

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you
is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

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....

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

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
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 Isaiah 25: 6 - 10

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah.
On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare
for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of
fine wines, of food rich and juicy,
of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said:
See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has
saved us; for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.22

**R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. [R]
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. [R]
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. [R]
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. [R]

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

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

I know how to be poor and I know how
to be rich too. I have been through my
initiation and now I am ready for anything
anywhere: full stomach or empty
stomach, poverty or plenty. There is
nothing I cannot master with the help of
the One who gives me strength. All the
same, it was good of you to share with
me in my hardships. In return my God will
fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God,
our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Word was made flesh and lived
among us; to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of
God. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 22: 1-14 (*shorter form 22:1-10)

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

*Jesus said to the chief priests and elders
of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven
may be compared to a king who gave
a feast for his son's wedding. He sent
his servants to call those who had been
invited, but they would not come. Next he
sent some more servants. "Tell those who
have been invited" he said "that I have
my banquet all prepared, my oxen and
fatted cattle have been slaughtered,
everything is ready. Come to the wedding."

But they were not interested: one went off
to his farm, another to his business, and
the rest seized his servants, maltreated
them and killed them. The king was
furious. He despatched his troops,
destroyed those murderers and burnt
their town. Then he said to his servants,
"The wedding is ready; but as those who
were invited proved to be unworthy, go
to the crossroads in the town and invite
everyone you can find to the wedding."
So these servants went out on to the
roads and collected together everyone
they could find, bad and good alike; and
the wedding hall was filled with guests.*
When the king came in to look at the
guests he noticed one man who was not
wearing a wedding garment, and said to
him, "How did you get in here, my friend,
without a wedding garment?" And the
man was silent. Then the king said to the
attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and
throw him out into the dark, where there
will be weeping and grinding of teeth."
For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

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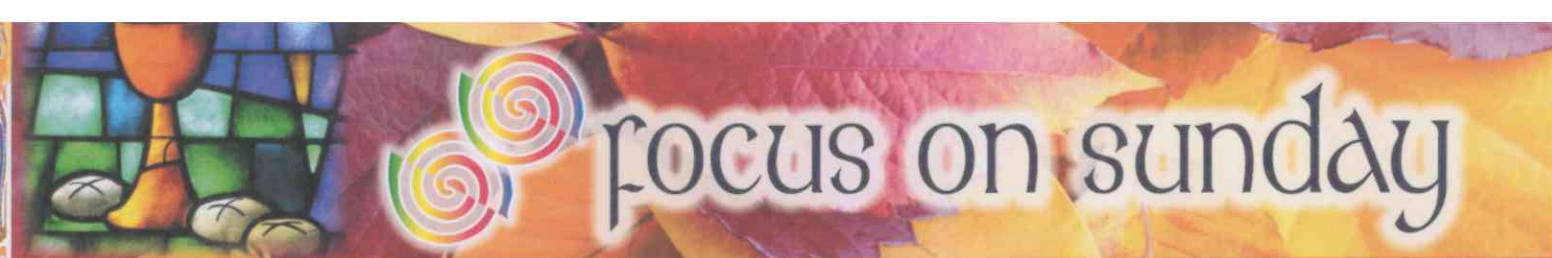
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with 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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

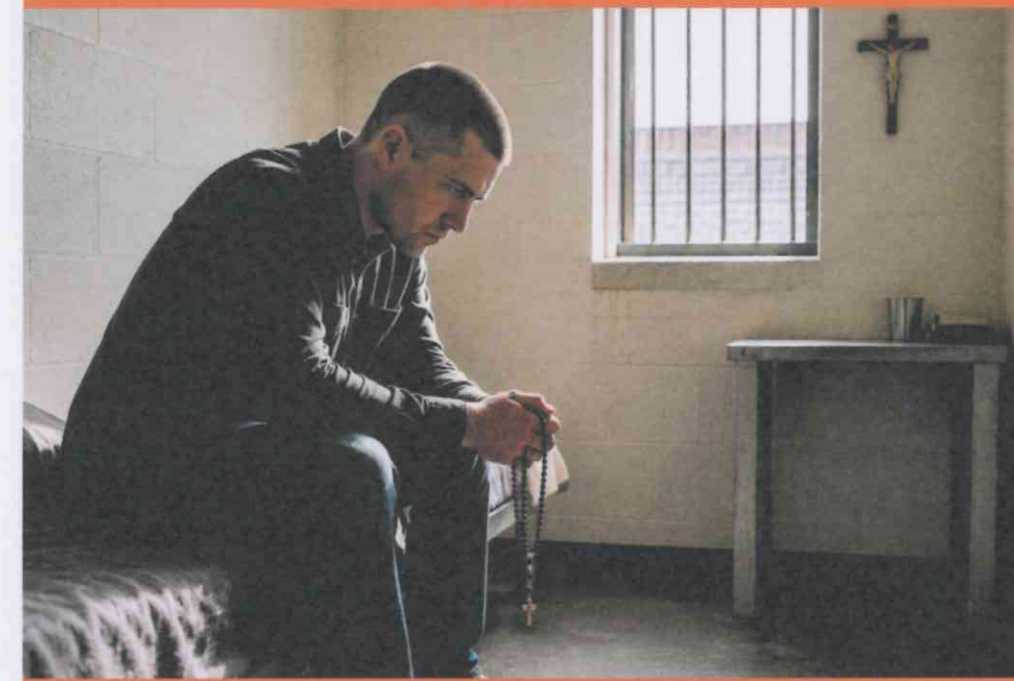
Pray brothers and sisters,
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all
his holy Church.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11th October 2026 Year A

