

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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 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.....
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 have prepared for those
who love you good things which no eye
can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with
the warmth of your love, so that, loving
you in all things and above all things, we
may attain your promises, which surpass
every human desire.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 56: 1, 6 - 7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for
justice, act with integrity, for soon my
salvation will come and my integrity be
manifest.

Foreigners who have attached
themselves to the Lord to serve him and
to love his name and be his servants - all
who observe the sabbath, not profaning
it, and cling to my covenant - these I will
bring to my holy mountain. I will make
them joyful in my house of prayer. Their
holocausts and their sacrifices will be
accepted on my altar, for my house will
be called a house of prayer for all the
peoples.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

**R. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him **(R)**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13 - 15, 29 - 32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been
sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I
am proud of being sent, but the purpose
of it is to make my own people envious
of you, and in this way save some of
them. Since their rejection meant the
reconciliation of the world, do you know
what their admission will mean? Nothing
less than a resurrection from the dead!
God never takes back his gifts or revokes
his choice.

Just as you changed from being
disobedient to God, and now enjoy
mercy because of their disobedience,
so those who are disobedient now - and
only because of the mercy shown to
you - will also enjoy mercy eventually.
God has imprisoned all men in their own
disobedience only to show mercy to all
mankind

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed
the Good News of the kingdom, and
cured all kinds of sickness among the
people. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 15:21-28*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to
the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out
came a Canaanite woman from that
district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of
David, take pity on me. My daughter is
tormented by a devil.' But he answered

her not a word. And his disciples went
and pleaded with him. 'Give her what
she wants,' they said 'because she is
shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was
sent only to the lost sheep of the House
of Israel. But the woman had come up
and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she
said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to
take the children's food and throw it to the
house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir;
but even house-dogs can eat the scraps
that fall from their master's table.' Then
Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have
great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And
from that moment her daughter was well
again.

**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:

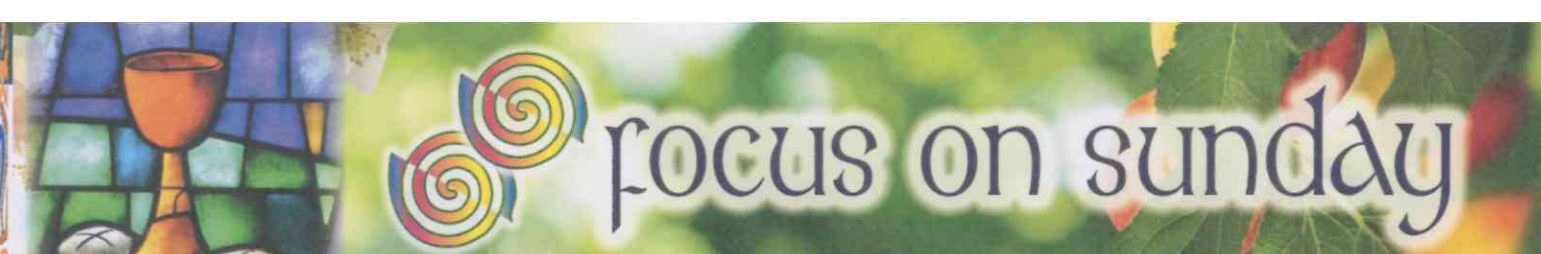
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and
was buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.
He will 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.**



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th August 2026 Year A

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive our oblation, O Lord,
by which is brought about a glorious
exchange, that, by offering what you have
given, we may merit to receive your very
self. 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

**With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Made partakers of Christ through these
Sacraments, we humbly implore your
mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image
on earth,
we may merit also to be his coheirs in
heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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 forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God.



... you have
great faith



As you wish

Following an altercation with the religious leaders, Jesus
"left that place" and went to the area of Tyre and Sidon. The
geography in today's text is important because these areas
were a no-go for a respectable Jew. Relations between the Canaanites and
the Israelites were extremely hostile. By approaching Jesus, the Canaanite
woman in the Gospel crosses the boundary of ethnicity as well as gender. This
is a narrative on the extreme margins, in unfamiliar territory. The Canaanite
woman is the first woman to speak in Matthew's Gospel. She not only speaks,
she shouts at Jesus: "Lord, help me!"

The response of Jesus which follows has disturbed biblical scholars forever.
Was he joking? Was it the test of a good teacher to see how the disciples and
this woman would react? We just don't know. Is it possible that Jesus learned
from this encounter with this remarkable woman and gained a larger vision of
his calling? This might resonate with us - when have you been in an unfamiliar
place and found new life?

What we do know is that this incident is of huge importance for the community
that Matthew writes for as it concerns the expansion of Jesus' mission to the
Gentiles. The circle is broadened from this point onward, reaching out beyond
the boundaries set by the "house of Israel". The disciples want to "send her
away", the woman is an inconvenience to them and they are unable to handle
her. But she will not be silenced. This brave woman claims her place at the
table. This dialogue between Jesus and the woman is one that can only happen
in a space of honesty and acceptance. Through her persistence she stands up
for all those who are dismissed and in doing so she is praised for her "great
faith", and her daughter is healed.

