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THURSDAY NIGHT CARD GAME

The Thursday night Card Game continues in the Community Centre each week at 8pm. Card winners on Thursday 19th were: John Hanley, Martin Cahill, Jer Sweeney, Tom Wickham, Owen & Sammy Elmes, Bridie Dillon.

SHAMROCK VINTAGE CLUB NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Shamrock Vintage Club will take place in Raheen Community Centre on Tuesday 24th November at 9 o'clock. All membership is due on the night. Old and new members welcome.

ADAMSTOWN GAA NOTICE OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Adamstown GAA will take place in Adamstown Community Centre on Sunday 29th November at 5.00pm. We encourage all club members, parents, players, coaches and supporters to attend.

Your Club, Your Voice, Your Future.

ADAMSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET – Sunday 6th December

Adamstown Community Christmas Market will take place in the Community Centre on Sunday 6th December from 11.00am – 4.00pm.There will be lots of gift ideas, homemade cards, treats, crafts, decorations, Christmas trees grown locally, face painting, teas and coffee and much more. Santa and Mrs Claus will arrive in style at 1.00pm.

Santa's elves will also be there with Santa's letterbox.

Some great Raffle prizes can be won this year including a cash prize of €200. Books of tickets are available in the Post Office, Cullen's Lounge and from our Committee members.

We would be very grateful for your support.

ADAMSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

THE BRICKX CLUB – LEGO BUILDING WORKSHOP

For Children aged 4 – 12 years in Adamstown Community Centre on Thursday 3rd December from 5pm – 6pm.

Cost €12.00. Text 086 – 6005985

A SINCERE THANK YOU FROM THE O'SHEA FAMILY

On behalf of the family, we would like to thank all those who attended the wake on Fri 6th, and the funeral on Sat 7th November. We would also like to thank all those who left messages of condolence on RIP and sympathy cards and Mass cards that we received. The family would like thank Fr. Nolan, Cáit, Ryan's Funeral Home, the gravediggers and musicians. They would like to thank the staff of WGH CCU and Dr. Catherine O'Donohoe. They would also like to thank the Community Centre Committee, the catering staff, and those that helped to serve the teas in Cullen's. Thanks to all Betty's friends and neighbours and the community for the incredible support that they have shown to our family.

FROM THE EULOGY AT BETTY O'SHEA'S FUNERAL MASS

Read by her son Brendan on 7/11/2026

Elizabeth (Betty) O'Shea (née) Doran was born to James & Margaret Doran of Moorefield, Rathaspeck, in 1946, the youngest of three children, her brother Teddy and sister Nuala.

Her father, James was a Labour Party county councillor and Betty followed in his steps by joining the Labour Party and remaining a lifelong member until her passing. She also told us stories of her mother, who played camogie for Wexford. A very proud moment for Betty on 13th Nov 2023, when she and other family members were presented with a jersey worn by her grandfather, Thomas (Skull) Hayes, when he captained the Wexford team to an All-Ireland Senior Football Final in 1893. Betty moved to Adamstown in 1969 after marrying Jimmy, having first met dancing to the tune of Slaney Valley. She took to life in Adamstown like a house on fire, and during those early days of her marriage, neighbours would ramble into her home where they all had great fun with Betty in the middle of everyone laughing her heart out. She loved the O'Shea family that she had married into. Betty devoted herself to the community over the past 57 years. She was a member of many organisations, including the Historical Society, Active Retirement, ICA, Community Games, Adamstown Development and & Adamstown Community Centre where she was Secretary, up until her passing. She was always proactive and positive and if something needed to be done, she would get it done!

Betty was secretary of the Parent's Association in Coláiste Abbáin for many years, during the campaign for a new school, Betty would send a letter each week to the Minister of Education until she got a response. The new Secondary school in Adamstown is a testament to her determination and love for her community. She fought many a battle and spoke her mind on improving services for young and old in the parish. She loved to see people in the Parish doing well.

When she discovered Facebook, she shared good news stories over and over again. She was a familiar face around the parish and welcomed everyone with a smile. Once she discovered driving later in life, the car was never off the road!

Betty had a life long love of learning, particularly local history. She was involved in the Historical Society. One of her publications was *Adamstown: A Place and Its People*.

