ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us….
Amen.

(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful,
we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ…..

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down
- at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 79)

R. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. ***(R)***

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. ***(R)***

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. ***(R)***

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1: 3-9*

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

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord,
your mercy and give
us your saving help.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mark 13:33-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples:'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,
gathered from among your gifts to us,
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.
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 will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord,
in which we have participated,
profit us, we pray,
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The circle of evergreen leaves
stands for God
who is without beginning
and without end.
The purple ribbon
and three purple candles
stand for penance and sorrow for sin.
The red candle stands for joy of living in God's way of love.
Today the first purple candle is lit as we begin our preparations for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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.
Thanks be to God.



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focus on sunday

Advent is a reminder that our life on earth is a preparation for the life of eternity in heaven; and that we wait for the coming of Christ to take us home.



'Keep Awake'

We begin Advent and a new Church year with a reading from a section of Mark's Gospel known as the 'Apocalyptic Discourse'. This is Jesus' farewell speech to his disciples where he describes catastrophes that lie ahead, such as the destruction of Jerusalem, persecutions, family divisions and betrayals. Jesus sketches an image of the world which will be hostile to his message and to his followers. In the final parable, Jesus urges total trust in God's cosmic plan and calls for vigilance: 'Keep awake'. And, whether we like it or not, this text is also addressed to each of us: 'What I say to you, I say to all.'

Mark's first audience experienced many obstacles, but the greater danger expressed in this text is the danger of sleepwalking through life. As we journey through Mark this year, we will see that the disciples are asleep a lot of the time; there is a spiritual blindness in them as they constantly fail to understand what Jesus is about. The caution here for them, and for us, is to 'keep awake' in our search for deeper insight and wisdom.

While this might not sound like a very cheery text with which to begin the joyful season of Advent, we dare to read this narrative through the lens of hope. Instead of worrying about when the 'master of the house' will return, we can focus instead on what we do in our daily lives to aid our own awakening: perhaps we need to slow down in order to wake up, to create

quiet spaces for ourselves, to reflect a little more deeply, to find the stillness we truly need.

Challenges lie ahead, that much is guaranteed, but so do amazing possibilities. For great things can happen when we truly wake up and respond to the reality of the world around us. Let awe and wonder grow and be prepared for the coming of the true Christmas Gift.

Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty. Adapted from The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew, Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2022.

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 28th Nov	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
	First Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of HOPE		
Monday 30th 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 9	
Tuesday 1st December	8.00am	Craig Tracey & his mother; Jean, Parkfield & Scotland, UK	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Nancy & Jimmy Martin, Ard Na Greine Edward & Mary Fitzgerald, Tinnakilly, Rosbercon	Anniversaries
PARISH OFFICE	Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm		
	Mass bookings commence after Mass up to & including May 2027		
Wednesday 2nd December	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish & Parish Mass Association The Hennessy Family, "Mount Alto", Cross Street	Remembrance Remembrance
Thursday 3rd December	8.00am	The Fortune Family, William Street	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Pearl & Colleen O'Hara, UK	Anniversaries
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
Friday 4th December	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Kathleen Bowe, Convent Hill, John & Ellen Bowe, Abbey Hall	Anniversaries
Saturday 5th December	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	5.00pm	Michael Murphy, Pondfields	1st Anniversary
Sunday 6th December	8.00am	Special Intention	Special Intention
	10.00am	Anita Bolger, Ard Na Greine Eoghan Brennan, Tower Grove	2nd Anniversary 7th Anniversary
		Children's Sunday School in the Sacristy during 10.00am Mass	
	12.00 Noon	Bridget Goggins (nee Connors), Stable Doors, The Maudlins	Months Mind
	2nd Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of PEACE		
	SVP Annual Church Gate Collections takes place. Please donate		



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):
Kathleen Bowe, Convent Hill
- Anniversary Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
Thomas O'Brien, Glenbarra & his father; Tommy, Old Charleton Hill
- Anniversaries Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
Joan & Dick Byrne, Coventry, UK & Charleton Hill - Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
John & Ellen Bowe, Abbey Hall
- Anniversary Remembrance

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of - Bridget Clancy (nee O'Brien), Irishtown & Watford, UK,
Jimmy Phelan, Rosbercon &
Monica Duggan (nee O'Neill), Meelick, Clare, Kilkenny, Tipperary & New Ross,
who have passed away recently.
May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Diocesan Priests' - Fr. John Sinnott & Fr. James Darcy,
Deceased members of the Roche family, Michael Street,
Thomas O'Brien (1st Anniversary), Glenbarra & his father; Tommy, Old Charleton Hill,
Ellen Kelly, Ballinaberna, Ballywilliam,
Billy O'Connor, Bawnmore,
Nan Cash, The Bosheen,
Sally Connors, Irish Street, Bunclody,
Jimmy Somers, Charleton Hill,
Edward & Mary Colfer, South Street,
John & Kathleen Culleton, Clongeen,
whose anniversaries occur around this time.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:
We remember & pray for the soul of - Bridget Clancy (nee O'Brien), Irishtown & Watford, UK
whose birthday occurs 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.

ARA GENERAL MEETING will take place on Friday 4th December at 11.00am at the Youth Centre. All are welcome!

