ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us…..
Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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 and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ…..

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Wisdom 6: 12 -16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 62:2-8*

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

1. O God, you are my God,
for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry,
weary land without water. ***(R)***

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. ***(R)***

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. ***(R)***

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. ***(R)***

SECOND READING

***1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** (*shorter form 4:13-14)*

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 25: 1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this:
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

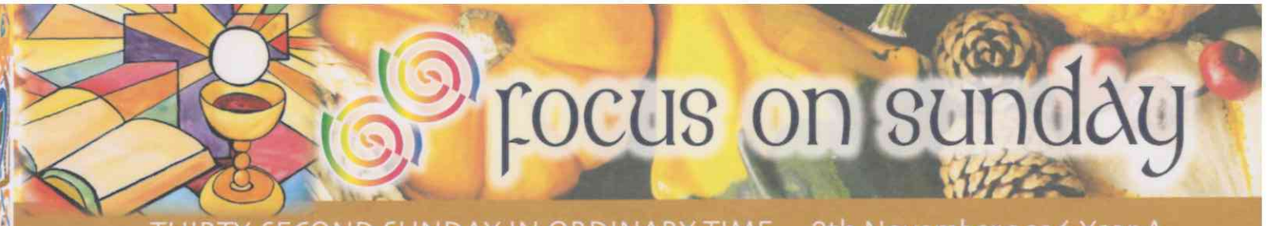
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.

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.



focus on sunday

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. 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 is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

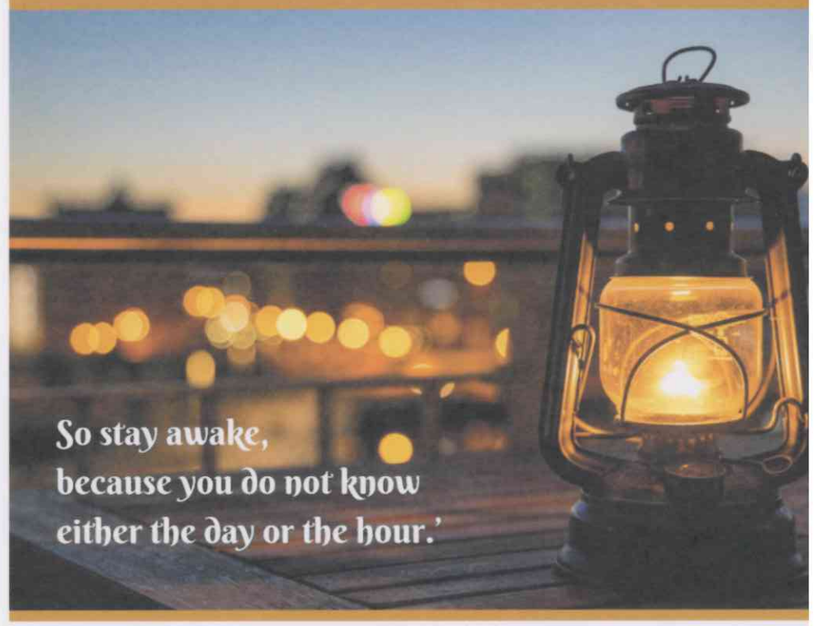
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

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. Thanks be to God.



We are called to follow Jesus.
We are called in a way that will prepare us for heaven and our eternal life of friendship with God.





We prepare in advance for things that are important to us in our lives. Whether these are holidays, exams, interviews, or meeting loved ones, our preparation indicates the value we place on what we are preparing for.

Today's Gospel paints five bridesmaids in a rather unfortunate light. In first-century Israel, wedding feasts were strictly guarded to prevent intruders and, once the wedding party entered, the door was locked. The wedding party were identified by their roles as light-bearing ushers, and the word lampas used in the Gospel referred to outdoor torches, which were long sticks with oil-soaked rags wrapped tightly around the top. They burned extremely quickly, needing large amounts of oil. Therefore, it would have been culturally inexplicable to come to the wedding without extra oil. The wise bridesmaids simply could not share their oil, as this risked all torches burning out, leaving the bridal walk to the groom's house in pitch darkness and disarray. Plus, without a lit lamp, one could not be identified as a member of the wedding party, resulting in the ultimate rebuttal in the words " I do not know you".

These words echo Peter's betrayal of Jesus. Betrayal is based on lack of trust and a loss of confidence. The five foolish bridesmaids were not prepared for the coming of the bridal party. What does this tell us about their values? What can it tell us about where we put our time and energy in our lives, and what we value?

