ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

GREETING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father. and the Lord Jesus Christ.
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

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ…..

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9 - 14*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'
One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from? ' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 23:1-6*

R. Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. ***(R)***

2. Who shall climb the mountain of
the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure
heart, who desires not worthless things.
(R)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who
saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.
(R)

SECOND READING *1 John 3:1-3 ,*

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: t
hey shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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

ALL SAINTS 1st November 2026 Year A

All of us know good, holy people whose quiet lives were filled with the grace and kindness of God. We know people whose names are unremembered but who were instruments of God's care and peace for many. Today we celebrate their memory and their heavenly reward with thanks.

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 these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints be pleasing to you, O Lord, and grant that, just as we believe the Saints to be already assured of immortality, so we may experience their concern for our salvation.
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.....

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

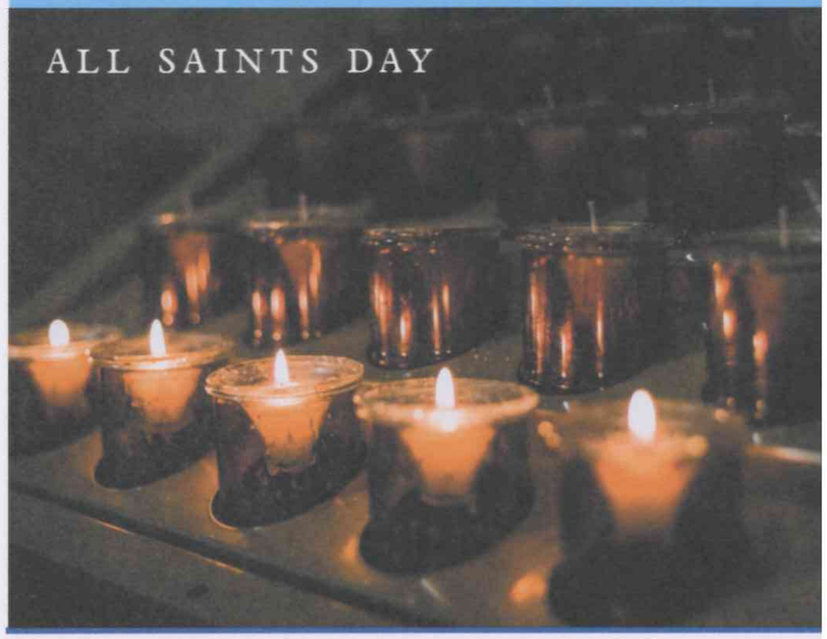
Behold the Lamb of God, ……..
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace,
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love,
we may pass from this pilgrim table to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.
Through Christ our Lord.



How many, men and women - whose names we do not know – honour our people, honour our Church because they are strong in carrying forward their lives, their work, their family, their faith – these our brothers and sisters are saints! Every day saints! Hidden saints among us! They have the gift of holiness in carrying on in their life's work as people, mother, father, brother, sister, relative, friend. citizen.

Today we are grateful for favourite canonised saints, and we thank the Lord for the Christians who are the hidden saints among us. With the same Spirit who encourages us, we think that if they can do this then why not me?

Each of us no matter what our age can be good and do good. Holiness is in the ordinary – kindness, looking after the poor, the family, the locality – we do the best for others as well as ourself. Holiness is not just for old age, as we recall some of the best known young saints: Carlo Acutis, Maria Goretti, Dominic Savio.

In many ways they dared to make a difference, as did our known and unknown saints. Pope Francis said to young people: *"Dare to be different [and] point to ideals other than those of this world, testifying to the beauty of generosity, service, purity, perseverance, forgiveness, fidelity to our personal vocation, prayer, the pursuit of justice and the common good, love for the poor, and social friendship. "*

Donal Neary SJ *(Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)*

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All 8.00am Masses & Eucharistic Prayer Services are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel.

Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.

