

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us....

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

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense
of reverence, you may nurture in us what
is good and, by your watchful care, keep
safe what you have nurtured.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 20: 7-9*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord,
and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me:
you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to
howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning
in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 62:2-6, 8-9*

**R. For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **[R]**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **[R]**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **[R]**

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Romans 12: 1-2*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and
worship him, I beg you, in a way that is
worthy of thinking beings, by offering
your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly
pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves
on the behaviour of the world around you,
but let your behaviour change, modelled
by your new mind. This is the only way to
discover the will of God and know what is
good, what it is that God wants, what is
the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope
his call holds for us.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 16: 21 - 27*

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

Jesus began to make it clear to his
disciples that he was destined to go to
Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the
hands of the elders and chief priests
and scribes, to be put to death and to be
raised up on the third day. Then, taking
him aside, Peter started to remonstrate
with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he
said. 'This must not happen to you.' But
he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind
me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my
path, because the way you think is not
God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If
anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself and take up
his cross and follow me. For anyone
who wants to save his life will lose it; but
anyone who loses his life for my sake will

find it. What, then, will a man gain if he
wins the whole world and ruins his life?
Or what has a man to offer in exchange
for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in
the glory of his Father with his angels,
and, when he does, he will reward each
one according to his behaviour.'

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

May this sacred offering, O Lord,
confer on us always the blessing
of salvation,
that what it celebrates in mystery
it may accomplish in power.
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

**How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by this bread from the
heavenly table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

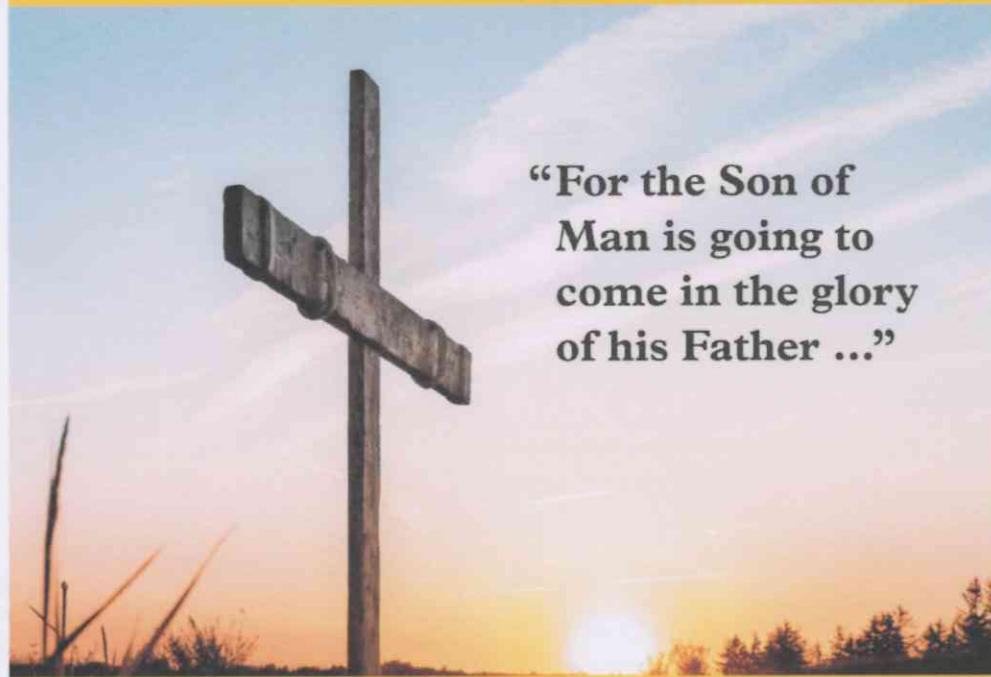
May almighty God bless you, the Father,
and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord
by your life.
Thanks be to God.



All the laws, customs and regulations of religion have only one end:
to love God and our neighbour.

Jesus is adamant that love is at the heart of true religion.



