



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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Update on Two Parish Charities

This is the first time we have had two charity appeals running at the same time. The Liberia charity came upon us following the inspiring visit of Fr. Luigi. We have responded to a wish to support his brother working in Liberia, a fellow SMA priest. To date we have raised **€5,000. This amount has been forwarded to the SMA Fathers in Italy.** As usual we are grateful for the generous response from our parishioners.



Our second charity arose out of the donation by a member of a decorative quilt. We decided to conduct a raffle in support of the people of Gaza. What we have witnessed on our TV's is shocking and credit to our members we have responded generously. From the raffle and from individual donations we have collected so far **€5,194.**

The raffle for the quilt will take place during our International Fun Day on Sept. 8th.

The Season Of Creation (Sep. 1 to Oct. 4)

Poem of Lament by Drew Dillinger

“It's 3:23 in the morning
and I'm awake
because my great grandchildren
won't let me sleep.
My great grandchildren
ask me in dreams
what did you do while the Planet was plundered?
what did you do when the earth was unravelling?
surely you did something
when the seasons started failing?
as the mammals, reptiles, birds were all dying?
did you fill the streets with protest
when democracy was stolen?
what did you do once you knew?”

Bishopstown Toastmasters

Bishopstown Toastmasters offers a friendly environment to practice and gain experience in public speaking and leadership. We offer encouragement, support and mentoring to allow you to gain confidence. Our meetings are on Saturday mornings from 11:00 until 12:30 in Wilton Library, upstairs. Free to visit and see if we suit you.'

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SMA Church & Parish Centre, Wilton



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International Day - Sunday 8th September

All are welcome to attend our International Day (8th Dec from 2.30pm to 5.30pm). It takes place in the SMA Grounds behind the church building. Access to the grounds is between the church and the parish centre.

While there will be plenty of opportunities to taste different food items we are grateful to people who donate cakes for the tea/coffee stand. These can be dropped off at the Parish Centre in the days leading up to the event.



Programme for International Day

- 2.30pm—Filipino Community
- 3.00pm—Eritrean Community
- 3.30pm— Syro Malabar Community
- 3.45pm—“The Cat's Tale” a sketch performed by Kevin Power
- 4.00pm—Irish Group
- 4.30pm— Polish Community
- 5.00pm—Ukrainian Community

We thank those members who have volunteered to assist on the day. If anyone is uncertain of how they can help please go to the information desk which will be located by the Parish Centre.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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.....

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

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Through our Lord Jesus Christ

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your



TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Care for Creation

Jesus denounces hypocrisy and a religion concerned only with externals. He demands a change of heart and a sincerity between what we say and what we do. 1st September 2024



fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S. 14:2-5

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the goddess in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan and accepts
no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R)

SECOND READING James 1:17-18. 21-22.27

A reading from the letter of St. James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

By his own choice the Father made us his children by the message of the truth, so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he created. Alleluia!



GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice,

malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.

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

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power.

Through Christ our Lord.