

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy.....
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

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing
kindness, that, for those who glory in you
as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55:1-3*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:
Oh, come to the water all you who are
thirsty; though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have
good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting
covenant out of the favours promised to
David.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 144:8-9, 15-18

**R. You open wide your hand, O Lord,
you grant our desires.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food
in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R)**

SECOND READING *Romans 8:35. 37 - 39*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Nothing can come between us and the
love of Christ, even if we are troubled or
worried, or being persecuted, or lacking
food or clothes, or being threatened
or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power
of him who loved us. For I am certain of
this: neither death nor life, no angel, no
prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to
come, not any power, or height or depth,
nor any created thing, can ever come
between us and the love of God made
visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Man does not live on bread alone, but
on every word that comes from the
mouth of God. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 14: 13 - 21*

The Lord be with you **And with your spirit**
**A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew**
Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus received the news of John
the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat
to a lonely place where they could be by
themselves. But the people heard of this
and, leaving the towns, went after him on
foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a
large crowd; and he took pity on them and
healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples
went to him and said, 'This is a lonely
place, and the time has slipped by; so
send the people away, and they can go
to the villages to buy themselves some

food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for
them to go; give them something to eat
yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we
have with us is five loaves and two fish.'
'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave
orders that the people were to sit down on
the grass; then he took the five loaves and
the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven
and said the blessing. And breaking the
loaves he handed them to his disciples
who gave them to the crowds. They all
ate as much as they wanted, and they
collected the scraps remaining twelve
baskets full. Those who ate numbered
about five thousand men, to say nothing
of women and children.

**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,

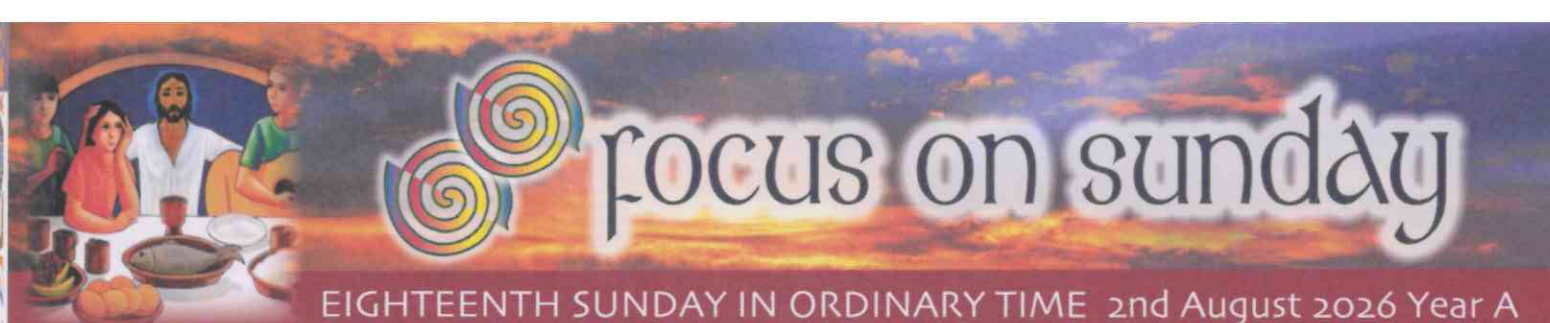
All bow for following three lines:

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

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we
pray, and, accepting the oblation of this
spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC 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.
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

**You have given us, O Lord,
bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights
and sweetness in every taste.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection,
O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
May almighty God bless you in his
kindness and pour out saving wisdom
upon you. **Amen.**
May he nourish you always with the
teachings of the faith and make you
persevere in holy deeds. **Amen.**
May he turn your steps towards himself
and show you the path of charity and
peace. **Amen.**
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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**The gift of Jesus is different to material wealth; It is more than that.
He Promises meaning to life, hope, love that is everlasting He
promises himself in friendship to us.**



A kingdom feast

Today's Gospel introduces us to a helpless crowd who have
been following Jesus all day. They are 'running on empty' and
probably wouldn't welcome the suggestion that they hike to

the nearest village to buy food. Jesus feels for them. Whereas the disciples
see their small offering - just five loaves and two fish - as "nothing", he sees
potential. As a result, the crowds are more than satisfied. We all have times
when we're physically or emotionally exhausted and feel we have nothing left
to give, whether it's time, money, energy, or even love. When we think of all the
suffering in the world, we feel helpless; whatever assistance we can give will
never be enough. But God sees what we have to offer, blesses and multiplies
it. When we move away from an 'every person for themselves' mentality,
miraculous things occur.