Prisoners' Sunday

God is generous to his people; his is the gift of life and love, of
reconciliation and of justice. He expects us to be generous in
return so that others may know his generosity.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
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

**The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly,
O Lord, that, as you feed us with the
nourishment which comes from the most
holy Body and Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine
nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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



Today is prisoner Sunday and the Church asks us to reflect
on this most marginalised and often despised section of our
population. Many accept, without reflection, that our prisons are
full of dangerous, violent criminals. While there are certainly some
dangerous people in prison, 80% of those convicted are sentenced
to 12 months or less, suggesting that their crimes are less serious (accepting that
even less serious crimes can be upsetting or even traumatic for the victim). 70% of
prisoners have an addiction but our addiction services have long waiting lists. The
Government plan to provide 1,500 extra prison places to combat the overcrowding
in our prisons, but it might actually be more effective to provide 1,500 extra drug
treatment places. 70% have mental health issues and our mental health services
are generally recognised as very inadequate. Our prisons are overcrowded, full
of drugs and increasingly violent places, making rehabilitation almost impossible.
Some are on remand with bail set at €50 or €100, but they haven't got it, so they
remain in prison simply because they are poor. Others have bail, but because they
cannot provide an address, they remain in prison because they are homeless. Most
people who commit crime grow out of it. Many tell me that they gave up crime
because they fell in love, or had a child, or found employment, and that now they
have a reason, for the first time in their lives, not to go to jail. Perhaps it is the
system, just as much as prisoners, which needs rehabilitation!

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Heaven, seeing The Face of God, Is like a happy birthday party. Everyone
is invited. Everyone is happy. St.Peter will meet us at The Door of Heaven,
and give us a big welcome. We don't need to bring any presents to heaven.
We need only empty hands to receive all God's gifts.



New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael

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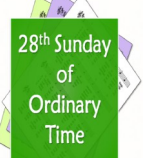
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Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.			
Date	Time		
Sat 10th Oct	5.00pm	Anna & Tom Kielthy, The Bosheen	1st & 6th Anniversaries
 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.00am	Noeleen Kehoe, The Maudlins	Anniversary
	10.00am	Mary Coughlan, Southknock	2nd Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Mai (Moll) Murphy (nee O'Brien), Parkfield Alice Connors (nee Cash), Hewittsland	Months Mind Months Mind
Monday 12th October	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	Noel Blanche, The Bungalows, Cross Lane	Anniversary
Tuesday 13th October	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Annaleen Connolly, Castleblaney, Monaghan	Anniversary
	Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm		
Wednesday 14th October	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Peggy & Sam Hill, South Street	Remembrance Anniversaries
Thursday 15th October	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Theresa O'Connor, Old Pondfields	Anniversary
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 16th October	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Patrick C. Rossiter, Michael Street	Anniversary
Saturday 17th October	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Anne Daly (nee Bowe), Upper William Street	1st Anniversary
Sunday 18th October	8.00am	Anthony Rochford, Parkfield & Dungarvan	4th Anniversary
	10.00am	Sheree Murray, Michael Street	2nd Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Liam Dalton, Chapel Lane James (Jim) Halligan, Mount Carmel	Months Mind 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):
John Nixon, Ard Mhicil - Anniversary

Altar (Centre):
Michael O'Leary, The Bosheen - Anniversary

St. Joseph's (Right):
Anne Daly (nee Bowe), William Street - 1st Anniversary

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Martina Shalloe, Campile - Anniversary



RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Patrick (Pat) Murray, Florida, USA & New Ross, Mary Keating (nee Crean) Clonroche, John McCormack, Terrerath & Detective Garda, Tommy Griffin, Maynooth, Kildare & Glenmore, Kilkenny, who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Diocesan Priest - Fr. Michael Rossiter, Fr. Walter Kane, Fr. Patrick Kavanagh, Fr. Nicholas Sheridan, Fr. Aidan Jones, Martin Byrne, Fr. Patrick Donnelly, Fr. Denis O'Connor, Fr. James Forrestal & Fr. Robert Browne, Ann Connors (nee Cash) (49th Anniversary), Graiguenamanagh, Paul Walsh, "Airmount", Creywell, Liam Carroll (5th Anniversary), Pondfields, Maura & Gerard Flynn, Rosbercon & Tramore, Waterford Andy & Mary Roe, Southknock, Michael O'Leary The Bosheen, John Nixon, Ard Mhicil & Ellen Bowe, Abbey Hall whose anniversaries occur around this time.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Robert Rochford, Upper William Street, whose birthdays 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.