Betty was so proud of her eight sons and daughter Eleanor and always had their back. She had a unique and individual relationship with each of them. In their times of need, she stood by them and gave them strength and courage to carry on. She created a home where the door was always open and everyone was welcome. She loved all of her 24 grandchildren. They in turn adored her, affectionately calling her Nanny Betty. They will miss her terribly. Her son-in-law and daughters-in-law held a very special place in her heart.

Betty faced her illness with incredible dignity and courage. Her faith never wavered, never once, and was with her right up to the end. Betty was a daughter, sister, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, an aunt, a mother-in-law, a sister-in-law, a cousin, a scholar, an activist and campaigner, and a great neighbour and friend to all. She is with her husband Jimmy now, who is saying to her.

"What took you so long?"

May her gentle soul rest in peace.

CHURCH NOTICES

IN MEMORIAM

Sat 21st – Kathleen Kidd, Oldcourt (A)

Sun 22nd – Mary Teresa & Michael Delaney, Brocurra (A)

Sat 28th – Raymond Kirwan, Barrack's Rd. (A)

Also – David & Betty Forrestal, Oldcourt (A)

And For all who died during the year.

Sun 29th – People of the Parish.

May they rest in peace.

There will be NO morning Mass or Adoration in St. Abban's Oratory this week as:

NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS

WILL COMMENCE THIS MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

AT 7pm EACH EVENING

Monday 23rd.: – Tomgarrow, Misterin, Rathkyle

Adamstown & Coolnagree.

Tuesday 24th – Oldcourt, Brocurra, Doononey,

Woodview Drive.

Wednesday 25th – Newtown, The Leap, Knockreigh,

Coonogue.

Thursday 26th – Kellystown, Chapel, Raheenduff,

The Barracks.

Friday 27th – Glenour, Ballyvergin, Rathsilla, Fairfields.

Each person will receive a candle after Mass and the candles will be lit and left on the shrine in front of the altar.

Saturday 28th Mass at 7.30pm for all who died since last year.

PIOUS LIST ENVELOPES. – Don't forget to bring your Pious List Envelope with the names of those you wish to have included in the above Masses.

Note: Envelope & sheet for names are included in your Weekly Envelope Box.

SYMPATHY – MARGO FURLONG, R.I.P.

The death occurred on Tuesday 17th November of Margo Furlong, (née) Barron), Ballagh, Adamstown. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband, Paddy, daughters Brigid, Catherine, Ann, Ita and son Seamus, extended family, neighbours and friends. Margo's funeral Mass was

celebrated in the Church of St. John Paul 11, Raheen on Friday last, followed by burial in Raheen Cemetery.

May her gentle soul rest in peace.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK (Fr Chris O'Donnell)

If at times you feel inadequate because the

seas of life are rough.

Don't let these moments haunt you…

trust that you are enough….

Doubting is only natural when we are struggling to cope,

May God give you strength and help you to find hope.

REFLECTION – In Giving We Receive. (Winston Churchill)

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give"

PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS

The persecution of Christians world wide remains a serious issue with widespread discrimination, violence, and human rights abuse.

Global Overview:

Scale of Persecution: Some 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is severely violated – that's 18%, or about one in five Christians.

Hotspots of Persecution: The most dangerous places for Christians are typically countries where totalitarian or authoritarian governments restrict religious freedoms, where Islamist extremism is present, or where there are significant nationalist or tribal hostilities towards religious minorities.

Top Countries with High Persecution Levels:

1. **North Korea:** Known for severe restrictions, North Korea

enforces heavy punishments, including imprisonment and

executions, for Christians caught practicing their faith.

2. **Somalia:** Tribal and religious dynamics make it nearly

impossible to openly practice Christianity, with Somalia

Christians facing intense persecution from family, community, and extremist groups.

3. **Yemen:** Ongoing civil war and the influence of extremist groups make it extremely difficult for Christians to live openly, with a small community in fear of death if discovered.

4. **Eritrea:** Known as *'the North Korea of Africa',* Eritrea severely restricts religious freedom, imprisoning Christians in inhumane conditions without trial.

5. **Nigeria:** Violent extremist groups like Boko Haram and militant Fulani herdsmen frequently target Christian communities, particularly in the Middle Belt and northern regions.

