

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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 ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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 the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Zechariah 9:9-10*

A reading from the prophet Zechariah
The Lord says this:
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

R. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

- I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **(R)**
- 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)**
- All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R)**
- The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **(R)**

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 9. 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 11: 25-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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

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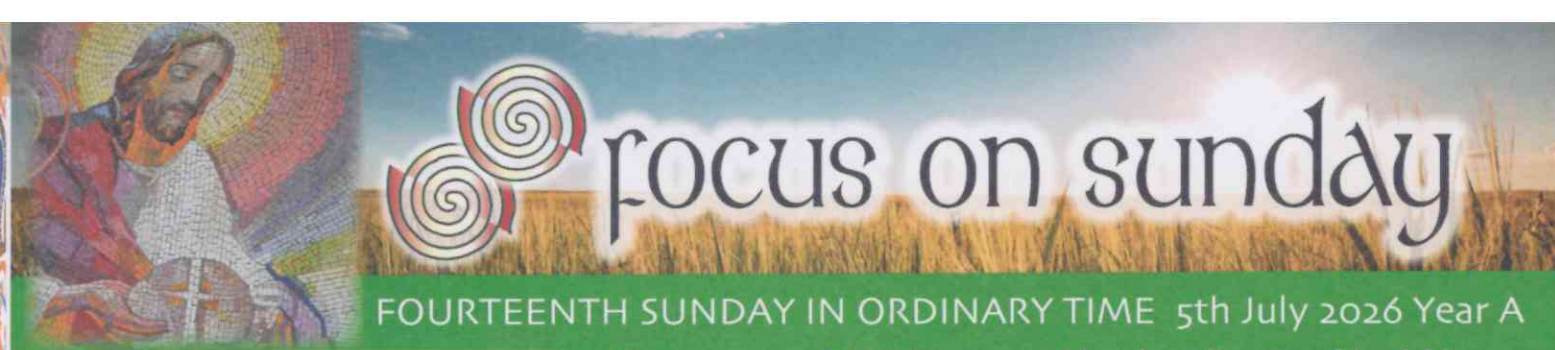
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with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



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. 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

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. 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.**

The presence of Christ in our world and our lives is a friendship, companionship and love that gives peace to the restless hearts and hope and meaning in times of stress and trouble.

"Come to me... and I will give you rest."



Today's Gospel is rich in healing, consolation, and love. It may be savoured in two parts. The first part turns the idea of wisdom on its head. Jesus praises God, who is Wisdom itself, for hiding the mysteries of the kingdom from highly intelligent adults, and making them known to children instead. These words reveal the nature of divine truth: it is truth of the heart and the soul, rather than the intellect. This is, also, a direct affront to the Pharisees and learned men of the day, who were eager for any opportunity to take Jesus down a peg or two. Jesus's words are a powerful championing of the pure of heart and mind, the innocent, and those who did not have a voice in society.

If pharmaceutical companies could bottle the second part of today's Gospel, it would be an instant sell-out as the ultimate antidote to human stress. It speaks to us powerfully in times of distress, overwhelm, and need. Jesus drew on agrarian metaphors frequently in his ministry, and his listeners would have understood the immense weight of the yoke across the shoulders as one sweated and toiled in the fields. His words offer immediate comfort and respite, and are also a stark prefiguring of his own Passion.

Perhaps, in the week ahead, we may consider how we can open our hearts to the truth of God's love, and let it guide us in comforting ourselves and others when we are overburdened, anxious, or in need.

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

Jesus' Story *Fr. Liam Hickey*
In the story today Jesus invites us to come to Him, if we have a worry or fear, if we are sad or make mistakes. His Spirit is in our heart, and in the hearts of others too, and Holy Communion, is God's Special Gift to help us. Jesus is always telling us that we are his friends, and that our failings and sins are always forgiven.

