



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## Our International Day

The International Fun Day was an opportunity to highlight our concern for the people of Gaza. The financial support given to this cause was fantastic. We collected €8,000. A representative of Trócaire will come to our parish this weekend and collect a cheque for the amount. Scan the QR code to view a short film of our International Fun Day.



We thank Paul O'Flynn for the presentation.

## SMA National Novena to St. Therese

The SMA Novena in honour of St. Therese began on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at St. Joseph's SMA Church, Blackrock Road and will close on Tuesday 1st October 2024. The Novena Mass will be celebrated each evening at 7.30 p.m. (except Saturday @ 7.00 pm Mass). There will be a guest choir and singer each evening.

## Invitation To Join In A Book Sharing

Recently, we put out an invitation to join a book group. If you have registered and paid €5 to join our book group, you can collect your copy of the book from the sacristy. We ask people to read the introduction and part one. A date will be arranged for our first meeting.

**It doesn't matter what *other people* say or do.**

**What matters is what you choose to believe about *yourself*.**

## What does Pope Francis say about the environment?

Pope Francis tells us that the earth is a beautiful garden that God has given us as a gift to till and take care of. The earth, he says, is our common home. It is part of our family like a sister that we share life with, a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. We are one single family with a common home. In the letter we can see Pope Francis almost weeping as he asks, "What have we done with sister earth?" And the answer he gives is that we have abused her. He tells us that our sister cries out to us of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the good which God has endowed us with. We have come to see ourselves as Lords and Masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The earth itself is the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor and groans in travail. The earth, our home, is beginning to look more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, once beautiful landscapes and oceans are now covered with rubbish.

## Mass Schedule Back To Normal

Starting in October, the usual evening 5.35pm Mass schedule will resume. It's nice to see the number of people who attend these Masses. We hope that the need to cut masses was a reminder of the shortage of priests and we are grateful for the retired priests who assist in enabling us to have the privilege of two Masses each day. This might be an opportunity for some members of the congregation to consider offering their service as reader or Eucharistic ministers at these masses. Some of the current ministers have given Trojan service and would like to see new volunteers coming forward and offering their service.

## Parish Newsletter

For most parishes, the weekly newsletter is an important tool of communication. It contains the notices for the coming week and keeps people in the loop about what is going on. Many parishes print these notices on one side of a page with the Sunday readings printed on the reverse side. Therefore, the Word of God is taken home by the people into their homes where it can be pondered again throughout the day and even seen by other family members who did not, for whatever reason, come to Mass. The parish newsletter is also a powerful symbol of mission and outreach. By giving one to the sick, the housebound, and those in nursing homes, we are keeping them connected to the faith community and reminding them that they have not been forgotten.

## Developing a personal prayer life is your responsibility

The habit of prayer needs to be developed and the parish offers various opportunities for one to join with others in nurturing their prayer life.

There is the daily practice of Adoration, sitting quietly in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Opportunities for this practice are from Monday to Saturday 10.30 - 12.30 am and Wednesday 6 to 7 pm.

We offer an opportunity to sit in Silent Adoration on Wednesday in the sacristy at 7.30 pm for 30 minutes.

On Thursdays after morning Mass, a group meets in a room, adjacent to the sacristy to participate in "Lectio Divina" – this is the practice of a period of prayerful reflection of the Gospel for the coming Sunday.

All these prayer opportunities are open to all, and all are welcome.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

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

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING Numbers 11.25-29

*A reading from the book of Numbers*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders.



## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

29th September 2024

The word of God cuts into our lives and challenges us to listen, even, if its message is tough. It is a word which promises a constant invitation in our lives to live more like Christ.

When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 18)

**R. The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R)**
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R)**
3. So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **(R)**
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **(R)**

### SECOND READING James 5.1-6

*A reading from the letter of St. James*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that

you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**



### GOSPEL

**Mark 9:38 - 43.45.47 - 48**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

*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

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us.

Through Christ our Lord.

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

*The mystery of faith.*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.**