

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;

who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;

remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 102:1-4, 9-12

R. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **[R]**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **[R]**

3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **[R]**

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 14: 7 - 9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 18: 21 - 35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he

happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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.**



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13th September 2026 Year A

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

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. 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 precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.

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 in peace. **Thanks be to God..**

Through Christ's own blood we have been forgiven. We did not earn this forgiveness - it is God's gift to us. We in return must forgive in the same way - not with strings attached, not once only, but unconditionally, freely and always.

Forgive your brother

from your heart.



The parable is a story with Eastern exaggerations but it's making the point -about how God treats us - always forgiving. A parable is always about God, ourselves and life. A principal theme of this parable is the forgiveness of God.

Its hard sometimes to accept the forgiveness of God and that's what confession is about. No matter what we did, or how we feel about what we have done, God forgives. Not only forgiveness – but mercy. His nature is to be merciful. His love is bigger than any anger or dissatisfaction we may put on to him. Mercy covers sins.

We may find ourselves on a day here thinking over hurts and so on of our lives. Often we cannot meet a person to forgive or make up....they may have gone to God. Prayer helps us forgive.

We can thank God for God's forgiveness; and for the times we could let go of guilt, regrets, remorse. , and for times we were forgiven. It may happen bit by bit – allow it all happen in God's time and with God. And we know we are invited with God's help into the bright fragrant world of forgiveness.

That is the call and the grace and love of our God, always forgiving, always patient with us, letting us know compassion and forgiveness all our days. As the Lord forgives us, may we forgive each other.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

God cannot punish anyone, because we are God's loved children. But we can punish ourselves, and God wants to help us. There are false gods, who promise happiness from drugs, greed, and bullying, stealing, hurting others, and selfish ways that make us unhappy. Jesus' Spirit promises to help us. We light a candle, keep a pocket cross, and ask Mary Our Mother to pray for us.



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.
Wide range in stock of Mass Cards, General Cards & Gift Ideas for all occasions. Mass Cards are also available in Nugent's Newsagents, Cooneys, Ryans & Doyles Funeral Homes.



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Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.			
Date	Time		
Sat 12th Sept	5.00pm	Mary Mullett, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
Sunday 13th September 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time 	8.00am	Robbie, Biddy & John Walshe, South Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Michael & Eileen Nolan, Southknock	Anniversaries
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Pat Butler, Newtown House, Newtown Commons Joe O'Keeffe, Mount Garrett	Months Mind & Birthday Remembrance Months Mind
	3.00pm	Bishop Ger Nash Episcopal Installation as Bishop of Ossory. Watch live on: https://www.stmaryscathedral.ie/webcam/ . Congratulations & God Bless You from New Ross Parish.	
Monday 14th September PARISH OFFICE	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	Frank Dalton, Ballyrue	Anniversary
	Parish office open from 10.30am to 12.30pm		
Tuesday 15th September	8.00am	Deceased Carmelites & Benefactors	Remembrance
	10.00am	Vincent & Olive Doran, Church Street	Anniversaries
	Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm		
Wednesday 16th September	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Joan Doyle (nee Connolly) Michael Street & UK	Remembrance Recently Deceased
Thursday 17th September 	8.00am	Paddy Walsh, Marley	Anniversary
	10.00am	James Nolan, Priesthaggard, Campile	Birthday Remembrance
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 18th PARISH OFFICE	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Pat & Rita Reidy, Limerick	Anniversaries
	Parish office open from 10.30am to 12.30pm		
Saturday 19th September	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Nancy & Paddy Richardson & their children, Fairgate	Anniversaries
Sunday 20th September 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.00am	Jim & Bridget Hawe, Piltown	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Helen Gannon & her granddaughter Hannah Brennan, New Ross	Anniversaries
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Mary Tyrell (nee Shalloe), Cluain Fada	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):
Betty Brothers, Michael Street - Birthday Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
Colin Bradley - Birthday Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Betty Brothers, Michael Street - Birthday Remembrance



In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of - Johnny McGarr, Mylers Park, Thomas (Tom) Miskella, Stephen Street, Kilkenny & Campile, Dick Devane, Fruithill, Campile, Mathias Hass, Germany, Mai (Moll) Murphy (nee O'Brien), Parkfield & Michael Greene, Raheen, Waterford & New Ross who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Marie Calton, Waterford, Alicia & Cian Lennon, Mount Carmel, Josie, Roseann & Jimmy Furness, Mary Street, Helena Brennan, Butlersland, Martin Hussey, Mount Elliott & 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.