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



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 15th Aug	5.00pm	Theresa (Tess) Hunt, The Bosheen	1st Anniversary
Sunday 16th Aug 	8.00am	Mary Browne (nee Buckley), Mountross	Anniversary
	10.00am	Tom O'Connor, Pondfields Billy Woods, Bawnmore Terrace	16th Anniversary 6th Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Joan Kent, Tower Grove Kay Kavanagh, Fr. Cullens Terrace	Months Mind Months Mind 
Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass			
Monday 17th August	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	Patrick (Pat) Laffan & his son; David, Grange Road	Anniversary & Recently Deceased
Tuesday 18th Aug  	8.00am	John Tyrrell, Rosbercon, Enniscorthy & Arklow	Recently Deceased & Months Mind
	10.00am	Sophie Walsh, Lacken Valley	6th Anniversary
	Parish Office opens from 10.30am to 12.30pm Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm		
Wednesday 19th August 	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Mark Merrick, Nuneaton, UK	Recently Deceased
	Monthly Parish Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass to say thank you & farewell to Fr. Eamon Salmon		
Thursday 20th Aug 	8.00am	Betty Dwyer, Fr. Cullen Terrace	11th Anniversary
	10.00am	Bridget Allen, Michael Street	Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 21st Aug	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Ted & Bridie Kehoe, Harvey Place	Anniversaries
Saturday 22nd Aug	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Kathleen (D Kate) Connors (nee Connors), New Ross	1st Anniversary
Sunday 23rd Aug 	8.00am	Martin J Kennedy, "Lisheen", Southknock	Anniversary
	10.00am	Patrick (Pat) O'Brien, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK & Ard Mhicil	1st Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Laurence (Larry) Dalton, Chapel Lane	Months Mind 
Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass			



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):
George Leacy, Nunnery Lane - Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
Sean Furlong, Ballyrue - Birthday Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
Johnny Leacy, Nunnery Lane - Anniversary

St. Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Private Anniversary Remembrance



RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of - Donal Phelan, Rosbercon, Sadie Michels (nee Flannery), Southknock & Tipperary V. Rev. Jim Byrne, former PP of Kilrush & Newbawn, late of Dunmain, Baby Miley Cash, The Maudlins, Pat Butler, Newtown House, & Joe O'Keeffe, Mountgarrett & The Lough, Cork, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Joe Colfer, South Street, Kathleen North, Charleton Hill, Patrick (Pat) Laffan, Grange Road & his son; David Laffan, Borris, Carlow John & Ann Dwyer, Cross Street, Creacon & 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.



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.



History Notes - Part 136:
THE SUGAR HOUSE

The building now known as Delare House was originally a Tottenham town house named the Sugar House and gave its name to Sugar House Lane. The Tottenham Estate held much of our town on behalf of the Tottenham family and the Estate is still the main ground landlords of the town. The old Royal Hotel at the top of Bridge Street, now replaced by a beautiful garden, was one of several substantial properties of the family in the New Ross area. The old Royal had a quoin stone which read 'Charles Tottenham, Ballycurry, 1796' and, being close to the bridge, is believed to have been the command post of the royalist defenders during the Battle of Ross in 1798. The old name of the hotel was Shanahan's, but when the English King Edward the Seventh visited the Ormond family in Kilkenny at the turn of the last century, and made a pit stop at the Hotel during a cruise on the Barrow, its name was quickly changed to The Royal Hotel.
Courtesy of Jim Sutton



Thank you to all who have donated generously to the Annual Meals on Wheels Church Gate Collection last weekend. We raised a fantastic €2,640! If you missed the opportunity to donate, please drop your donation into the Parish Office.





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.

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





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.



Congratulations to all the children & the organisers who took part in the New Ross Parish Carlos Acutis Summer Faith Camp during last week. Great fun had by all. Thanks again to all involved. Looking forward to next year!



Diocese of Ferns, Youth Ministry & Vocations Pilgrimage to Our lady's Island, Friday 21st August 2026, Holy Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome to come and join us in praying for these important missions in the life of our Church. The Island Café will be open for Tea/Coffee after the Holy Mass.

Ros Tapestry wishes to thank everybody who supported Hill View House Open Garden last Thursday. All who attended were charmed by the beauty of the garden and the warmth of the welcome. A special 'Thank you' to Margaret and her team. **For Heritage Week, Ros Tapestry will be open, free to the public on Sunday 23rd August 2pm to 5pm. Y34 CX76 All are welcome.**



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.



Our Ladys Island PILGRIMAGE 2026



Saturday 15th August
Opening with Bishop Ger Nash - Mass 3pm followed by Rosary Procession

Sunday 16th August
Mass of Healing 3pm - Blessing of the Sick - 3pm - Fr Jim Cogley

Sunday 23rd August
Mass 3pm - Testimony and Song with Michael Flood, Soprano

Sunday 30th August
Mass 3pm - Outdoor Mass on Island - The Acceptance of What Is

Tuesday 1st September - 7.30pm Ecumenical Service

Wednesday 2nd September - A Time to Heal - 7.30pm

Sunday 6th September
Remembering our Loved Ones - Mass 3pm

Tuesday 8th September - 3pm Mass in Church
Closing of Pilgrimage Mass at 7pm with Torchlight Procession

All services scheduled for outdoors will be weather permitting! Broadcast will also be available in Church

DAILY MASS DURING SEASON at 3pm & 7.30pm in Church

ROSARY will begin at 7pm on Mondays

PRAYER around the Cross on Fridays after 7.30pm
MASS BLESSING of the Sick each Wed. & Fri. after 3pm Mass

CONFESSIONS
Availability of Confessions will depend on priests present

MUSICIANS/SPEAKERS
Musicians will be taking part in daily Masses along with invited speakers

PARISHES/ORGANISATIONS are invited to arrange individual pilgrimages (Prior Booking) - 087-7569638

COFFEE SHOP AND GIFT SHOP staffed by voluntary workers open daily during Pilgrimage

WEB-CAM will be available from Island Altar ourladysisland.ie

Enquiries: Helen 0877569638

Director of Pilgrimage: Fr Jim Cogley PP
Lady's Island Phone 0862471063

Pilgrims Welcome to Our Lady's Island *Place of Pilgrimage for 1400 years*

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.

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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