

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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 came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You will come in glory with salvation for your people: 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

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 18: 25 - 28*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces

sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps.24: 4 - 9*

R. Remember your mercy, Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth,
and teach me:
for you are God my saviour **[R]**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **[R]**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **[R]**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2: 1-11 ("Shorter form in italics")

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

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:
His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name
of Jesus and that every tongue
should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 21: 28 - 32*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:

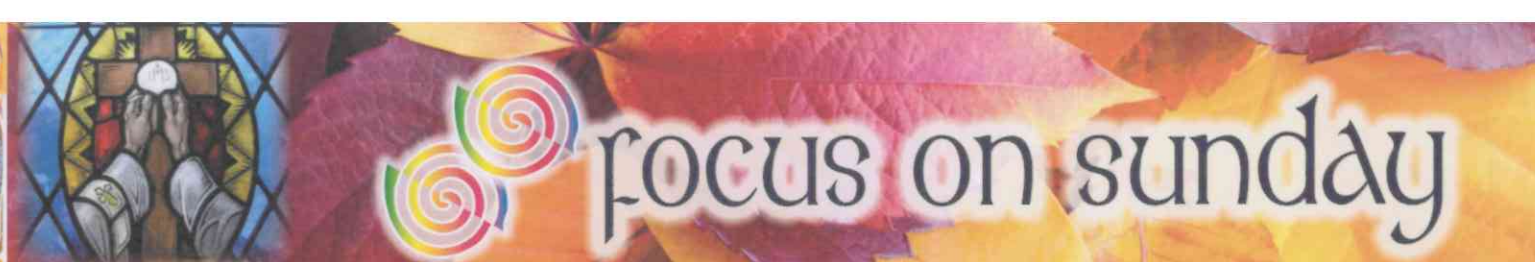
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.



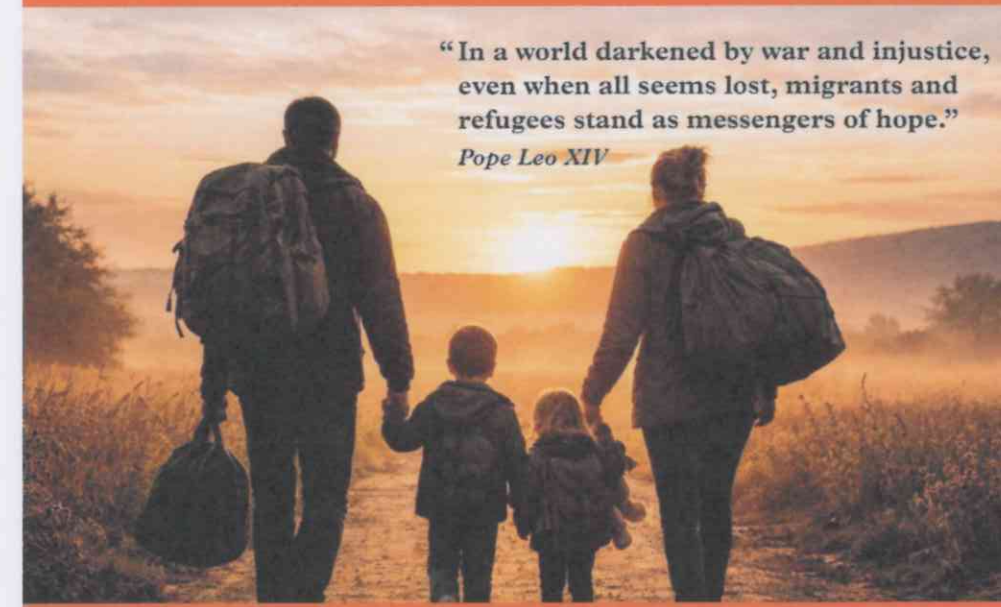
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27th September Year A

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

We need the faith and example of each other for our faith to grow strong. Our faith is shared; its depth depends on how we share that faith with one another.

"In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope."

Pope Leo XIV





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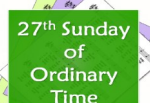


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Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.			
Date	Time		
Sat 26th Sept	5.00pm	Jimmy Callaghan, Irishtown	Anniversary
Sunday 27th September 	8.00am	Charles Sheehan, New Jersey, USA & Listowel, Kerry	Recently deceased
	10.00am	Michael Brennan, Mount Elliott	1st Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
Monday 28th September 	12.00 Noon	John Sheehan, Woodbine Close	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.	
Tuesday 29th September 	10.00am	Madeline Ryan, Ard Na Greine	Anniversary
	8.00am	Special Intention	Special Intention
	10.00am	Toddy Brothers, Michael Street	Anniversary
Wednesday 30th September 	Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm		
	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Nora Murphy, Parkfield	Remembrance Anniversary
Thursday 1st October 	2.30pm	CBS School Start of Year Mass	
	8.00am	Thomas & Margaret Cahill, JKL & Lower Michael Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Mary & Patrick Lennane, Irishtown	Anniversaries
Friday 2nd October 	Mass bookings commence after Mass up to & including March 2027		
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Saturday 3rd October	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Frank Dalton, Ballyrue	Birthday Remembrance
Sunday 4th October 	8.00am	Ellen O'Flaherty, William Street & Stephen Boland, Drummond, St. Mullins	Anniversaries
	5.00pm	Kitty & Pat McDonald, William Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Carmel, Kathleen & Martin Doyle, Ard Na Greine	Anniversaries
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass 		
	12.00 Noon	Special Intentions	Special Intentions



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):
Martin & Eileen Finn— Anniversary

Altar (Centre):
Michael McNamara— Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
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Blessed Sacrament Chapel:



RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of - Sheila Nolan,(nee Ryan), Irishtown, Edward (Ned) Power, Dunmain, Jim Finn, Cushinstown, Foulksmills & Derek Bailey, South Street, who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - John O'Leary, Irishtown, James Forristal, (1st Anniversary) Shanbough Upper, 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.



BAPTISMS:
We welcome into our Christian Community: Morgan Deloughry Benton, Tullow, Carlow & Elsie Caulfield, Neville Street, 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 142:
RINGING THE BELLS



I lived near the parish church as a young boy and the church grounds was part of our play area. The belfry and the ringing of the big bell to call the faithful to Mass or at angelus time had special attractions for us. The bell ringing position was beside the doorway into the organ loft where the end of the thick bell-rope hung. We made our way up the winding stone steps with James the sexton who always glad of our assistance. It took some mighty heaving on our part to get the bell working whereas James could set it swinging and ringing with one hand. We did not understand the secret of the operation was rhythm and timing. In addition to Mass time ringing, the big bell also tolled at twelve o'clock noon and at six in the evening (Angelus times). The big bell rang half-an-hour before Mass and the small bell gave ten minutes notice. The big bell ringing has now been replaced by electronics while 'ten minute bell' still operates. On one occasion when the big bell was being repaired, the small bell was rung at seven a.m. to call people to Mass. Unaware of the temporary change, this brought the Mercy Sisters hurrying up Robert Street from their convent (now Delare House) before the church gates were unlocked. **Courtesy of Jim Sutton**



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