(Aid to the Church in Need. ACN Ireland)

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC-

BRANDON HOUSE HOTEL, NEW ROSS

Mon 23rd Nov 2026. Tuesday 24th Nov,

Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th

From: 4.45pm – 8.00pm.

Check your eligibility & book your appointment at

giveblood.ie or call us on 1800 222 111

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: *For the Grieving Heart.*

Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope,

and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given.

May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love.

Amen.

LEADERSHIP: (Harry Truman)

" A leader is a man who has the ability to get other people to do what they don't want to do and like it"

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Christ The King **22nd November 2026** **YEAR A**

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat. 21st Nov. 2026—Sun. 29th Nov. 2026

Most Holy Trinity Church, Bunclody

Saturday 21st November 7:30pm
Paddy Behan, Anniversary.
Tommy Armstrong, Cametigue, 3rd Anniversary.

Sunday 22nd November 11:30am
Tom Mc Gee, Month's Mind.
Joe Codd, Craan, & Martin O' Connor, Craan, & deceased members of the Codd & O'Connor families.
Jim Moore, 29 St. Mary's Villas, Bunclody, Anniversary.
Jack Jordan, Irish Street, Anniversary, & also deceased members of the Jordan family.
Helen O' Callaghan, née Mckeown, 1st Anniversary.
Stephen Cox, Anniversary, also
Mary Brennan, Anniversary.

Wednesday 25th November 9:00am
Annie, Bernie & Ann Nugent, Anniversaries.

Saturday 28th November 11:00am
Fr. Brendan Cantwell, Anniversary.

Saturday 28th November 7:30pm
Eileen Redmond, Anniversary, & her parents Michael & Catherine.
Mary Rellis, 2 Carrigban, 1st Anniversary.
Eamon Griffin, Drumderry, Anniversary.
Helen (Nell) O'Callaghan, (née McKeown) 1st Anniversary.

Sunday 29th November 11:30am
Eamon Griffin, Drumderry, Anniversary.
Trish Roche, 58 Carrigbán, 10th Anniversary.

St. Mary Magdaline Church Kilmyshall

Sunday 22nd November 10:00am
Tommy Armstrong, Cametigue.
Jim & Hannah Finn, & deceased members of the Finn family.

Sunday 29th November 10:00am
Jane Roche, Anniversary & deceased members of the Roche family.

Bunclody Church

Volunteers required: Can you help in the daily work of the church, to assist at Funerals, Weddings. A little help goes a long way. Please give your name and number into the Parish Office or the Sacristy.

Please Support Bunclody Parish

Bunclody Parish Finance Committee is seeking regular weekly contributions to strengthen the parish's financial position and fund essential improvements including making the Parish Priest's house habitable by bringing it up to modern standard. You can donate with a weekly envelope or by setting up a Direct Debit to pay your weekly donation to: Bunclody Catholic Church; IBAN: IE02 BOFI90652311160122 Account No.: 11160122 BIC: BOFIIE 2D. Your regular support of our church and parish is necessary and will be greatly appreciated.

First Five Saturdays

First Saturday Devotions will commence in Bunclody Church in January 2027 and continue until May. The First Saturdays Conference takes place in Knock on Saturday November 28th. See www.FirstSaturdays.ie and church porch for the programme. Please contact Helena Byrne (087 2981506) for bus bookings from the Ferns Pastoral Cluster and beyond.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER is the FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Mass will be in Bunclody Church on Monday evening the 7th December at 7:30pm & Tuesday morning at 10:00am.

Mass in Kilmyshall Church on Monday evening the 7th December at 7:30pm & on Tuesday morning at 9:30am

YOUTH 2000 prayer Meeting is on Friday 27th November at 7:30pm in Bunclody Church.

Daily Mass Bunclody: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9am, Saturday 11:00am.
Eucharistic Service: Monday & Tuesday 9am
Weekend Mass: Vigil (Sat) 7:30pm & ***Sunday*** 11:30am.
Safeguarding Rep: Gertrude Rowlands: 087 6847698
Confessions Bunclody: Saturday 11:30am.
Bunclody Parish Office Opening Hours
Monday: 9:00am-1:00pm**, Tuesday & Wednesday:** 8:00am -4:30pm**, Thursday:** 8:00am-3:00pm**, Friday:** 8:00am-12 Noon**, Saturday:** 8:00am-11:30am**.** ***Contact:*** 053 9376190.
***Email*: mostholytrinitypo@gmail.com**

KILMYSHALL NOTES

Choir: Rehearsals every Tuesday at 7:30pm in Most Holy Trinity Church, Bunclody. New Members welcome.