**"For the Son of
Man is going to
come in the glory
of his Father ..."**



When Jesus tells his disciples that he is to die, they were
naturally very distressed. Jesus was their friend, the centre
of their lives, and Peter expressed what they were all
thinking. He would do anything to prevent this happening.

He thought Jesus would appreciate his willingness to "have
his back" but Jesus tells him that God's way is not Peter's way, and to
oppose God is to behave like Satan. We often think God is someone who
thinks like us, judges like us, and makes decisions like us. But God is
mystery, existing in "a cloud of unknowing" which we cannot penetrate. And
so, we are incapable of knowing God's ways. Just as the political and
religious authorities conspired to execute Jesus, and in doing so fulfilled
God's plan, so in our lives difficult and painful experiences occur and we
cannot understand why they happen. God asks us, not to try to understand,
but to trust. Like a child who places all their trust in their parent, even when
they want to do something or go somewhere and can't understand why their
parent says 'no', so too God is our parent who only wants us to be happy
and fulfilled. God is love and is present in our lives at every moment and in
everything that happens to us. God asks us to respond in times of difficult,
praying with faith, like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Father if this
cup cannot pass by but I must drink it, thy will be done." (Matt 26 v 39).

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Love is getting up at night when the baby is crying. Love is giving my seat
to another person, and driving and cycling with respect, preparing meals
everyday for others. Love puts others first. That is what Jesus does for us and
He helps us every day through His Spirit.



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 29th August	5.00pm	Beatrice Forte, Trinity Houses, Priory Street	1st Anniversary
Sunday 30th August 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.00am	Thomas & Mai Purcell, Kilbrahan, Kilkenny	Anniversaries
	10.00am	William (Willie) Wall, Bellevue Heights	1st Anniversary
		Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass	
Monday 31st August	12.00 Noon	Sophie Caulfield, Cluain Huighead	Months Mind
		Mary Rowe (nee Flanagan) Robert Street	Months Mind
Tuesday 1st September	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	Nickey Murphy, Ballyanne & MacMurrough	Anniversary
Tuesday 1st September	8.00am	William & Elizabeth Keating & their daughter; Breda, Creacon	Anniversary
	10.00am	William & Mary Donovan, Mary Street	Anniversaries
		Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm	
Wed 2nd September		At 10.30am we commence taking Mass Bookings up to & including February 2027	
	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association John & Mary Daly, Ballyrue	Remembrance Anniversary
Thursday 3rd September	8.00am	Eileen O'Rourke, Wexford Road	Anniversary
	10.00am	Patrick Traynor, Mountross	2nd Anniversary
	3.00pm	NO Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will take place until Thurs 10th Sept	
Friday 4th September	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	May & Claire Dunne, Terrerath	Anniversaries
Saturday 5th September	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Billy Cashin, Tower Grove	Anniversary
Sunday 6th September 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.00am	Tom Walsh, "Aisling", Lower Southknock	Anniversary
	10.00am	Susan Halpin, Mountgarrett	Anniversary
		Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass	
	12.00 Noon	Tony (Anthony) Brennan, 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):
Special Intentions

Altar (Centre):
Billy Cashin, Tower Grove

St. Joseph's (Right):
Maggie Nolan, Charleton Hill - Anniversary

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Thomas (Tom) Bolger, Grange Road & High Hill, Olga Curran (nee Hennessy), Knocklyon, Dublin & New Ross & Breda Foran, Pondfields, who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Nickey Murphy, Ballyanne & MacMurrough, Michael (Skipper) Dalton & his wife Mary (nee Roche), Pondfields, Seamus Martin, Charleton Hill, Kitty Scully, Newtown Commons, Johnny Scully, Ballyrue & Cushinstown & Maggie Nolan, 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.

Congratulations

BAPTISMS:
We welcome into our Christian Community: Amelia Stella Doyle Gjino, The Quay, Sabiya Mary Doyle, Edinburgh, UK & Rayah Mai Kehoe, Woodbine Terrace, 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.



