

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in
his house; he himself gives might and
strength to his people.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

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...
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, protector of those who hope
in you, without whom nothing has firm
foundation, nothing is holy, bestow
in abundance your mercy upon us and grant
that, with you as our ruler and guide, we
may use the good things that pass in
such a way as to hold fast even now to
those that ever endure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings
The Lord appeared to Solomon in a
dream and said, 'Ask what you would like
me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord,
my God, you have made your servant
king in succession to David my father.
But I am a very young man, unskilled in
leadership. Your servant finds himself in
the midst of this people of yours that you
have chosen, a people so many its
numbers cannot be counted or reckoned.

Give your servant a heart to
understand how to discern between good
and evil, for who could govern this people
of yours that is so great? It pleased the

Lord that Solomon should have asked
for this. 'Since you have asked for this'
the Lord said 'and not asked for long life
for yourself or riches or the lives of your
enemies, but have asked for a discerning
judgement for yourself, here and now I do
what you ask. I give you a heart wise and
shrewd as none before you has had and
none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord how I love your law!

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more
to me than silver and gold. **(R)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall
live
for your law is my delight. **(R)**
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your
precepts:
I hate false ways. **(R)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **(R)**

SECOND READING Romans 8: 28 - 30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to
their good God co-operates with all those
who love him, with all those that he has
called according to his purpose. They
are the ones he chose specially long ago
and intended to become true images of
his Son, so that his Son might be the
eldest of many brothers. He called those
he intended for this; those he called he
justified, and with those he justified he
shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt
from my Father. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 44-52 (*shorter form 13:44-46)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom
of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field
which someone has found; he hides it
again, goes off happy, sells everything he
owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a
merchant looking for fine pearls; when he
finds one of great value he goes and sells
everything he owns and buys it.*

'Again the kingdom of heaven is like
a dragnet cast into the sea that brings

in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the
fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting
down, they collect the good ones in a
basket and throw away those that are no
use. This is how it will be at the end of
time: the angels will appear and separate
the wicked from the just to throw them
into the blazing furnace where there will
be weeping and grinding of teeth.
'Have you understood all this?' They
said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well,
then, every scribe who becomes a
disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like
a householder who brings out from his
storeroom things both new and old.'

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

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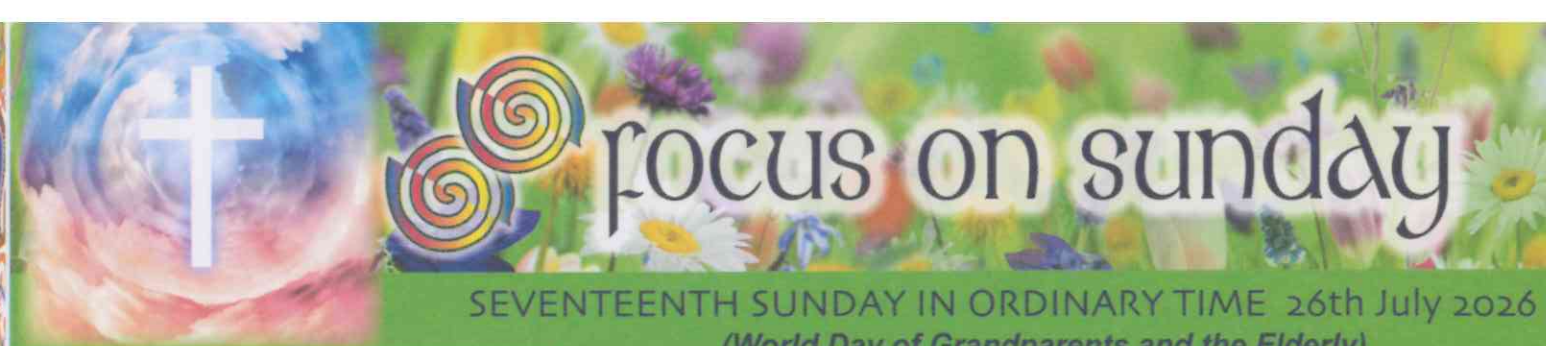
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with 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.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26th July 2026

(World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly)

We choose good or evil often in our lives. To follow something good,
we reject paths which are less good. Following Christ means saying 'No' to
other riches. The gospel today is a call to be joyful
in giving up our bad habits for Jesus.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance
of your gifts,
that through the powerful working
of your grace these most sacred mysteries
may sanctify our present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
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

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord,
this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion
of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love
beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
Amen.

May he let his face shine upon you
and show you his mercy. **Amen.**
May he turn his countenance towards you
and give you his peace. **Amen.**

And 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.**

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How would we feel if we won the jackpot? Or if we found
an incredibly valuable jewel? Or if we were told that we were
chosen out of millions for a special, magnificent reward?

Jesus is at pains today to explain the Kingdom of Heaven.

There is a melismatic quality (from the word mel meaning honey) to his
discourse as the words and images flow. It is both an ecstatic and measured
narrative, as he is intent on communicating the rich, rare nature of the
Kingdom to his followers.

We can all recall times where we exhaust our imaginations trying to describe
something amazing. We want to bring our audience right into the heart the
experience, feeling it, marvelling in it as we do.

Jesus is giving his followers a foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is both
an invitation and a caution, as he depicts those who will not enter the kingdom
due to their unjust actions in this life. His reference to the storeholder bringing
out the old and the new places his own teaching and his Father's Kingdom
in the Judaic line, building on tradition rather than supplanting it, and casting
new light on old norms and ways of living.