The humanity of Jesus in the opening verses is touching. Having learnt of
the death of John the Baptist, he attempts to withdraw by himself. But the
crowds, and their needs, catch up with him. Compassion takes over and
he presses on with his mission, giving himself thoroughly to the people and
urging the disciples to do the same: "You give them something to eat." No
one is to be abandoned, no one left behind. This is a 'kingdom feast' in every
sense. It unites past, present and future, recalling God's provision of manna
in the desert (Ex 16) and foreshadowing the Last Supper (Mt 26:26-29). It is a
practical provision of an inclusive and fulfilling meal, while also anticipating the
heavenly or 'Messianic' feast. The kingdom values of compassion, self-giving
and community shine through. Perhaps these are every bit as miraculous as
the multiplication of loaves and fish.

Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty. Adapted from *The Deep End – A Journey through the
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New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael

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Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.			
Date	Time		
Saturday 1st August	5.00pm	Victor Hennessy, Southknock	3rd Anniversary
18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	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		
Monday 3rd August - Parish Office Closed.	12.00 Noon	Philomena & Michael Brennan, Mount Elliott	Anniversaries
	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 4th August	10.00am	Claire & Tony Flynn, Hospital Road	
	8.00am	Michael Connolly, Mary Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Brendan Kidd, Brandon Park	2nd Anniversary
Wednesday 5th August	Mass bookings commence up to & including January 2027 after 10.00am Mass in the Parish Office		
	Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm		
	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
Thursday 6th August	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Michael & Mary Connors, Ballywilliam	Remembrance Remembrance
	8.00am	Annie Reddy, Marsh Lane	Anniversary
	10.00am	Margaret Coleman, Michael Street & Haddie Richardson, Pondfields	Anniversaries
Friday 7th August	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Deceased members of the Lyng family, Ballyanne	Anniversaries
Saturday 8th August	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Amy Alyward, Grange Road	4th Anniversary
Sunday 9th August - Meals on Wheels Church Gate Collection	8.00am	Maisie O'Sullivan, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
	10.00am	John & William Moore, Priory Street & London, UK	Anniversaries
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
19 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	12.00 Noon	Joe (Joseph) Foley, Riverview Josie Gordon, Grange Road	Months Mind 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):
Nicholas Katus, Michael Street - Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
Fr. Odhran Furlong, Adamstown & New Ross - Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
Paddy Cullen, Marino, Dublin - Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Special Intention

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of - Tony (Anthony) Brennan, Robert Street, Lar Fortune, Shambough, Rosbercon & Marian Byrnes (nee Murray), Leixlip, Kildare & New Ross, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - James Boland, Charleton Hill, John Doran, High Hill, Michael Connolly, Mary Street, Philomena & Michael Brennan, Mount Elliott, James May, Dublin & Pat Laffan, Charleton Hill, 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.

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.

History Notes - Part 134:
THE DOMINICAN PRIORY AT ROSBERCON - Excavations near the railway gates at Rosbercon unearthed old foundations which are believed to have belonged to the priory of the Dominican Friars Preachers. This Order, under the patronage of the influential Walsh family who held Rosbercon Castle had revenues from across the Barrow that supported St. Saviours chapel in New Ross. The townland of Glensensaw above Rosbercon is believed have been associated with St. Saviours Church in town, the name suggesting The Glen of St. Saviours. The early community at Rosbercon Friary is likely have comprised a small group of 10 to 20 friars. The last serving prior was named Matthew Fleming on the friary's surrender to the authorities in 1539. The arches survived for many years until taken down by a local businessman named Lamphier in the 1800s who used the stonework to build a riverside landing point above the Boat Club called, in my Boat Club days, The Old Quay. In it's early days this landing point was associated with smuggling. Courtesy of Jim Sutton



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

ST CARLO ACUTIS FAITH CAMP

for children aged 6 - 12 years

August 10th & 13th

10am to 5pm daily

St Michael's Pastoral Centre, New Ross Y34 TX22

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

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.

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.

New Certificate in Collaboration & Mission The Diocese of Ferns invites applications for its new **Certificate in Collaboration & Mission**, beginning in September 2026. The programme equips participants to work collaboratively through ecclesiology, practical theology and pastoral action, integrating head, heart and hands. Participants will explore the See-Judge-Act method, apply it locally and design and lead a six-month project. The course runs from September 2026 to May 2027 with 20 workshops (2.5 hours each) on evenings and Saturday mornings to suit work and family commitments. Places are limited. Candidates must be nominated by a priest in active ministry, a Pastoral Council Chairperson or a current Diploma in Pastoral Ministry participant. For details and the application form, contact pdw@ferns.ie or see the News section of www.ferns.ie – we also ask for your prayers for this initiative.

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.

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

Craft Fair at Ferns Castle - Saturday the 15th August, 11am to 4pm. Join us for a day of creativity, music, shopping and fun family activities. Free entry all welcome!

NEW ROSS PASTORAL AREA OUR LADY'S ISLAND MASS

Wednesday 26th August 2026 @ 7.30pm.

Bus leaving carpark opposite the Dunbrody Visitor Centre @ 5.00pm, stopping at Cushinstown Parish Church & Carrigbyrne. Please contact New Ross Parish Office to book a seat @ €10.00.

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