airport transfers in Fatima (Optional Wexford - Dublin Airport transfer. Please inquire at time of booking - €TBA) • 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 Village of Aljustrel (Home of Visionaries) & Valinhos (Site of Early Visions) & Town of Santarem (Site of Eucharistic Miracle) • Optional: Travel Insurance €55 under 79 years / €75 - 80-94 years For information, please contact: Fr Denis Browne at frdenisbrowne@gmail.com & 086-8926260. For bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800.

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.



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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CHURCH GROUNDS CONSTITUTE A SACRED SPACE.
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IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY WE REQUEST PARKING TO TAKE PLACE IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY. ONE WAY SYSTEM IN OPERATION.