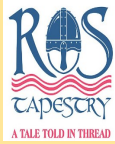
SEPTEMBER 2026
MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
5.00pm - Anne Rochford
10.00am - Catriona Murphy
12.00 Noon - Pat Rossiter

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

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

History Notes - Part 140:
THE RIC BARRACKS
The tall building at number 10 Priory Street served the town as the RIC barracks for many years. The building is now used as office accommodation but still has gun loops high up on the gable walls as a reminder of its military past. The formal handover of the building to the new authority took place in March 1923. The departing RIC left their beds and bedding but took their rifles! An Garda were stationed there for several years until a new headquarters was built in Cross Street. There was a long field across the road from the barracks and sniping by the local IRA units from the top of this field during the civil war period was frequent. It is said that an old woman in the Three Bullet Gate region would hang her apron over the window when the shooting commenced "to keep out the bullets".
Courtesy of Jim Sutton





Ros Tapestry - Culture Night - Friday 18th September 7pm-9pm. For a free guided tour please contact us at 087 3720274 or info@rostapestry.ie. Looking forward to sharing the unique beauty and history of the tapestries with you.

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

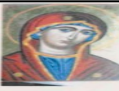


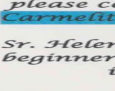
Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome: Including visits to the Tombs of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Carlo Acutis and St. Clare of Assisi **25th – 30th October 2026**, Spiritual Director – Fr. Marius Tomulesei OFM Conv. €1,565pps. Full itinerary available or to book your place contact Marian Pilgrimages (01) 8788159.

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/>

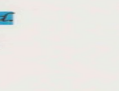
2026 FERNS PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA Led by Spiritual Directors : Fr. Denis Browne, Fr. Frank Murphy & Fr. Paddy Browne. 8th OCTOBER 2026 for 7 nights - Cost €925 per person sharing - includes: • Direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon • Return airport transfers in Fatima (Optional Wexford - Dublin Airport 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.







Icon Classes in New Ross This September.
What do you know about Religious Icons?
If you wish to find out more, you have a chance to create your own beautiful icon, please contact Sr. Helen Therese at the Carmelite Monastery, New Ross, Wexford helen@newross.ie
Sr. Helen is starting new courses for both beginners and experienced artists alike, in New Ross, in September 2026.
The cost includes everything you need, to produce a beautiful icon, and tuition.
Spaces are limited, so please book early.





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.





SUÍ AN CHROÍ
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 Sli an Chroí Retreat Team.
For enquiries and booking, please contact Michèle Sinnott
Email: slianchroi@spms.ie or phone: 089 4690508
Price: €315, including accommodation and meals
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Supporting Surviving Siblings
15 Sept. 7pm | Register: bit.ly/SeptBIE
Michelle Hartnett is a senior play therapist, systemic practitioner, and bereavement specialist with over 15 years' experience supporting families through serious illness, grief, and loss. She works with Lurality, Ireland's Children's Hospice, where she developed the Play Therapy service for children with life-limiting conditions. Michelle holds an MSc in Systemic Therapy and an MSc in Bereavement Studies, and is a Grief Consultant with Middlesex University. She also holds a postgraduate certificate and diploma in Play Therapy from NUI Galway.
Anna May is founder of The Student Grief Network and Executive Head of Grief Programmes at Kaplan International. She lost her brother as a child and her dad as a young adult, and is passionate about improving the support that people get following a bereavement, especially within universities where she noticed a real gap. Anna is also a writer and artist, interested in how creativity can help us explore difficult human experiences and build more connected ways of living. You can read more about her creative practice at annamayart.co.uk
In Collaboration with:




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

♥ **Marriage Enrichment Weekend** ♥ A Weekend Like No Other Take time out for just the two of you. Whether newly married or many years together, rediscover the love that brought you together. **Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th October 2026** Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare Apply online: www.marriageencounter.ie - 087 629 9153 Places limited – book now!



