

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people,
says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be
their Lord for ever.

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.....
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 founded all the commands of
your sacred Law upon love of you and of
our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your
precepts, we may merit to attain eternal
life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 55: 6 - 9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take
pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,

my ways not your ways - it is the Lord
who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is close to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **[R]**
2. 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]**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **[R]**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1: 20 - 24, 27

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether
by my life or by my death. Life to me, of
course, is Christ, but then death would
bring me something more; but then again,
if living in this body means doing work
which is having good results - I do not
know what I should choose. I am caught
in this dilemma: I want to be gone and
be with Christ, which would be very much
the better, but for me to stay alive in this
body is a more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives
that would be unworthy of the gospel of
Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest heavens! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 20: 1-16

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom
of heaven is like a landowner going out at
daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.
He made an agreement with the workers
for one denarius a day, and sent them to
his vineyard. Going out at about the third
hour he saw others standing idle in the
market place and said to them. "You go to
my vineyard too and I will give you a fair
wage." So they went. At about the sixth
hour and again at about the ninth hour, he
went out and did the same. Then at about
the eleventh hour he went out and found
more men standing round, and he said to
them, "Why have you been standing here

idle all day?" "Because no one has hired
us" they answered. He said to them, "You
go into my vineyard too." In the evening,
the owner of the vineyard said to his
bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them
their wages, starting with the last arrivals
and ending with the first." So those who
were hired at about the eleventh hour
came forward and received one denarius
each. When the first came, they expected
to get more, but they too received one
denarius each. They took it, but grumbled
at the landowner. "The men who came
last" they said "have done only one hour,
and you have treated them the same as
us, though we have done a heavy day's
work in all the heat." He answered one of
them and said, "My friend, I am not being
unjust to you; did we not agree on one
denarius? Take your earnings and go. I
choose to pay the last-comer as much as
I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like
with my own? Why be envious because I
am generous?" Thus the last will be first,
and the first last.'

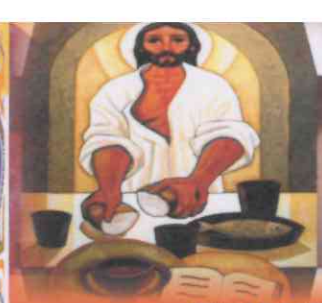
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.



focus on sunday

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20th 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

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people,
that what they profess with devotion and
faith may be theirs through these heavenly
mysteries.
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.
**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

**You have laid down your precepts to be
carefully kept; may my ways be firm in
keeping your statutes.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you
renew with this Sacrament, that we may
come to possess your redemption both
in mystery and in the manner of our life.
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.**

It is not easy to understand the mind of God. He sees goodness
where we see none; he showers blessings where none seem
to be deserved. Yet even with our limited vision we can be sure he is
near us whenever we call him.



...the **LAST**
will be
FIRST
and the **FIRST**
LAST.



The trade unions would not be happy. The vineyard owner
agrees a wage of one denarius for a day's work, which was
sufficient for the worker to feed their family for a day. But
those who worked much less than a full day also got one
denarius. Naturally, those who had laboured all day felt
aggrieved. The audience listening to Jesus were amazed – the rich men
they knew exploited their workers, so they could get richer. They had never
heard of a rich man who cared whether his workers could feed their families
or not. But the vineyard owner points out that they had agreed to work all
day for one denarius, so why were they resentful that the other workers
could also now feed their families too. In this story, the vineyard owner
represents God, while we are the workers in God's vineyard. Our God
is a God who cares for us, not just for our spiritual lives, but also for our
everyday, material, lives. God wants us, the workers in the vineyard, God's
children, to live happy, fulfilled lives, as every parent does. This story was
a message to the early Christian community – they were to look after each
other and ensure that the needs of all were met. Today, we are the Christian
community to which this message is directed. We are called to ensure that
no child should grow up in poverty, no family live in homelessness, no-one
wait in pain for healthcare. This is the test of the authenticity of our prayer
and Eucharist, the test of our following of Jesus.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

I met a man in a shop. He said that he had only six weeks to live. He said that
he was glad that he got some time to know. His wife went away from home years
ago, and his son had a row with him and emigrated. 'Now,' he said, 'they are both
coming back to see me, and we will be all re-united.' God waits lovingly for us to
see the light.