Mass in Kilmyshall every Tuesday at 9:30am followed by Adoration from 10:00am to 4:00pm. New Adorers are always welcome!

Split the Pot Winner Friday 13th November: Enda Feigherty —€102- **Seller: Tirlán**. Draw takes place every Friday**.**
300-1 Club Draw next Friday 27th November.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER NOVEMBER
Sunday Morning: Patrick Murphy.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NOVEMBER
Sunday 29th November: Sarah Murphy.

We thank all our parishioners for their generous support of our weekly envelope and basket collections. Weekly donations may also be paid by setting up a Direct Debit to: Kilmyshall Church; IBAN: IE90 BOFI 9065 2354 2610 70 BIC:

Kilmyshall Church is seeking people who would be interested in joining a flower team to help decorate the church on a rota basis. Please give your name & contact details to Kilmyshall parish office on 053 9377188 or 086 3681772

Penitential Service & the Sacrament of Confession in Bunclody on Sunday 6th December at 6.30pm.

Vincent de Paul Annual Collections
Weekend Collection December 5th and 6th also annual food appeal trolley in O'Reilly's SuperValue Bunclody.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

BUNCLODY AA GROUP: all our meetings (Tuesday & Saturday nights) are held at St. Mary's Daycare Centre, Ryland Rd. Y21 C656.

* **St Vincent de Paul : Local Confidential helpline 087 3593635, please call if you need help.**
* **S.V.P. Requests are to be handed into shop.**

Daily Mass Kilmyshall : Tuesday 9:30am followed by Adoration from 10am to 4pm
Weekend Mass: Sunday 10:00am
Safeguarding Rep: Mary McKeown 086 8973152
***Confessions*:** By Request

Kilmyshall Parish Office Opening Hours:
Tuesday & Friday : 10:00am –1:00pm
Contact: 053 9377188 or 0864460232
Email: kilmyshallparish@gmail.com
www.kilmyshallparish.com

Clonard Parish Newsletter

Fr. Sean Devereux
Tel. 087 – 3880355

Saturday the 21st & Sunday the 22nd of November 2026

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The Feast of Christ the King. - A Different Kind of Kingdom

The Feast of Christ the King—celebrated on the final Sunday of the liturgical year—invites us to reimagine what true power looks like. Unlike earthly rulers who hold authority through wealth, force, or status, Jesus reveals a kingship rooted in humility, truth, mercy, and self-giving love. Below are a few points worth considering.

Service over status: Jesus leads as a shepherd who tends, protects, and seeks out the vulnerable rather than demanding to be served.

Love over coercion: His reign is built on forgiveness, peace, and justice, even when met with mockery or suffering.

A present call, not just a future hope: Praying "Your kingdom come" is a commitment to live out compassion, dignity, and solidarity right now.

Thank You

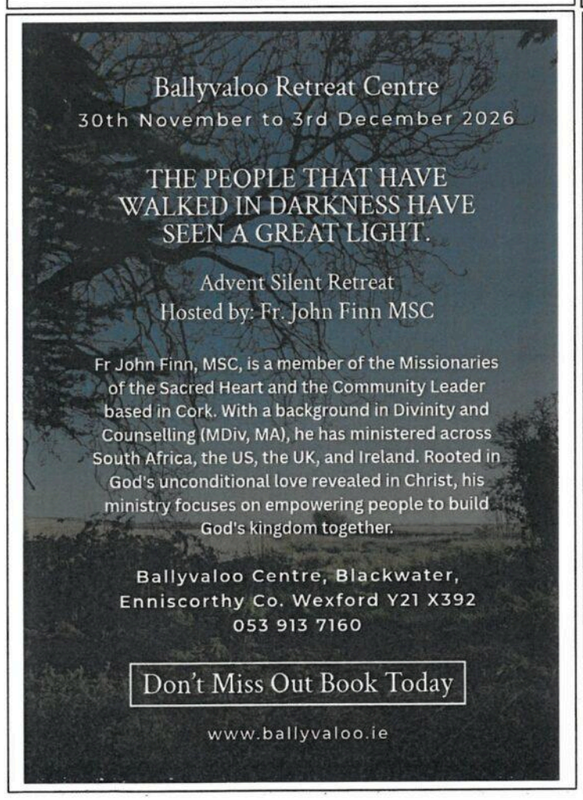
A total of €910 was raised through our Youth Ministry church gate collection to help with the cost of our youth pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Your support is greatly appreciated