Date	Time		
Sat 31st Oct	5.00pm	Robert Power & deceased family members, Church Lane	Anniversaries
Sunday 1st November	8.00am	Remembering the faithful departed of the Carmelite Order, family members, relatives, friends & benefactors	Anniversary
	10.00am	Betty Doran, High Hill	1st Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Leonard Warren, Cross Street	2nd Anniversary
Monday 2nd November	8.00am	Special Intention	Special Intention
	Graveside blessings in Mount Carmel Graveyard after Mass		
	9.30am	Rosary is recited every morning in the Parish Church from Monday to Saturday, however on the 1st Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am.	
	10.00am	Remembering the faithful departed	Remembrance
	Graveside Blessings in Priests' Graveyard Church Grounds after Mass		
	Mass bookings commence in the Parish Office after 10.00am Mass up to & including April 2027		
	11.00am	Graveside blessings in St. Stephen's Cemetery	
	11.15am	Graveside blessings in St. Mary's Cemetery	
	7.30pm	St. Padre Pio Healing Mass in St. Aidan's Church, Ferns	
Tuesday 3rd November	8.00am	Patrick Mears, William Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Tom Galvin, Paddy & Kathleen Gaffney, Michael O'Brien & deceased members of the Gaffney Family, New Ross	Anniversaries
	Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm		
Wednesday 4th November	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish , Parish Mass Association & Pious 6	Remembrance
Thursday 5th November	8.00am	Pious 1	Remembrance
	10.00am	Deceased members of New Ross Bridge Club, Brandon Bridge Club & Viking Bridge Club	Remembrance
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	7.00pm	Bethany Bereavement Drop-in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre for 1 hour	
Friday 6th November	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Sadie O'Gorman, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
Saturday 7th November	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Deceased Parishioners Mass	Remembrance
Sunday 8th November	8.00am	Special Intentions	Intentions
	10.00am	John Murphy, Southknock	7th Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Deceased members of the Rowe family, John Street Deceased members & families of the FCA Pipe Band	Anniversaries Remembrance

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):
Gerard Fox, Dublin - Birthday Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
Mary McLaughlin, Charleton Hill - Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
Chris Sheehan, Wexford Street - Anniversary

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Special Intentions

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of:
Kathleen O'Connor (nee O'Brien), Pondfields,
Anne St. Ledger (nee Murphy), Rochestown Lodge,
Elizabeth (Lily) Kennedy (nee Walsh), Callan & Tullogher, Kilkenny,
Michael Hunt, The Bosheen & Michael Street &
Fr. Thomas (Tom) Cody, Florida, USA & Glenmore, Kilkenny
who have passed away recently.
May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of:
Diocesan Priests' - Fr. Thomas Cloney, Fr. James Murphy & Fr. Gregory Byrne,
Joe Kearney, Chambersland,
Liam Kelly, Butlersland,
Leonard Warren, Cross Street,
Billy & Berna Molloy, Oldcourt, Ballykelly,
Stasia Purcell (13th Anniversary), Maiden Lane,
Chris & Gerry Sheehan, Wexford Street,
Mary Howlett (14th Anniversary), Mylers Park, Terrerath &
Phil Fortune (3rd Anniversary), Shanbough,
whose anniversaries occur around this time.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:
We remember & pray for the soul of:
Ellen Flaherty, William Street,
whose birthday 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.

History Notes - Part 147:
GAMBLING FOR BUTTONS

As small boys, we regularly visited Jack Cahill, a tailor, in Michael Street. His real name was Broadway but wife's name was Cahill by which he was known. Our knock was answered by his wife who was deaf but most welcoming. She chatted away to us but never answered our questions.
Jack sometimes passed rude remarks to her for our amusement in the sure knowledge that she could not her him. We passed her through the hall and kitchen and into the back room where Jack sat on a table with his legs crossed surrounded by his work.
Jack produced a pack of cards and a handful of buttons for each of us from his button box. We gambled determinedly with our buttons which were then returned to the box. Mrs Cahill showed us the beautiful mock peacock butterfly on the kitchen wall near the ceiling. She assured us that it regularly flew around the kitchen but always returned to the same spot on the wall. Satisfied with our entertainment and viewing of the mysterious butterfly, we trotted off.