History Notes - Part 150:
CROMWELL AT ROSS
Oliver Cromwell arrived at New Ross in 1649, having dealt with Drogheda and with Wexford with a heavy hand because they had refused him and his army admittance. Sir Lucas Taffe, governor of our town on behalf of the royalist forces hesitated and parleyed with Cromwell for admittance. To help Taffe make up his mind, Cromwell mounted his artillery and lodged three cannons shot in the town wall at a spot which has since been known as Three Bullet Gate. Cromwell and his army spent the winter of 1649 in town where he was a 'guest 'of Luke Dormer, Sovereign of town at his home in the Bullawn. It is said he suffered from 'the Irish sickness', whatever that was. He stabled his army's horses in St. Mary's Church, which he burned before leaving town. The town bridge had been destroyed in the wars, so Cromwell constructed a temporary bridge of boats, poles and planks across the Barrow to move his army into Munster. He took his temporary bridge with him when he left. The next bridge to span the Barrow at New Ross was Lemuel Cox's timber bridge built in 1796, by which time nobody remembered a bridge across the Barrow and the town had depended on a local ferry service.
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

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish:
Collections 22nd Nov 2026 @ € 1,466.59 (160 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.**

DECEMBER 2026
MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
5.00pm - **Gordon Doyle**,
10.00am - **Miriam Carroll** & 12.00 Noon - **Pat Wickham**
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
5.00pm - **Mary Rowe, Eddie Rowe & Marian Dalton**
10.00am - **Liam & Patsy Nolan, Martin Burke & Mary M. Carroll**
12.00 Noon - **Jagienka Borecka & Pat Rossiter**
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.





Members of the Parish of New Ross were recently on a pilgrimage to Medjugorge, organised and overseen by local parishioner Lizzie Connors. While in Medjugorge, the group was gifted two pictures of Our Lady with the specific purpose of making them available to parishioners who have petitions, difficulties, need of encouragement or support. Available to believers and non believers alike, the person or family requesting the picture is asked to hang the image up at home for 9 days and to say a prayer of petition for their intentions each day during that period. Should you wish to bring the image to your home, you are asked to make contact with Lizzie at the church where a sign in and sign out book will be kept. The images will be blessed at the 10am Mass this Sunday 29th November, the first Sunday of Advent.



Prayer of Petition:
O Mary, gentle and loving Mother, I bring my petition to you today with trust in your intercession before your Son, Jesus.
You know the weight I carry and the needs in my heart: *[state your specific petition]*. Just as you spoke to Jesus at Cana, place this need before Him with your motherly care and Help me to trust in God's grace and wisdom, whatever the outcome may be. Keep me close to Jesus, guide my steps, and give me peace of heart. Amen.



PASTORAL MINISTRY GRADUATES
On his appointment as Bishop of Ferns, Bishop Nash set in motion a project that would provide the Diocese with a team of lay Pastoral Ministers - to collaborate with the priests in meeting the needs of the people into the future. The first group to qualify - 27 women and men—received their Diplomas in Pastoral Ministry on Saturday 7th November at an historic ceremony in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.
It was an occasion filled with gratitude, price and hope for the future of the 49 Parishes of the Diocese. We congratulate all 27 on their achievement but a special 'well done' to our own 3 representatives, MARY MARTIN CARROLL, PATRICIA HARRINGTON and MAIRIN JACKSON. All three have been actively involved in the parish before and during their years of study and we welcome them now as they offer us the benefit of their experience in the areas of Sunday School, Funerals, Sacramental Preparation, Visitation of Nursing Homes and other pastoral situations that will arise in the future.

ADVENT WREATH LITURGIES: Advent 1 - HOPE Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of **HOPE**. We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation. We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God. We light this candle in Hope. (Light Candle)



'Bambinelli Sunday' - 13th December
'Bambinelli Sunday' is a beautiful Advent tradition celebrated on the 'Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday'. The word 'Bambinelli' refers to the little figure of the Infant Jesus from the family Nativity scene. The tradition began in Rome, where children brought their Baby Jesus figures to St Peter's Square to be blessed. It is now celebrated in parishes around the world. The blessing reminds us that 'Jesus is the greatest gift of Christmas' and helps us prepare our hearts and homes for His coming. How to participate: Families and individuals are invited to bring the 'Baby Jesus figure from their home crib' to Mass on Bambinelli Sunday. The figure can be carried by a child or any member of the family and will be blessed during the celebration. After the blessing, a lovely tradition is to 'wrap the Bambinelli and place it under the Christmas tree'. On Christmas Day, the family can unwrap it and place the Infant Jesus in the manger. In this way, the placing of Jesus in the crib becomes a special family moment and a reminder that 'Christ is the true gift of Christmas'. Everyone is welcome to take part — children, families and adults alike. If you have a family crib, simply bring the Baby Jesus figure with you to Mass at 5pm Saturday (parish church), 8am Sunday (Carmelites) or 10am and Noon at the Parish Church. A small blessed decoration will be given to all participants to hang on Christmas trees at home this Christmas. 'Bambinelli Sunday' is particularly fitting for our parish community in New Ross as we prepare together, in faith and joy, for the celebration of Christmas. Photo - Rageena Joseph and her son Diondenny, Sarah and her son Sonny Kiernan, Anitah Paul and her son Aidan Roy pictured with Fr. Carroll and the baby Jesus and decorations as they make preparations for Bambinelli Sunday the 13th of December.



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.

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

Taizé Prayer

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

1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH 8:00PM

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

All Welcome

Advent Retreat Day

Step away...
Rest in God's presence...
Renew your spirit...

Saturday, December 5th
Pastoral Centre
St. Peter's College, Wexford
10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided – please bring a packed lunch.

Presenters
Stasia Redmond and Kathleen Ormond
both part of our retreat team and trained spiritual guides.

Cost: €20
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Book your place by Friday November 27th
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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

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.

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ADVENT 2026

- 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.



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