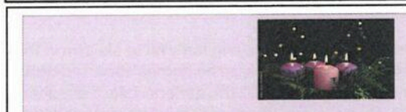
Intentions for this weekend

Saturday 6pm
Joseph Thomas (Anniv)
Charlie and Kathleen O'Neill (Anniv)
Anne Conway (Anniv)
Angela Driscoll (Anniv)
Reggie Murphy
Cathrine Hendrick

Sunday 9.30am
Darius Zilanious & deceased members of the Mazulious family
Fonzo Mahon (Anniv)
Carmel Lawler (Anniv)
Rosaleen and Tommy Larkin (Anniv)
Ellen and Nicholas Harpur (Anniv) their daughter Louise, her husband Kevin and grandson Eamonn
Ger Morris
Joe Sheehan

Sunday 11.30am
Anne Conway (Anniv)
Ellen and Nicholas Harpur (Anniv) their daughter Louise, her husband Kevin and grandson Eamonn
Stephen O'Brien (Anniv)
Ciara O'Mahoney (Anniv)
Robert McGuinness (Anniv)
Baby Oidín Foley-Moran (Anniv)
Lily Maher





The Season of Advent at The Parish of the Annunciation, Clonard

Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. For many of us, the coming weeks will be hectic as we prepare for the celebration. Shopping for presents, writing letters to Santa and sending cards are just a few of the tasks on our to-do list.

At our parish, we invite you to take some time from your busy schedule to join us in reflection and prayer as we prepare for Jesus's birthday.

A Time of Preparation
We invite you to join Sr. Maureen on the Mondays of Advent, November 30th, and December 7th, 14th and 2st for prayer and reflection in St Ita's Room in Clonard Community Centre at 7 pm

Taize Prayer
Prayer around the Cross will take place on Tuesdays of Advent from 7 to 8 pm (December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd) in the Day Chapel.

A Time of Prayer and Meditation with the Blessed Sacrament
Sundays of Advent 5 pm to 5.45pm (November 29th. December 13th and 20t) You are invited to spend 30 minutes in the presence of Jesus. The prayer time will end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Carols Around the Christmas Tree
On Sunday December 6th at 6 pm we will gather with our children and young people to turn on the lights on the Christmas Tree in the church carpark.

www.clonardparish.ie



Weekly Envelopes

The Weekly Envelopes for last week amounted to **€1,165.00**

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to make a donation by credit/debit card please contact the office on 053 91 23672

Safeguarding

Our Parish Representative in respect of the Diocese of Ferns Child Safeguarding is Tom Aherne
Tel: 087-6626915

First Friday Visits

If you or somebody you know is sick or housebound and would like a First Friday visit, please contact the Parish office on 053 9123672

CLONARD PARISH RADIO

Please be advised that all Church services are streamed live on the Parish website www.clonardparish.ie and the Parish Facebook Page Church of the Annunciation – Clonard Parish accessible on 92.9FM

Masses
Saturday: Vigil Mass 6pm. Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am

Weekdays Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am
Service of God's Word and Holy Communion: Monday and Friday 10am

Holy Days
Eve of Holy Day: 7pm Vigil. Holy Day: 10am

Confession
Saturday: 4.30pm – 5.30pm. Sunday from 10.30am – 11.15am

Adoration Times
Monday: 10.30am – 5pm. Tuesday: 10.30am – 11.30am
First Friday's: 10.30am – 12 noon, First Sunday: 2pm – 5pm

Acorn Shop Opening Hours

Monday to Friday
9:30am – 1:00pm

Wednesday
2:00pm – 5:00pm

Christmas Stock now in!

Clonard Bingo

Bingo Every Wednesday in Clonard Community Centre at 8pm (doors open at 7pm)

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.