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

Date	Time		
Sat 7th Nov	5.00pm	Deceased Parishioners Mass	Remembrance
Sunday 8th November	8.00am	Special Intentions	Special 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	Remembrance Remembrance
Monday 9th 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 2	
Tuesday 10th November	8.00am	Peg & Peadar Maher, Knockmullen	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Paddy, May & Maura Caulfield, Ballykerogue	Anniversaries
	Adoration takes place every Tuesday after Mass until 8.00pm		
Wednesday 11th November	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	People of the Parish , Parish Mass Association Statia O'Brien, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon, her daughter; Winnie & her son; Toddy	Remembrance Anniversaries
	11.00am	Armistice Day - Wreath laying in St. Stephen's Cemetery	
Thursday 12th November	8.00am	Pious 3	
	10.00am	Ned & Eileen Larkin, New Ross	Anniversaries
	Church Cleaning takes place every second Thursday after 10.00am Mass. New volunteers are Welcome.		
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Religious life in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
	7.30pm	Wexford General Hospital is holding their Annual Service of Remembrance at Clonard Church, Wexford	
Friday 13th November	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	10.00am	Kathleen Kehoe, Folly House Lane	Anniversary
Saturday 14th November	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Communion Service	
	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

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):
The Leacy Family, Charleton Hill - Anniversary Remembrance

Altar (Centre):
Tom Kelly, Parkfield - Anniversary Remembrance

St. Joseph's (Right):
Michael Hamilton, Ballyverogue - 5th Anniversary Remembrance

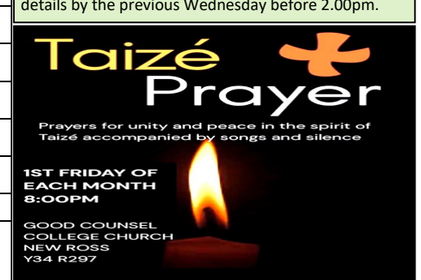
Blessed Sacrament Chapel:
Willie Reeves, Mount Carmel - Birthday Remembrance

In Remembrance

RECENTLY DECEASED:
We remember & pray of the souls of - Bridget Goggins (nee Connors), Stable Doors, The Maudlins &
Elizabeth (Betty) Rafter (nee Murray), New Houghton Hospital & Charleton Hill,
who have passed away recently.
May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS:
We remember & pray for the souls of - Diocesan Priests' - Fr. Robert Fitzhenry & Fr. Gregory Pettit,
William (Billy) Dwyer, Charleton Hill,
Martin & Molly Murphy, Ryleen,
Michael Hamilton (5th Anniversary), Ballyverogue, Maisie Monahan, Southknock,
Joan & Dick Byrne, Charleton Hill & Coventry, UK,
Ryan McGarr, An Caislean Maol,
Tom Bradley & his daughter; Carol Walsh, St. Joseph's Square,
Robbie Walshe, South Street &
Martin Kiernan, Cavan
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.



History Notes - Part 148:
ANCIENT HURLING TALES

Perhaps the earliest hurling tale is that of Cuchulainn who tamed the guard dog by striking his hurling ball down the dog's throat. In later centuries, and before the game was codified and developed by the GAA, the game was popular as a summertime activity. Before goalposts were thought of, a single willow (sally) post was used, with both ends sunk in the ground to form a hoop. A goal was scored when the ball was passed through the hoop from either side, and the game was decided by the scoring of one or more goals, as agreed by the teams before the match. Rules were fairly basic, and numbers of players per team was again a matter of agreement. The sponsors of hurling were often the local landlord and each had a team of tenants. Caesar Colclough of the Duffrey had a famous hurling team which he brought by invitation to Wales to play the team of a local landlord there. The Duffrey team wore yellow sashes to distinguish them from the opposition, and an important Walsh lady at the game supporting the Duffrey men, shouted "Come on the Yellowbellies!". And our Wexford Yellowbellies hurl on to this day.
Courtesy of Jim Sutton

NOVEMBER 2026

Eucharistic Ministers

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 1st Nov 2026 @ € 1,802.89 (168 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.**

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

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.



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.



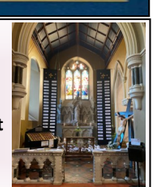
LAUNCH OF NEW POETRY COLLECTION :
Among *the Fields of God* draws on Sean O'Leary's experiences of working with parish communities across the Diocese of Ferns and accompanying participants in pastoral ministry programmes. The poems celebrate the quiet faith, generosity and service of priests, parish 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.**

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



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.



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.