

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

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

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body
and blood:
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, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you
command and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 22: 19 - 23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna,
the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 137:1-3, 6, 8

**R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **[R]**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **[R]**

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 11: 33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
How rich are the depths of God - how
deep his wisdom and knowledge - and
how impossible to penetrate his motives
or understand his methods! Who could
ever know the mind of the Lord? Who
could ever be his counsellor? Who
could ever give him anything or lend him
anything? All that exists comes from him;
all is by him and for him. To him be glory
for ever! Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You are Peter and on this rock
I will build my Church.**

**And the gates of the underworld
can never hold out against it.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13 - 20

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

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this question
to his disciples, 'Who do people say the
Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say
he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and
others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'
'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?'
Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are
the Christ', he said, 'the Son of the living
God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah,
you are a happy man! Because it was not
flesh and blood that revealed this to you
but my Father in heaven. So I now say
to you: You are Peter and on this rock I
will build my Church. And the gates of the
underworld can never hold out against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall
be considered bound in heaven;
whatever you loose on earth shall be
considered loosed in heaven.' Then he
gave the disciples strict orders not to tell
anyone that he was the Christ.

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.

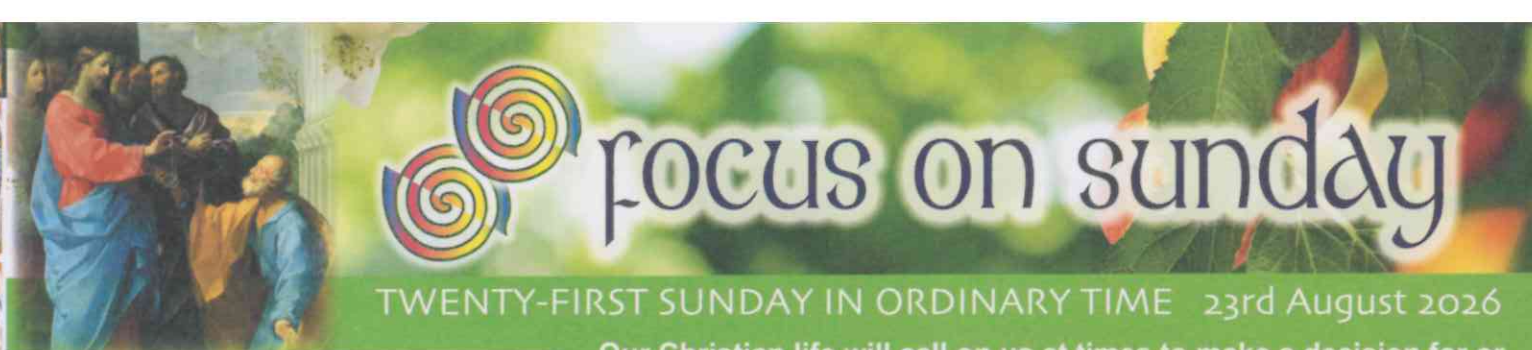


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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 Lord, who gained for yourself a people
by adoption through the one sacrifice
offered once for all, bestow graciously on
us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace
in your Church. 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.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
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

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my
blood has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

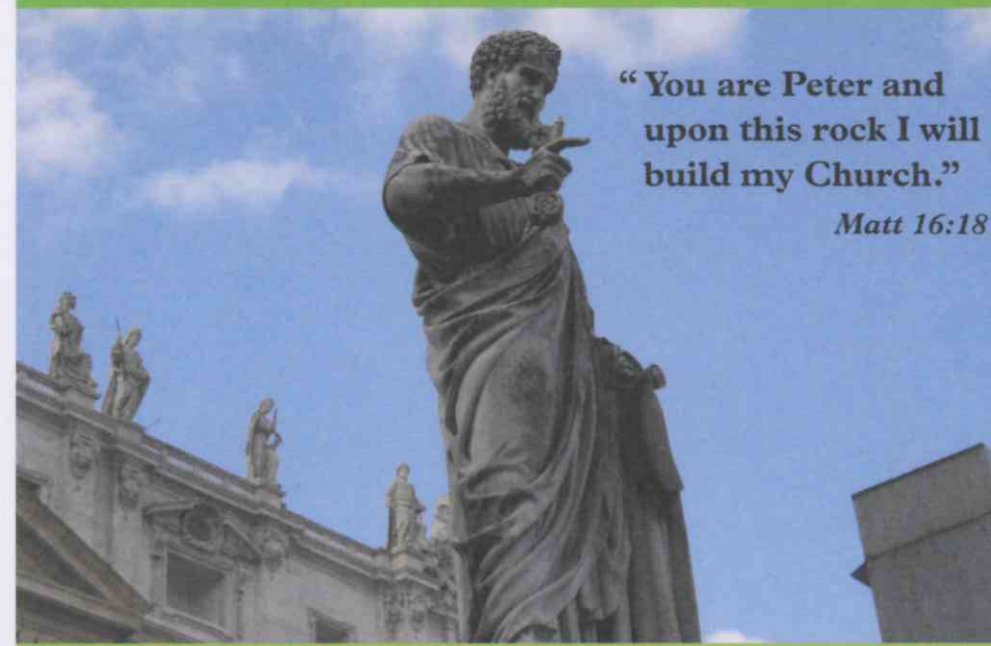
Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