CLONARD LOTTO

Lotto results for the 18th of November 2026

No Jackpot Winner

7 Match 3 Winners receives €107.00 each

Winning numbers: 2 – 18 – 26 – 27

Jackpot for the 25th of November 2026 - €12,250

Tickets are €2.00 at the Parish Office. Lotto draw takes place every Wednesday night at 8.30pm
Play online at www.clonardparish.ie with your local promoter or in the Parish Office.
If you wish to become a promoter, please call to the Parish Office to have it arranged.

St Michael's Parish

Jubilee Year Of St Francis Of Assisi - Marks The 800th Anniversary Of The Saint's Death
(Transitus: passing from the earthly life to eternal life)

St. Michael's Church
Daily Mass Monday - Saturday: 10.00am and 6.30pm
Sunday Mass: 6.30pm (Vigil), 8.30am, 10.00 am, 12noon
Daily Rosary: 9.30am and 6.00pm
Confessions: Saturdays after 10am mass
St. Kevin's Church, Tara Hill, Sunday Mass: 12 noon

St Michael's Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 21st November
10am: Mass Association Intentions
6.30pm: 2 Special Intentions, Lily Parkinson née Donegan (1st Anniv), Leo Donnelly, Madge Crowe, Michael, Thomas, Mary, Denis & Patrick Kelly, George & May Griffiths, Robert McDonald, John & Anastatia Redmond, Chris Egan, the deceased members of the France & Davis families, Ann Hegarty, Phyllis Doherty

Sunday 22nd November
8.30am: Jim & Margaret (Peg) Byrne
10am: Eileen Kingston, Patrick Redmond
12noon: 3 Special Intentions, Marian Doyle **MM**, Larry Doyle (12th Anniv), Molly Doyle (12th Anniv), Beatrice Kinsella & her sister Maureen O'Connell, Nancy Power, Paddy Dwyer, Thomas Sweeney, Brigid O'Sullivan, Clarence & Mary Cobbe

Weekday Mass Intentions:
Monday 10am: Pious List
Tuesday 10am: Mick Mulcahy, May O'Brien
Tuesday 6.30pm: Andy Kinsella & his daughter Nancy
Wednesday 6.30pm: Pious List
Thursday 10am: Special Intention, Sean Norton (8th Anniv), Gerry Slattery (25th Anniv)
Thursday 6.30pm: Pious List
Friday 10am: Pious List
Friday 6.30pm: Special Intention, Breda Kennedy (1st Anniv), William, Mary and the deceased members of the Byrne family

Saturday 28th November
10am: Mass Association Intentions
6.30pm: Special Intention, Catherine Molloy **BR**, Olive Behan **BR**, Teresa Kennedy Byrne, Mai & Michael Fitzpatrick

Sunday 29th November
8.30am: Joe Kinsella
10am: Michael-John Dwyer (2nd Anniv)
12noon: Treasa Cameron **MM**, Helen Christie (2nd Anniv) & her husband David, Paddy & Dick Heffernan, Michael Redmond

St Kevin's Church Mass Intentions

Sunday 22nd November 12noon: Eamonn O'Connor (3rd Anniv), Gertie Reid (7th Anniv), Mike Reid (36th Anniv), the deceased members of the Mooney Family
Sunday 29th November 12 noon: No Intentions

Feast Days for the Coming Week

Monday 23rd November - St Columban. Born around the year 543 on the Wexford/Carlow border, Columban (also known as Columbanus) became a monk at Bangor Abbey. In 591 he, along with twelve companions, travelled to Burgundy where he established monasteries at Annegray, Luxeuil and Fontaine. He later founded the monastery of Bergenz in Austria before his most famous monastic foundation at Bobbio, near Genoa in Italy, where he died in 615. He is remembered as one of the greatest of the Irish missionary monks.

'So let us not seek God as if He were far from us, for we can have Him within us'

St Columbanus



Tuesday 24th November - St Andrew Dũng Lạc and Companions. These 117 Vietnamese Martyrs (96 Vietnamese and 21 foreign missionaries) were canonised by John Paul II on the 19th of June 1988. St Andrew was a diocesan priest who ministered during a period of intense anti-Christian persecution. He was repeatedly arrested, ransomed and continued his ministry until his final arrest and beheading on 21st December 1839 in Hanoi. These 117 martyrs - bishops, priests, catechists, laypeople, parents and even children - killed between the 17th and 19th centuries, represent the estimated 100,000 to 300,000 Vietnamese Christians who died for their faith.

