ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:
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,
whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ…..

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 34:11 - 12. 15 - 17*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 22*

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. ***(R)***
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. ***(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

1 Corinthians 15: 20 - 26.28.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthinians.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 25: 31 - 46.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. 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.
Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

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 Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Go in peace.
Thanks be to God.



focus on sunday

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 22nd November 2026

Jesus' kingship is the kingship of one who is dedicated to his Father. He lives and dies for the truth. In his death and resurrection he is enthroned in the glory of his Father. This is the kingship we celebrate: one who has passed through the worst of human life to a life and joy that is eternal.



Focus

There is an equality in Jesus – the gospel looks at us and everything he says about himself links us with him: you gave me to eat, me to drink and so on. The link of Jesus and ourselves is closer than any family or religious link; it is the link of our humanity and divinity. Jesus turns some notions of our ways of life upside down.

It is the link of the friend, as in our Christmas song: *The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, In all our trials born to be our Friend!*

The king is the friend. The king was expected in Jesus' time to look after all the poor of this time. He would be at gate where the poor gathered. Caring for the poor in an immediate way: not from a place but being present where his people gathered.

What they had in common – and they are we – was their need for the essentials of life.

Kingdoms and kingship are not the best words of this mystery. Perhaps 'the reign of God' is the better title for Christ's kingship. in some ways, as people who are responsible citizens, we can care for justice, peace, care for one another, care for the places where we live. We are the carers for the essentials of life. These would be signs of the reign of God.

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

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Heaven will be full of surprises. God will say "Thank you for helping me."I will say that I don't remember seeing YOU, and God will say that whenever you helped another person, at home, at school, at work, playing games, as long as you do good to make a better world, you helped Me.

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

Date	Time		
Sat 21st Nov	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
Monday 23rd 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	Thomas Power, Wexford Street	40th Anniversary
Tuesday 24th November	8.00am	Sheila Moriarty, "Pinehurst", Mountelliott	Anniversary
	10.00am	Therese Burke, Ard Ross	Anniversary
	Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm		
Wednesday 25th November	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association Patrick O'Brien, Lower William Street	Remembrance Anniversary
	Parish Monthly Coffee Morning in the Sacristy after 10.00am Mass		
Thursday 26th November	8.00am	Pious 7	
	10.00am	Colin Bradley, Knockavilla & deceased members of the Whelan family, Charleton Hill	15th Anniversary & Remembrance
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 27th November	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Pious 8	
Saturday 28th November	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Bridget Rowe (nee Bolger), Mary Street	1st Anniversary
Sunday 29th November	8.00am	Pat & Mary Lyng, Irishtown	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Richard & Wendy Cahill, Tower Grove Ethna Hennessey (nee Briody), Creywell	3rd Anniversaries 1st Anniversary
	Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass		
	12.00 Noon	Elizabeth (Betty) Rafter (nee Murray), Charleton Hill Michael Hunt, The Bosheen & Michael Street	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):
Catherine O'Rahilly, McMurrough Court
- 10th Anniversary Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
Colin Bradley, Knockavilla
- 15th Anniversary Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
Deceased members of the New Ross Active Retirement Group
- Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Nancy Byrne, Camblin
- Anniversary Remembrance

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of -
Anne Griffin Tezgel, Mount Carmel & The Bosheen,
Myles (Miley) Fitzpatrick, Camblin,
Marguerite Cummins, Barretts Park,
Anne O'Neill (nee Breen), Cahir, Tipperary & Newbawn,
Eithne Shanley (nee Ward), Castleknock, Dublin & Rosbercon &
John Dunphy, Newton Abbot, UK & Charleton Hill,
who have passed away recently.
May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of -
Diocesan Priests' - Fr. Michael Kavanagh, Fr. Patrick Doyle & Fr. Bartholomew O'Connor,
Thomas Power, Wexford Street,
Therese Burke, Ard Ross,
Anne Somers (nee Quigley) (7th Anniversary), The Maudlins,
Matt, Nora, Luke & John Cody, Ballyrue,
Catherine O'Rahilly (10th Anniversary), McMurrough Court,
Mick Connors, Cottage Road, Taghmon,
Frankie Doyle, Priory Street & his mother; Mary & Deceased members of the Legion of Mary, New Ross Group,
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:
"SHOOT THE PIG"
A shopkeeper in Mary Street many years ago who sold bacon had a pig to be slaughtered for his shop. His regular butcher was not available so he undertook the butchering himself. He had no experience or knowledge to how to despatch the pig, but he was a sportsman who owned a shotgun. His nickname following the event became "Shot the pig!".
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 15th Nov 2026 @ € 1,620.41(171 - 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

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat 11th - 13th December 2026 - Calling all young people aged 16 - 35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

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*'.

Congratulations

BAPTISMS:
We welcome into our Christian Community:
Calla Halligan, Chambersland Close &
Aaron McGrath, Ard Na Greine,
who received the Sacrament of Baptism in our Church recently.
*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.



Advent Retreat

Friday, 27 November
Arrival between 4.00 -5.00 pm
Evening meal at 6.00 pm
to
Sunday 29 November 2026
Departure after lunch
Facilitated by Slí an Chroí Retreat Team.

Come away and rest awhile in the beautiful landscape of Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow.

We invite you to join us at Slí an Chroí in the grounds of St. Patrick's Missionary Society, as we pause to reflect and celebrate a moment in time on your unique journey.

Advent is a special time of reflecting on our transition from the past to the future that God holds for us. May this be a moment of grace for you as we all await the celebration of new life.

For Enquiries, please contact Michèle at slianchroi@spms.ie or phone 089 4690508

Price: €315.00



- Advent Reflections -

Venue: St Kieran's College Kilkenny, 7.30pm each evening

Monday 7th December
"SOCIAL MEDIA AND OUR CHILDREN - A TRULY MORAL QUESTION"
Rev. Dr Michael Shortall
President of St Patrick's College, Maynooth and Lecturer in Moral Theology at St Patrick's Pontifical University Maynooth. Serving in the parishes of Springfield, Brookfield and Jobstown, Dublin.

Wednesday 9th December
"TEACHING THE SACRAMENTS" THE WORK THAT MAKES THE CELEBRATION
Rev. Dr Dermot Ryan
Lecturer in Systematic Theology at Carlow College and St Patrick's Pontifical University Maynooth, Adm of St Mary's Cathedral Parish, Kilkenny.

Monday 14th December
SPIRIT-SHOCKING WONDER - CHRISTMAS IN THE POETRY OF PATRICK KAVANAGH
Dr James Heaney
Lecturer in English and Irish Studies at Carlow College, St Patrick's. He specialises in European and world drama, modern Irish and Hispanic literature, and creative writing.

Wednesday 16th December
EXPLORING THE SYNODAL RECOMMENDATIONS - A CONVERSATION WITH OSSORY & FERNS DELEGATES
Ms Gemma Mulligan, Mr Sean O'Leary, Rev. Dr Dermot Ryan
An exploration of the recent proposals that emerged from the Synodal Conversations throughout Ireland.

- Other Advent Resources -

ADVENT TAIZÉ PRAYER
"Wait for the Lord"
St Mary's Cathedral
Friday 4th December, 7.30pm

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
St Mary's Cathedral
Sunday 20th December, 7.30pm

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