History Notes - Part 138:
OPENING THE BRIDGE
The town's old metal bridge pivoted on its central column to allow three-masted schooners to pass through up and down river. "Opening the bridge" brought youngsters running to "help" Tom Lee to effect the bridge opening. Tom lived at the bottom of Sugar House Lane and transported a large key on his handcart. This key was inserted into a slot in the roadway to pivot the structure ninety degrees on its central support. The helpers watched delightedly as the masts slid gently past their viewing point on the opened span and then assisted in re-positioning and closing the roadway again. Health and safety had not been invented in those days. The old bridge was considered unsafe for years and a man in a sentry-box on the bridge waved traffic down if it was exceeding the three-mile limit specified by the bridge's large signs. The army camp in Bawnjames in the 1939/1945 period brought parades of soldiers to town but the soldiers were instructed to break step when crossing the bridge.
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



SEPTEMBER 2026
MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
5.00pm - Anne Rochford
10.00am - Catriona Murphy
12.00 Noon - Pat Rossiter

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
5.00pm - Mary M. Carroll, Fiona Cullen, Liam Nolan
10.00am - Sr. Eucharua, Nan Furlong, Catherine O'Gara & Khanh Phi Tran
12.00 Noon - Rita Condon, Mairin Jackson

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



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.

Ecumenical Service at Our Lady's Island next Tuesday evening, 1st September, at 7.30pm. Fr. James Murphy will give the homily. Refreshments will be served in the Community Centre after the ceremony. All are most welcome.



CATHOLIC SUNDAY school
Sunday's during 10:00am Mass
BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD / GRANDCHILD
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE ON 051 421348



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.



This week, **Fr. John Carroll** comes to minister in New Ross and we extend every good wish and blessing to him. Born in 1966 in Wexford town, he attended the local St. John of God primary school and Wexford CBS, primary and secondary. After his leaving certificate, he attended UCD and St. Patrick's College Maynooth, from where he was ordained a priest on 16th June 1991 at Bride Street in Wexford. Appointment to date have been as follows: 1991 to 2000 - St. Aidan's Cathedral. 2000 to 2021 - Bishop's Office, Summerhill. 2002 to 2006 - Ballaghkeen, Enniscorthy. 2006 to 2026 - Barntown. 2018 to 2026 - Glynn / Barntown. Coming to New Ross, Fr. Carroll says - 'It's very much new territory to me. I'm delighted to come and serve. I'm very much aware of the good work that is already being done in New Ross. I'm anxious to listen and to learn, to avail of the experience and wisdom of others and to walk with the local people of God as they live out their baptismal calling.'



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
Environmental expert with over 40 years experience in biodiversity and nature.

Join us for our open evening, reflecting on creation and caring for our common home.

REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTERWARDS

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Everyone Welcome - Free Admission

www.ballyvaloo.ie



AUTUMN GRACE

Friday, 18 September – Sunday, 20 September
Arrival On Friday between 4.00 and 5.00 pm
Evening meal at 6.00 pm
Departure On Sunday after Mass and Lunch

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

Autumn invites us to pause. It is a season of harvest and fading, colour and letting go—a living parable of gratitude, honest reflection, surrender and hope.

This weekend retreat offers an opportunity to look back on the year, and on the journey of our lives, in the gentle light of God's grace. Through guided reflection, prayer, silence, time in nature and shared conversation, we will explore:

Retreat Themes

- **Gratitude:** What am I grateful for?
- **Regret and healing:** What needs forgiveness or healing in my life?
- **What to carry forward:** What have I learned? What has given me meaning and purpose?
- **What to let go:** What is no longer helpful or life-giving?
- **Fountains of life:** What sources of faith, hope and love will sustain me in the future?

Facilitated by Slí an Chroí Retreat Team.

For enquiries and booking, please contact Michèle Sinnott
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The **New Ross Active Retirement** return after their summer break on **Friday the 4th September** at the **Youth Centre Nunnery Lane** at **11am** Looking forward to seeing you all back. New members always welcome.