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.**
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.

Our Christian life will call on us at times to make a decision for or
against Jesus, as for the apostles in today's gospel.

We know with him we have the message of the deepest human
love we are capable of.



In a walk along the sea, I had a sense that the sea praised
God just by being the sea, and we do the same. I am in you,
you are you and I am me. I praise God just by being who I
am like the sea praises God by coming in and out every tide,

the tree by growing.

We all have our favourite images of Jesus, remembering what he says about
himself. I like the one, *we will come and make our home in you.* He is closer
to you than the air you breathe, the sounds in your heartbeat. He is within
you. If we don't find him there, we find the wrong Jesus elsewhere. 'I am the
one who calls you from the inside'. Our creation is an inside job.

We are who we are., created from love on the inside. Beauty comes from
within to shine through the face of a lovely man or woman. Jesus looked
on Peter and saw a good man on the inside and built a Church on Peter, the
weak and wobbly Peter. The one who said later, I don't know the man. Who
tried to get Jesus away from his mission. And everyone of us do the Lord's
work from our own weakness.

We look around today and that's the Church. We all carry our inside wounds,
the hurts we have from love that didn't work out, the family with tragic deaths,
the mother nursing the prisoner son or daughter in her heart, the man or
woman carrying the scars of abuse in the personality...the guilts of alcohol
abuse, drug pushing, abortion..we all carry the wounds of Jesus. But we
praise God and are called by him as we are now - we live in the present and
love it.

That is all on the inside, and the inside is where you say *I am me, and God is
with me.* Is your Jesus the one whose heart makes sacred everything in your
life? Or the one for whom you're never good enough. It is to people like you
and me that Jesus says now that he will build his church. People weak and
wobbly in our faith and lives as Peter.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)



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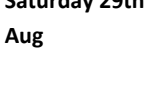


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Radio Mass 104.7FM & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH & CHURCH CAM LIVE WEBSITES. All 8.00am Masses & Eucharistic Prayer Services are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel.			
Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.			
Date	Time		
Saturday 22nd August	5.00pm	Kathleen (D Kate) Connors (nee Connors), New Ross	1st Anniversary
 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.00am	Martin J Kennedy, "Lisheen", Southknock	Anniversary
	10.00am	Patrick (Pat) O'Brien, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK & Ard Mhicil	1st Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
 10.00am	12.00 Noon	Laurence (Larry) Dalton, Chapel Lane	Months Mind
	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	10.00am	Bridget & Bernard Rowe, The Bullawn	Anniversary
	8.00am	John Flynn, Mountelliott	Anniversary
	10.00am	Nickey Murphy, Millbanks Grove & Priory Street	Birthday Remembrance
Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm			
 5.00pm	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association	Remembrance
	10.00am	Paddy McGrath, The Rower, Kilkenny	Anniversary
 5.00pm	5.00pm	Bus Leaving opposite the Dunbrody for Our Lady's Island for New Ross Pastoral Area Mass @ 7.30pm	
	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	William & Ellen Costelloe, Kilkenny	Anniversary
 3.00pm	3.00pm	NO Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will take place until Thurs 10th Sept	
	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Foley Family, South Street	Anniversaries
 5.00pm	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Beatrice Forte, Trinity Houses, Priory Street	1st Anniversary
	8.00am	Thomas & Mai Purcell, Kilbrahan, Kilkenny	Anniversaries
 10.00am	10.00am	William (Willie) Wall, Bellevue Heights	1st Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Sophie Caulfield, Cluain Huighead	Months Mind
 12.00 Noon	12.00 Noon	Mary Rowe (nee Flanagan) Robert Street	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):
Thomas O'Donoghue, Waterford - Anniversary