Wednesday 25th November - St Clement I, Pope and Martyr. Born in Rome where he was ordained by St Peter himself, St Clement became the fourth Pope. He is also numbered as the first Apostolic Father (writers in Greek who immediately followed the Apostles). Tradition holds that he was exiled to Crimea by the Emperor Trajan and was martyred there by being tied to an anchor and cast into the sea. His letter to the Corinthians is among the earliest surviving non-canonical Christian writings. The remains of St Clement were transferred from Crimea to Rome where they rest in the ancient Basilica of St Clement, which is in the custody of the Irish Province of the Dominicans.



Friday 27th November - St Fergal. An early Irish priest, geographer and astronomer who theorised the existence of the antipodes before their discovery by Europeans. Fergal, a descendant of Niall of the Nine Hostages, served as Abbot of Aghaboe Abbey in Co. Laois before setting out on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. However, when he reached the Frankish lands he settled there and founded a number of monasteries. He was eventually made bishop of Salzburg where he is called St Virgil. He is known to have converted the Alpine Slavs and sent missionaries to Hungary.

Christmas Novena

Christmas Novena Mass cards are available in the parish office along with a wide selection of Christmas gifts, including decorations, cribs, and religious calendars.

Parish Coffee Morning

We will hold a parish coffee morning on Wednesday 9th December after 10am Mass. If anyone would like to donate home-baked goods for the coffee morning, you can bring them into the parish office on Tuesday 8th December or the Pastoral Centre on 9th December. All are very welcome.

Advent In St Michael's Church

Sunday 29th November is the beginning of Advent. The Capuchin Friars will visit our church during Advent at 6.30pm Mass on 2nd, 9th and 16th December.

Wednesday 2nd December: An introduction to St Francis - listening to God's call, followed by a blessing with the relic of St Francis of Assisi.



Wednesday 9th December: Exploring the story of Padre Pio: Minister of God's Mercy and Healing, followed by a blessing with the glove of St Pio.
Wednesday 16th December Looking at the association between St Francis and the Christmas crib followed by prayers around the crib.

Holy Hour Of Adoration

A Holy Hour of Adoration will take place on Sunday 29th November, 6th and 13th December beginning with the Rosary at 6pm. We also have a Penitential Service on Wednesday 23rd December beginning with 6:30pm Mass.

Religious Goods Shop

In response to a number of requests that we have a religious goods shop in the church during parish missions, we are delighted to announce that one will be available each evening when the Capuchin Friars visit us during Advent. There will be a selection of devotional items for sale before the Masses, which will be blessed after each Mass.

Wall Of Remembrance And Pious List

Throughout November we honour the Holy Souls. If you would like the name of a loved one included on the Wall of Remembrance in St Michael's Church, please contact the parish office. Pious List envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the church. The box for completed Pious Lists is located beneath the Sacred Heart statue at the shrine of the Resurrection.

Youth Prayer Group

Our Parish Youth Prayer Group will meet again on Friday 11th December at 7pm in the Pastoral Centre. All teenagers and young adults are invited to attend.

Pope Leo XIV's November Prayer Intention

'Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less'



Church Carpark Update

We are delighted to announce that work on our carpark is now completed. The new carpark has been in operation for several weeks. The old carpark has been re-lined and new pedestrian entrances have been added and improved. The expansion of the carpark improves parking availability for big occasions here in St Michael's and is also an asset for our town. New planting will be put into the beds in the coming weeks. We would like to thank all of those who helped see this project to its completion.

Parish Collection

Thank you for your continued support from the weekly collection and direct debits. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to the parish. The amounts collected last week were: Gorey €1742.00 and Tara Hill €205.18 .Parish envelopes and direct debit forms are available for collection in the parish office.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will sing at 6.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve. If any young people, from the age of 8 upwards, would like to join the Children's Choir, rehearsals will take place on Sundays in the Pastoral Centre, beginning on 29th November at 5pm.



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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

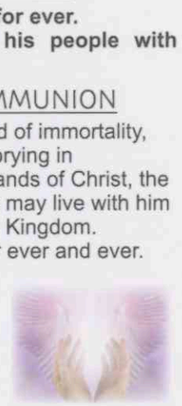
The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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.



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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.



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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