

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

GREETING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us
and bring us strength:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins and bring us
to everlasting life. **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,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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 *Exodus 22: 20 - 26***A reading from the book of Exodus**

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."
"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must

not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.
"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 17: 2-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **[R]**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **[R]**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1: 5 - 10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 22: 34 - 40***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest

commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

THE
GREATEST
COMMANDMENT

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,

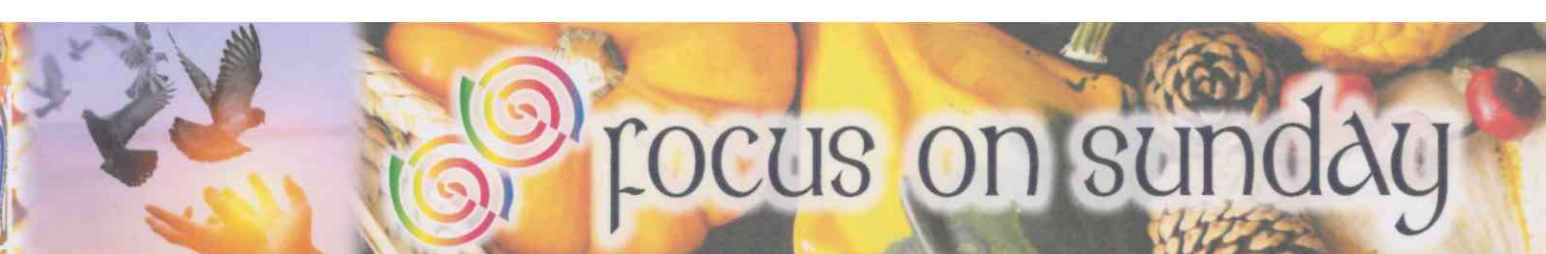
All bow for following three lines:

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.



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.**



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25th October 2026 Year A

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
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

**We will ring out our joy at your saving
help and exult in the name of our God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
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, glorifying the Lord
by your life. **Thanks be to God.**



The commandment of God is to love him and love people:
both are so interlinked that in loving people we love God.



Let's sit with this for a bit: It's incredibly good news, isn't it?!
Essentially, all we have to do is fall in love: In love with each other
– especially the marginalised, excluded, poor and troubled. Fall
in love with the world – especially the natural, created beauty all
around us, As Pope Leo puts it in Magnifica Humanitas "care for
our common home and our responsibility toward the poor" and (delight of delight!)
fall in love with ourselves! In fact, this news is possibly so good, we don't really
believe it; do we just not trust it? Here, we are told here to relax and enjoy like a
small child.

This invitation to fall in love is multi-faceted like an amazing crystal: Love yourself;
love your neighbour, love your stranger, with all your heart – that is, love ourselves and
others emotionally, feel it. Love with your mind – in your thoughts, our calculations,
your understandings and love them, even more powerfully, with your soul! Now
that's loving with abandon! Sounds a little dangerous, doesn't it? But Christ you can
trust. He promises this is the way to joy and peace. and we could do with that in the
world right now! Let go of the fear that feeds suspicion and hate of difference. Christ
is telling us it is safe. Trust Him.

Psychology has now proven that our capacity to fall in love with another depends
on our awareness of our own goodness, and that doing violence and harm to others
and ourselves, is a defensive reaction for survival. Christ is telling us here that the
way 'home' to ourselves and each other is trusting the fact that we are loveable,
loved and not alone. Enjoy!

Berny McMahon. BL. Rel Ed. MSSc

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Good Pope John The 23rd liked to ask Confirmation students: 'Why did God make you?' They answered "God made us to know, love and serve Him in this life, and be happy with Him forever in Heaven." The Pope then said 'You have left out an important line which is, "and also to tell others about God's Love and Blessings for us." When we were baptised, our parents promised to tell The Story of Jesus to us. We tell the Story with words, but more often with actions of caring, kindness and respect.



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

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Please call into the Sacristy BEFORE Mass to remind the celebrant of the Intention.			
Date	Time		
Sat 24th Oct	5.00pm	Martina Holden, Chambersland & Clodiagh, Inistioge	1st Anniversary
Sunday 25th October 	8.00am	Hugo French, Henry Street	Anniversary
	10.00am	Margaret & John Sutton, Shallows Park * Live on Southeast Radio	Anniversaries
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
Monday 26th October 	12.00 Noon	Derek Bailey, South Street Sheila Nolan (nee Ryan), Irishtown	Months Mind 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 27th October 	10.00am	Joe Kearney, Chambersland Close	9th Anniversary
	8.00am	Nancy Byrne, "St Martins", Camblin	3rd Anniversary
	10.00am	Nancy & Aidan Byrne, Cross Street	Anniversaries
Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm			
Wednesday 28th October 	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Kitty & Matt Flannelly, Haughton Place	Remembrance Anniversaries
	Parish monthly coffee morning after 10.00am Mass in the Sacristy. All Welcome.		
Thursday 29th October 	8.00am	John & Ann Dwyer, Cross Street, Creacon & Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Tom Kelly & Pat, Annie & Eamonn Dunne, Parkfield	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 30th October	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Paddy Allen, Michael Street	Anniversary
Saturday 31st October	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	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	Remembrance
	10.00am	Betty Doran, High Hill	1st Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon		
Monday 2nd November 	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	