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

St. Joseph's (Right):
John Doran, High Hill - Anniversary

St. Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Nickey Murphy, Millbanks Grove - Birthday Remembrance



RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Sarah Hilary Windham (nee Healy), Campile & Dundalk, Louth, Marie Healey, Monasterevin, Kildare John Sheehan, Woodbine Close & Cross Lane, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Harry Wilson, Robert Street (11th Anniversary), Julieann Lee, Mount Carmel (28th Anniversary), 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

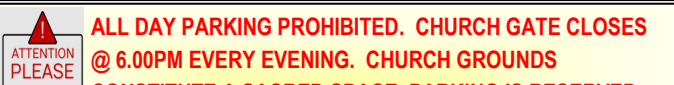
Please contact your co-ordinator should you not be able to attend.



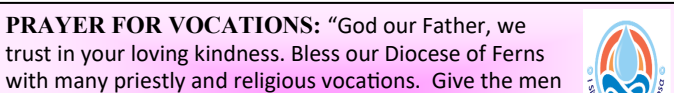
Poor Clares Galway
Cherished Daughters
A half-day retreat for women, 18-40, including Adoration and Evening Prayer
September the 6th 2026, 2pm to 6pm
<https://cherisheddaughters.eventbrite.ie>



History Notes - Part 137:
THE PARISH OFFICE IN ROBERT STREET
The building known as the Parish Office in Robert Street has a long and interesting history. It was built in the late 1790s by man named McCormick as place of worship for the Methodist community in town. Mc Cormack's brother was better remembered as the aide to General Johnson during the Battle of Ross on 5th June, 1798. He wore a brass helmet and was vital in supporting Johnson during the battle when Johnson had two horses shot under him. During a visit to the area, John Wesley is said to have preached to the Methodist congregation in the building. The Methodist Mission withdrew from town in the 1930s and the building became semi-derelict until the 1950s when the parish acquired it. The local curate, Fr. Pat Doyle, assembled a team of enthusiastic helpers and the old building was re-roofed, a new floor was fitted, toilets were added and it became an important hub of parish social activity. The Confraternity Brass Band, under the baton of Nick Cooney practiced upstairs there for many years. The old building was later re-designed and modernised and now serves as the administration centre of most parish activities.
Courtesy of Jim Sutton



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



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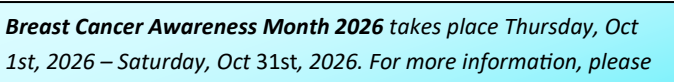
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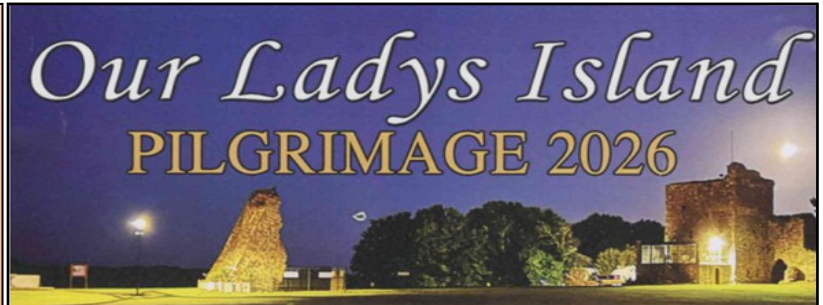
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Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2026 takes place Thursday, Oct 1st, 2026 – Saturday, Oct 31st, 2026. For more information, please visit breastcancerresearch.ie or www.breastcancerireland.com.
International Coffee Day 2026 takes place on Thursday, October 1st, 2026. Please see www.internationalcoffeeday.org for further details.



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 Lady's 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



Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre
Tuesday September 8th 7.30pm

Celebrate The Season Of Creation & Thanksgiving 2026
"Reflections on Water, A life sustaining resource we can no longer take for granted"

GUEST SPEAKER: DR JONATHAN DERHAM
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Join us for our open evening, reflecting on creation and caring for our common home.

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