ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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

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

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being
devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 31: 10-13.19-20. 30-31.

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.
A perfect wife - who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 127: 1 - 5*

R. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. ***(R)***

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. ***(R)***

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. ***(R)***

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6*

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.
You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 25: 14 - 30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (*Shorter from in italics)
Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. **Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."** His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
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

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

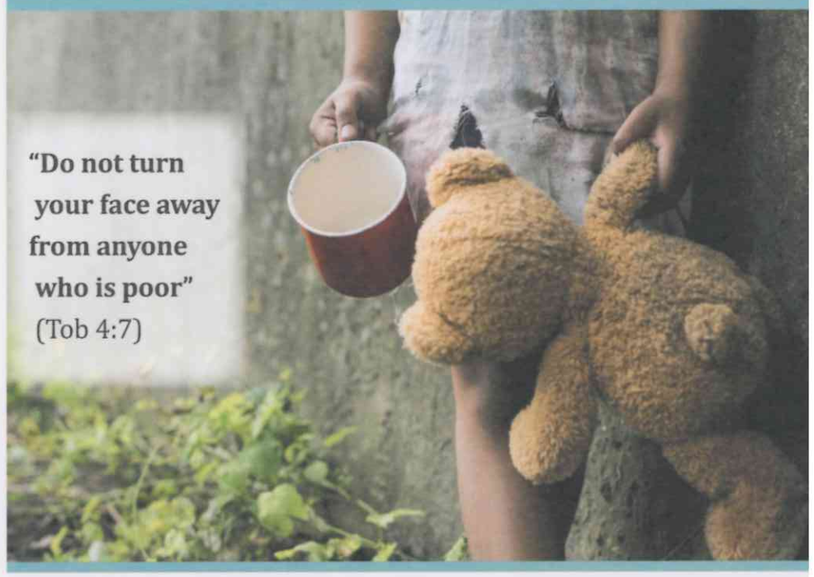


focus on sunday

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15th November 2026 Year A

World Day of the Poor

We find today an invitation from the gospel to put all our talents at the service of God and of his kingdom.



Today the Church asks us to reflect on poverty in our world and our country and how we should respond. While climate change, war, and natural disasters such as droughts and floods contribute to poverty, the basic cause of poverty is the unfair distribution of the world's resources. The wealth of the world's 3,000 billionaires grew by $2.8 trillion in 2024 and now stands at $18.3 trillion while 3.6 million people remain in poverty, a figure that is largely unchanged since 1990. The wealth of the world's richest 1% would eliminate global poverty 22 times over (Oxfam report). But we all have a role to play. We live in a culture that promotes the idea that the only real security in life is financial security, encouraging us to seek to accumulate as much as possible, for the sake of our families. Greed has become a virtue! Perhaps it is, not money, but the love of money which is the root of all evil.

Dependency on others is seen as a vulnerability which we have to overcome, through building up our finances. Our culture also seeks to persuade us that "what I have is mine and I can do what I want with it." But the Gospel is very clear, that what I have that I do not need (admittedly a very subjective judgement that requires discernment) belongs to those who are in need. We are all called by the gospel to "live simply and share generously."

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

I liked the colours in The Church Window. All were different and held together in light, like a happy family. Every person is a colour of God, and is like a talent, to let the light of God's Love shine through us. We let the love of God shine through us when we smile, offer to help, say please and thanks and respect our mother Nature.

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Radio Mass 104.7FM & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH & CHURCH CAM LIVE WEBSITES. 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 14th Nov	5.00pm	Maureen & Tommy Jefford, Town Wall	Anniversaries
Sunday 15th November	8.00am	Deceased Carmelites & Benefactors	Remembrance
	10.00am	Tommy & Molly Connolly, Glenmore	Anniversaries
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Margaret (Peggy) Doyle (nee Culleton), Cross Lane	Months Mind
Monday 16th November	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	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	Pious 4	
Tuesday 17th November	8.00am	Ellen & Thomas Cleere, Tinakilly, Rosbercon & Patricia Fitzgerald, Nunnery Lane	Remembrance
	10.00am	The Leacy family, Cross Street	Remembrance
	Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm		
Wednesday 18th November	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Margaret & Andy Cullen, Victoria Place	Remembrance Anniversaries
Thursday 19th November	8.00am	Pious 5	
	10.00am	Patrick, Maurice, James & Denny O'Brien, Cushinstown	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 20th November	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Michael Dempsey, Priory Street	Anniversary
	7.00pm	Diocese of Ferns St. Carlos Acutis First Class Relic Installation in St. Aidan's Church, Ferns	
	10.00pm	New Ross Adoration Group in St. Aidan's Church, Ferns for 1 Hour	
Saturday 21st November	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Niall Maddock, Carlow Town & Mountross	1st Anniversary
Sunday 22nd November	8.00am	Elizabeth & Michael Martin, Arnestown	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Bernard Row, The Maudlins Annie Doyle, Carnagh * Live on Southeast Radio	Anniversary Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Kathleen O'Connor (nee O'Brien), Pondfields Michael Lambert, Southknock & his wife; Anne	Months Mind Months Mind & 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):
Maureen Jefford, Townwall - Birthday Remembrance
Altar (Centre):
Lila & Billy Ronan, Tralee & New Ross - Remembrance
St. Joseph's (Right):
The Ronan family, Irishtown - Remembrance
Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
The Roche family, Lower Michael Street - Remembrance