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 & Nellie Finn & Family - Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
The French family, Henry Street - Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
Betty & Marion Doran, High Hill - Anniversaries

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Emy Rawson, The Bosheen - Remembrance



RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Margaret (Peggy) Doyle (nee Culleton), Cross Lane, Richie Brazil, Rosbercon, Anna O'Brien, Mary Street, Michael Lambert, Southknock & Michelle Culleton (nee Mackey), Glenmore, Kilkenny, who have passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Diocesan Priests' - Fr. William Fortune, Fr. Matthew Bierney, Fr. James Doran, Fr. Thomas Rossiter, Fr. John Dunne, Fr. Isaac Scallan & Fr. Eugene Dempsey, William Connors, Cottage Road, Taghmon, Lar O'Brien, "Glenview", Brandon Park, Theresa O'Connor, Old Pondfields, Alice Connors, Cherry Orchard, Enniscorthy, Martin Kielthy (9th Anniversary), The Bosheen, Nancy Byrne, Camblin & John Sutton, Ballyrue, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:
We remember & pray for the soul of - Michael Connors, Ballywilliam, 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 146:
THE MALT STORES

The main locations of the town's malt stores were the Quay and John Street in times past. These buildings were in effect huge bulk stores with timber floors supported by strong beams to bear the weight of drying grain. The grain was barley for which south Wexford and Kilkenny were famous. This grain was purchased by the local malting family, P.J. Roche & Sons for conversion to malt via a drying and baking process. The finished malt was shipped by schooner from the quays of town to Guinness brewery in Dublin for manufacture of its famous stout. Some names of these schooners spring to mind, including The De Wadden and the Harvest King. The loading of the malt into these schooners was by dockers who carried the open bags on their shoulders down the bouncing gang-plank to tip the contents into the ship's hold. This was a skilled job as a missed step on the gang-plank could send bag and carrier into the tide.
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 18th Oct 2026 @ € 1,773.47 (180 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.



Church Cleaners meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month after 10.00am Mass. New members are always welcome.



A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER
Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend
St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo
Friday 9th to Sunday 11th April 2027

This residential Weekend starts at 7.30pm on Friday and finishes at 4.30pm on Sunday, and is open to all married couples.

Online booking only at www.marriageencounter.ie

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 & Communion 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
Communion 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.

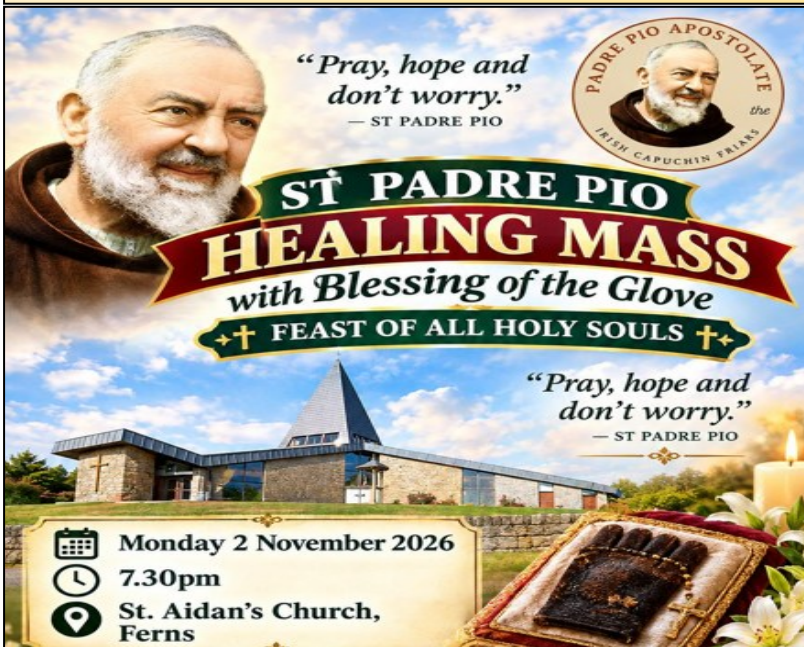



"Pray, hope and don't worry."
— ST PADRE PIO

ST PADRE PIO HEALING MASS
with Blessing of the Glove
+ FEAST OF ALL HOLY SOULS +

"Pray, hope and don't worry."
— ST PADRE PIO

Monday 2 November 2026
7.30pm
St. Aidan's Church, Ferns



Coffee Morning in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland Apex Leisure Centre
Friday November 6th 11am to 1.30pm. Great hampers!!



St Carlo Acutis 1ST CLASS RELIC INSTALLATION
DIOCESE OF FERNS

20 November 2026 at 7.00pm
St Aidan's Church Ferns, Co Wexford Y21 X5W9

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS SPECIAL DIOCESAN CELEBRATION
Blessings with Relic on Friday 20th November and following Mass on Sunday 22nd November

Deceased Parishioners Mass will take place on Saturday 7th November 2026 @ 5.00pm

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES IN NOVEMBER