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 4th July	5.00pm	Marion Doran, High Hill	12th Anniversary
Sunday 5th July 	8.00am	Betty Ronan, Irishtown	10th Anniversary
	10.00am	Martin Moylan, Bewley Street	2nd Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
Monday 6th 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 1st Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am.	
	10.00am	Paddy (Spud) Murphy, The Bosheen	Anniversary
Tuesday 7th July 	8.00am	Bobby & Robert Rochford & deceased family members, William Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Marion O'Brien, Lower William Street	Anniversary
Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm			
Wednesday 8th July	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Theresa (Tessie) Walsh, Charleton Hill	Remembrance Birthday Remembrance
Thursday 9th July 	8.00am	Special Intention	
	10.00am	Pat & Aileen Murphy (nee Finn), William Street & London & her brother; Pat, Ballyanne & London	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 10th July	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Tommy Whelan & deceased family members, Irishtown	Remembrance
Saturday 11th July	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Hannah Dwyer (nee Purcell), Mount Carmel & her husband; Tommy	1st Anniversary & Remembrance
Sunday 12th July 	8.00am	Ann Kavanagh, Nunnery Lane	
	10.00am	Tom Hayden, Priory Place	2nd Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Oliver Darby, Barrowview Heights	12th 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):
Nicholas Katus, Lower Michael Street - Anniversary

Altar (Centre):
James Caulfield, Charleton Hill - Anniversary

St. Joseph's (Right):
Betty Cass, Charleton Hill - Birthday Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Michael Murphy, New Ross - 1st Anniversary

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of - Sally Brookwell, Ard Na Greine, Liam Kent, Terrerath, Paddy Carroll, Clonard, Joe (Joseph) Foley, Riverview & Patrick Nolan (Months Mind), Charleton Hill, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Ann Nolan & her sister; Betty McGrath, Quay Street, Nellie Freaney, Haughton Place, John Connors (12th Anniversary), Palace East, Michael Murphy (1st Anniversary), New Ross 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.**

THANK YOU

We thank all the volunteers that have completed the Good Standing and Confidentiality forms to date. For those who have not, these forms are available for collection from the Parish Office and the Sacristy. Also a big thank you to all the distributors who delivered the contribution envelopes again this year.

History Notes - Part 130: THE NAILED UP DOOR

During the Land War of the 1880s/1890s, when Charles Stuart Parnell led the people for a fairer deal in land rental, south Wexford was a hotbed of conflict between The Land League and landlord classes. A tactic of the Land League was to seek a reduction in rents paid by farmers, and when this was refused, evictions followed. As tenants resisted eviction, blows were struck, blood was spilled and the laws of the day favoured the landlord. South Wexford farmers were strong supporters of Land League tactics and contested evictions were a feature of the area. Evictions at Ballykerogue and Coolroe made national headlines when the parish priest had to intervene to avoid bloodshed. Prosecutions and imprisonment of protesting tenants made international news. Parish curates, many of them of the soil, were to the forefront in supporting the Land League and one such curate served in Templetown. The bishop, probably under pressure, moved him to another parish, which brought a huge outcry from his flock. The new curate was boycotted, religious practice halted there, and the conflict became so acute that the parishioners nailed up the church door! It took quite a lot of compromise to bring this standoff to an end. This included a new church at Templetown; the old 'nailed up' church building is still standing on the road to the left at Templar's Inn as you drive towards the Hook. 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

Aged 6 - 12yrs
August 10th - 13th
10am to 1pm daily

St Michael's Pastoral Centre, New Ross Y34 N799

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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.

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.

Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome: Including visits to the Tombs of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Carlo Acutis and St. Clare of Assisi **25th – 30th October 2026**, Spiritual Director – Fr. Marius Tomulesei OFM Conv. €1,565pps. Full itinerary available or to book your place contact Marian Pilgrimages (01) 8788159.

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.

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Message of thanks from Lisa Delaney, Director of Safeguarding, Diocese of Ferns: 'Thank you most sincerely to all those who attended the Safeguarding Training Information Sessions in recent months. We were delighted to see such large numbers in attendance, and we are extremely grateful to everyone who gave up their time to join us. Thank you also for your valued feedback on the evaluation forms – it has been recorded and will be discussed among the trainers. Creating safe environments for our children, adults at risk and our dedicated volunteers is of utmost importance in the Diocese of Ferns. Your contribution to this is truly appreciated.'

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.

ATTENTION PLEASE