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of -
Canon Lorenzo Cleary, Wexford Town,
Kitty (Catherine) Foley (nee Murray), Terrerath,
Jimmy Murphy, Cross Street & UK,
Stasia Redmond (nee Murphy), Scarke,
Mary Merrigan (nee Mackey), The Bullawn,
Sadie Kelly, The Rower, Kilkenny, Carlow & Athy,
Kildare, Denis Long, Cluain Fada & Tullogher &
John Butler, Cluain Huighead,
who have passed away recently.
May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of -
Diocesan Priests' - Fr. Edward Wheeler & Fr. John Doyle,
Tony Ahern, Ard Mhicil,
Maurice Kehoe, Ryleen,
Patrick (Paddy) Murphy (4th Anniversary), Mount Carmel,
Jack & Vera Doyle, William Street & London, UK,
Matt & Anna Fennell, Ard Na Greine,
Jim & Bridget Holden, Irishtown,
Brendan O'Callaghan, Ballyanne,
Ellen Merrigan, The Bungalows, Cross Street & her sons; Francie & Willie,
Sheila Moriarty, "Pinehurst", Mountelliott,
Maureen Fleming, Chambersland & deceased members of the Fleming & Hayden families,
Denis & Molly McLoughlin, Haughton Place &
Nelly Freaney, Haughton Place
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.

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.

History Notes - Part 149:
"You did not ask me!"
A lady from town who was regarded as 'odd' and maybe today would be classed as special needs attended Wexford General Hospital for some minor medical matter several years ago. When asked her name and address, she described herself as from 'Michael Street'. The assistant searched her records for a lady of the given name whose address was 'Michael Street, Wexford' and failed to find it. A person from our town in the queue, realising what was happening, intervened to explain the address was 'Michael Street, New Ross'. The annoyed clerk asked why this was not made clear, to which the New Ross lady replied "You did not ask me!".
Courtesy of Jim Sutton

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.

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

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish:
Collections 1st Nov 2026 @ € 2,072.69 (164 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 Drama Workshop are producing two one act comedies at St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross on Thursday and Friday the 26th and 27th of November at 7.30 pm. Tickets: € 15.00

Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians: One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity Aid to the Church in Need, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from November 15-22 to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on 'Red Wednesday' November 18. More information is available at www.acnireland.org



Last Sunday 12.00 Noon Mass was celebrated for the deceased FCA Band Members.

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 27th 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.

LAUNCH OF NEW POETRY COLLECTION : Among *the Fields of God* draws on Sean O'Leary's experiences of working with parish communities across the Diocese of Ferns and accompanying participants in pastoral ministry programmes. The poems celebrate the quiet faith, generosity and service of priests, parish volunteers, lay ministers, catechists and many others who sustain parish life. The launch takes place on **Saturday 28 November at 11.00am in the Pastoral Centre, St Peter's College, Wexford,** with a foreword by Bishop Ger Nash and the launch by Mary Ellen Hawkey of Christian Media Trust, followed by refreshments. *Among the Fields of God* will be available on the day and all proceeds will go to support '*Our Future Church'.*

ABIDE Women's Conference 2026 | 20–22 November: Join hundreds of women at the **Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal**, in just a few weeks for our third Abide Women's Conference! Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin. A beautiful weekend of **faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.**

St Peter's College Past Pupils' Union The AGM of St Peter's College PPU will take place in the College at 7pm on Tuesday 17th November 2026. Following the AGM, mass will be celebrated for deceased past pupils and staff in the College Chapel at 8pm. Past pupils, staff and family members of the deceased are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in the College immediately following the mass. For further information, or to include the names of any deceased past pupils or staff, please contact David Power, PRO PPU, Tel: 087 7971077



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.