Today, we celebrate grandparents. They are the ultimate storeholders, who
give us the best of themselves from their storerooms of lived wisdom. They
teach us what is old, while keeping up with what is new. They are indeed
pearls of great price for us to treasure!

Dr Giovanna Feeley, DCU School of Theology, Philosophy, and Music

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

We are in God's Love all the time, but we forget. When people find God's Love, and
Kingdom, they always do loving actions, like caring and minding children, doing work
everyday, helping others, being grateful for all the wonders of nature, the colours of the
day, the new inventions, that make life exciting. They are treasures that fill our hearts
with surprise.



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

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10.30am to 2.00pm. Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays.
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Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.			
Date	Time		
Saturday 25th July	5.00pm	Peter O'Hanlon, Rosetown, Arthurstown Mary Bolger, Ard Na Greine	1st Anniversary Anniversary
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 27 JUNE & ST ANNE PRAY FOR US	7.00am	Bus leaving Carpark opposite Dunbrody for Grandparents Trip to Knock	
	8.00am	Special Intention	Special Intention
	10.00am	Aidan & Mollie St. Ledger, William Street	Anniversary
		Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass	
	12.00 Noon	Tim Coughlan, Southknock	3rd Anniversary
Monday 27th 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	Ciss & Dominic Whelan & deceased family members	Anniversaries
Tuesday 28th July	8.00am	Vincent O'Dwyer, Ard Ross	Anniversaries
	10.00am	John King, Mountgarrett	Anniversary
	Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm		
Wednesday 29th July	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Mary & Claire Dunne, Terrerath	Remembrance Anniversary
	Parish Monthly coffee morning after 10.00am mass in the Sacristy		
Thursday 30th July	8.00am	Michael Kane, The Bosheen	13th Anniversary
	10.00am	Sheila Whitty, Riverview	2nd Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 31st July	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Martin Whelan, Tanyard	7th Anniversary
Saturday 1st August	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Victor Hennessy, Southknock	3rd Anniversary
Sunday 2nd August - Bank Holiday Weekend	8.00am	Nancy Martin, Ard na Greine	10th Anniversary
	10.00am	Jim Cooney, Seamie & Mark Doyle, Robert Street & Bush Park	24th Anniversary
		Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass	
	12.00 Noon		



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):
Special Intention
Altar (Centre):
Mollie, Aidan & Thomas St. Ledger, William Street - Anniversary & Remembrance
St. Joseph's (Right):
Joan Cashin, William Street - Remembrance
Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
The Reynolds Family, Kilkenny & USA - Remembrance



RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of - June Olwen Butler (nee Lorentzen), Woodland Grove, Birmingham, UK & Rosbercon Castle, John Hamilton, Tullogher, Kilkenny & New Ross, Sophie Caulfield, Cluain Huighead, Laurence (Larry) Dalton, Chapel Lane, Nick Ronan, Clonleigh Stud, Palace East & Benson Byrne, Ballinacarrig, Carlow & New Ross who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Joseph (Joe) Grace (42nd Anniversary), Windmill Lane & Annie Furlong, Old Court, Ballykelly 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.



AUGUST 2026

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
5.00pm - Sean Furlong
10.00am - Anne Murphy
12.00 Noon - Pat Wickham, Mairin Jackson

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
5.00pm - Rita Sinnott, Anne Rochford & Mary M. Carroll
10.00am - Mary T. Royce, Brendan Murphy, David & Kathleen Maher
12.00 Noon - Rose Ryan & Pat Rossiter

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 133:
THE HURLING BATTLE OF ROSS

In 1960 Wexford hurlers played Cork in Barrett's Park (now O'Kennedy Park) in a national league match. The match was niggly from an early stage and a player from each side was sent to the line. During the second half, Oliver McGrath (The Hopper) headed for goal at the Good Shepherd's end and was downed by a Cork corner back. A Wexford selector who was on the end line near the incident ran to attend to the stretched Oliver, and this triggered a pitch invasion. Meanwhile the two dismissed players had sorted out their differences and the Wexford player had to calm the crowd who threatened to become involved in the sorting out. As a member of the pitch invaders I can testify that little or no blood was spilled except an altercation between a Wexford midfielder and his opponent which resulted in a Cork bloody nose. The referee and his officials were escorted from the pitch by the Garda. Later in the evening a small crowd gathered outside the Royal Hotel and cheered as the Cork players who stayed there on the night of the match waved their red jerseys out the windows. However, it was all in good spirit, somewhat unlike the reporting of matters in the national newspapers the following day.

Courtesy of Jim Sutton



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.



Congratulations

BAPTISMS:
We welcome into our Christian Community: Cian Dobbagh, California, USA, Bonnie Werner, Auburn Avenue & Clodagh Hackett, Chambersland who were 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.

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/>

ALL DAY PARKING PROHIBITED. CHURCH GATE CLOSES @ 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.





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.





Hill View House Garden Open Day

Margaret Fitzpatrick's garden will be open on Thursday August 6th 2.30pm—6pm

In aid of Ros Tapestry
Light refreshments served
Sorry not suitable for children

Ballylane, New Ross, Eircode Y34 TX22

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.

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.

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**
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Book early to avoid disappointment.

New Ross Meals on Wheels Presently we provide almost 20,000 meals a year and are available six days a week, 52 weeks of the year. We take every opportunity to encourage elderly in the district to consider availing of this wonderful service ensuring they have access to a nutritious meal every day. The Meals on Wheels is available to everyone who needs our service Sr. Aidan Centre 051-445711. The Meals on Wheels Church Gate Collection is on Saturday 8th of August & Sunday the 9th of August, please give generously.