Taizé Prayer
Prayers for unity and peace in the spirit of Taizé accompanied by songs and silence

1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH 8:00PM

GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE CHURCH NEW ROSS Y34 R297

"A time to pause and be with God..." All Welcome

History Notes - Part 144:
THE HOLY FAMILY CONFRATERNITY



The rings on the outside of the seats in the main aisle in our Parish church are a relic of the days of the Holy Family Confraternity. This weekly ceremony was for the women of the parish at 7.30pm on Monday evenings and for the men on Tuesday. Parishioners avoided appearing in public during Confraternity times if they were not attending. The ceremony consisted of rosary and a short sermon followed by Benediction. The congregation was divided into sections, more or less by street, and each section had a banner held in position by the rings. Our section was St. Aidan's, Michael Street, and our leader was Pete Brothers, whose job it was to mark the attendance book which no doubt was examined by the clergy now and again to note non-attenders. The final hymn was always "Happy we who thus united....." which was sung with gusto. The second half of the first line was "..... joined in cheerful melody". Pete used to delight in singing "joined in fearful melody". **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





OCTOBER 2026
MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
5.00pm - Lizzie Connors
10.00am - Anne Teague
12.00 Noon - Aileen Dunne
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
5.00pm - Fiona Cullen, Mary Rowe & Liam Nolan
10.00am - Kitty Warren, Wendy Cullen, Mary M. Carroll & Maureen Clarkin
12.00 Noon - Murray O'Brien & Rose Ryan
Please contact your co-ordinator should you not be able to attend.



Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish:
Collections 4th Oct 2026 @ € 1,209.90 (185 No. Envelopes & 2nd Collection combined). Should you wish to become a regular Parish Contributor, please contact the Parish Office. We can also accept donations over the telephone. Please ring the Parish Office. Thank you for the support. Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.



New Ross Library Self-Guided Adult Creative Writing Group
Tuesday, October 13th at 6pm. All novelists, short story writers, non-fiction authors, poets and playwrights welcome! **New Ross Library Adult Book Club.** Why not combine curling up with a good book with a regular social event and join us on October 13th at 6pm. New Ross Library's Adult Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month, the next meeting is October 13th at 7pm.

Ecumenical Quiet Day in the Ballyvaloo Centre on Thursday 15th October from 11.15am until 3.30pm. The day will be led by Rev. Conor O' Reilly, Rector of the Athy Union of Parishes, on the theme, "Living with grief and coping with loss: A Christian perspective on a personal journey." Contribution including lunch and coffee on arrival €35. Please phone or text Fr. James Murphy on 087 8152637 if you wish to attend. All are welcome.



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.



Confirmations & Communions 2027
We are reaching out to the parents of children, that may wish to enrol their child in the New Ross Parish Based Sacramental Preparation Program 2027.

Confirmations Saturday 6th March 2027
Communions Saturday 22nd May 2027
Weekly classes in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre, Michael Street, will commence after the mid-term break. Enrolment closing date Friday 23rd October 2026. Please contact the Parish Office (Tel - 051 421 348 or Email - info@newrossparish.ie).
Baptismal certificates are required if the child was NOT baptised in St. Mary & St. Michaels New Ross Parish Church.



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.



100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 2026
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NEW ROSS PARISH CHURCH
Mass for Medjugorje
All Welcome
Thursday 22nd October 2026
@ 7.00pm
Celebrant Fr John Carroll
Petitions will be accepted at this Mass.



"Is not this what God asks of you?"
(MICAH 6:8)

Working Document for the Irish National Synodal Assembly

17th October 2026
Gormanston, Co. Meath



AnamCara
Supporting Parents After Bereavement
ONLINE BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING

Join us online
Thursday 15th October
7pm - 8.30pm
click here to register



The Working Document for the Irish National Synodal Assembly, taking place in Gormanston, Co Meath on the 17th of October, brings together the fruits of five years of prayer, listening and discernment and will guide delegates as they consider and vote on suggested actions to be presented to the bishops of Ireland. While the Assembly marks an important moment in the journey, the Synodal Pathway is now moving towards a new phase of implementation. Everyone is invited to read, pray with, and reflect on the *Working Document* and the question: "What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?" Please pray for all those taking part in the Assembly and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and scan the QR code to access the Working Document and find out more, and see www.synod.ie