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 19th September	5.00pm	Nancy & Paddy Richardson & children, Fairgate	Anniversaries
Sunday 20th September	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
Monday 21st 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	Sr. Edel, Mercy Convent, Carrick On Suir & Martin Myler, Ovens, Cork	Anniversaries
	Tuesday 22nd September	8.00am	Kilian Traynor, Cavan
	10.00am	Martin Hussey, Mount Elliott	6th Anniversary
	Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm		
	Wednesday 23rd September	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association	Remembrance
	A Special Intention		Special Intention
	Parish Office opens from 10.30am - 12.30pm		
Thursday 24th September	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Edward (Eddie) Bennett, Wexford Street	Anniversary
	Parish Office opens from 10.30am - 12.30pm		
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 25th September	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
Saturday 26th September	10.00am	Katherine & Michael O'Connor, JKL Place	17th Anniversary
	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Jimmy Callaghan, Irishtown	Anniversary
Sunday 27th September	8.00am	Charles Sheehan, New Jersey, USA & Listowel, Kerry	Recently deceased
	10.00am	Michael Brennan, Mount Elliott	1st Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	John Sheehan, Woodbine Close	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):
Catherine & Nicholas O'Hanlon, Taghmon - Anniversary Remembrance
Altar (Centre):
May St. Ledger, Brandon Park & Kathleen Joyce, Bewley Court - Anniversaries
St. Joseph's (Right):
Special Intention
Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Thomas St. Ledger, Upper William Street - Remembrance



RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Sr Rita Murray, St. Mary's Convent Nenagh & Campile, Toddy Murphy, Kilrane, James (Jim) Halligan, Mount Carmel & Ballymitty, Alice Connors (nee Cash), Hewittsland, Liam Dalton, Chapel Lane & Stella Meaney (nee Malone), The Rower, Kilkenny who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

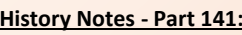
ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Thomas St. Ledger, Upper William Street, Carmel Cotton, Inverness & New Ross, Nellie Connick, Mount Carmel, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

*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, Mairin Jackson
Please contact your co-ordinator should you not be able to attend.





History Notes - Part 141:
OUR NORMAN ROOTS
Diarmuid McMurrough, whose base was in North Wexford with a castle in Ferns, sought the assistance of the Normans in his wars with other Irish clans. Richard de Clare, Earl of Pembroke, better known to history as Strongbow, organised support from Norman Wales for McMurrough. A Norman party landed at Bannow and quickly overcame the Gaels of Gaultier and their Danish allies who opposed the landing. The invading party captured Waterford, where Strongbow was married to Aoife McMurrough, daughter of Diarmuid. Their daughter Isabel married William Marshall who had a manor in Oldross. Marshall's seat of power was at Kilkenny and he is responsible for building the first bridge at New Ross to strengthen the link between his vast landholdings in the two counties. Aoife McMurrough is credited with the building of our St. Mary's Church on a rocky prominence over the developing town. It was considered the finest parish church in Ireland in medieval times. Aoife McMurrough's heart is said to be buried in St. Mary's.
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



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 Tomulesi 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.



BAPTISMS:
*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:
Congratulations to: Lisa Courtney & Darren O' Donovan, Grantstown Park, Waterford, who were married recently in our Parish Church.
*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.

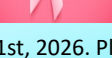


New Ross Parish Community strives to be a welcoming, life-giving PEOPLE, nourished by FAITH, WORSHIP of God and SERVICE of all in the example of Jesus Christ.





Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2026 takes place Thurs 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, October 1st, 2026. Please see www.internationalcoffeeday.org for further details.

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/>



New Ross Piano Festival
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Jamie Duffy
Judy Carmichael
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Robert Plane, clarinet



Book tickets on 00353 51 421 255 or visit newrosspianofestival.com

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FLIGHTS
 Flights are with Aer Lingus. Dublin to Santiago de Compostela, and can be booked on their website.

PAYMENT
A €200 deposit must be paid for each person to secure a place. Balance must be paid six weeks prior to travel. Payment can be made by Revolut, Stripe payment link or bank transfer.

CANCELLATIONS
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