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

NOVEMBER 2026

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
5.00pm - **Donal Murphy**
10.00am - **Patricia Henneberry**
12.00 Noon - **Geraldine Ryan**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
5.00pm - **Joan Foley, Patricia Quinn & Declan Rowsome**
10.00am - **Lizzie Connors, Martin Connolly, Nan Furlong & Marie Merrigan**
12.00 Noon - **Murray O'Brien & Mairin Jackson**

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

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish:
Collections 25th Oct 2026 @ € 1,900.70 (165 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.**

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.

In Remembrance of your loved ones please visit our Sacred Space in the Parish Church, where you can light a candle, write their name on the Pious List and say a prayer. Should you wish to get a copy of your loved one's slide please contact the Parish Office. Thank you to our Bethany Bereavement Support Group for their tireless contribution to our Parish.

Coffee Morning in aid of **Breast Cancer Ireland**
Apex Leisure Centre **Friday November 6th**
11.00am to 1.30pm. Great hampers!!

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 6th November 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.

Wexford General Hospital is holding their Annual Service of Remembrance at Clonard Church, Wexford on Thursday 12th November 2026 at 7.30pm – this is an annual event.

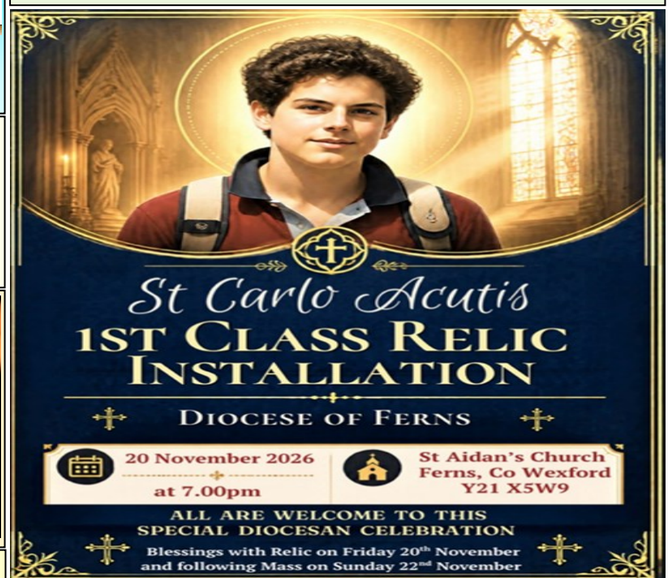
The Service of Remembrance is particularly intended for families and friends of those who died at Wexford General Hospital over the past year or who have a strong connection with the hospital. However, the service is also open to anyone who wishes to attend.

The purpose of the service is to provide an opportunity to remember, as a community, the people we loved and who have died - to reminisce and celebrate their lives and all they meant to us. This event is open to people of all faiths and of none. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

The Service is organised on an annual basis by the End-of-Life Care Committee at Wexford General Hospital. This committee is comprised of staff from all areas of the hospital. Their work includes organising the Service of Remembrance, implementing initiatives such as the writing and sending out of sympathy cards, refurbishment of the mortuary and family rooms, providing written bereavement information for relatives and developing education programmes for staff.

Wexford General Hospital would also like to inform people about the Bereavement Support Line which is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday on 1800 80 70 77. This is a national Freephone service that has been set up by the Irish Hospice Foundation, in partnership with the HSE, to provide connection, comfort and support for those grieving in these exceptional times. Any adult who has been impacted by bereavement may contact the support line. For more information visit www.hospicefoundation.ie.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 12th November at Clonard Church, Wexford at 7.30pm (19.30hrs).



New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday the 6th November at the youth Centre Nunnery Lane @ 11.00am

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.