



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## Ordinary Time

The church returns this Sunday to Ordinary Time for our Liturgy. We will be in Ordinary Time until we celebrate Lent and Easter. After the Easter Season we return again to Ordinary Time and we will be in Ordinary Time until we celebrate Advent, and we start all over again. In Ordinary Time the priest will wear **Green vestments** and the Gospel each week will, this year, be taken from the **Gospel of Luke**. It helps people to better participate in the Mass if they read the Gospel of Luke in their own time.

## SMA Journal

A new initiative by the SMA is the introduction of what is called "The SMA Journal". It's a monthly production sharing various stories about the work of our SMA. In this edition, one item is a report from our Folklore group recalling the major events of 2024 in our parish. To view the video, scan the QR code with your phone camera.



## Christmas Charity

**We have concluded our Christmas appeal 2024 in support of Gaza. The final amount that will be forwarded to Trócaire will be €10,000. Excellent! Thank you to all who supported. It was a strong statement made by our parish.**

People who wish to continue supporting Gaza can do so in the wall box at the back of the church marked 'GAZA'. This money will be forwarded to Trócaire in due course. Any person wishing to nominate a parish charity for 2025 feel free to offer the name to Fr. Michael; but be aware it is the responsibility of the nominee to provide the parish with relevant advertising material so that people can be made aware of the nature of the charity.

## Tax Back 2025

We thank our members who participated in our Tax Back program during 2024. We ask new members who can join and participate with us for 2025 to please do so.

All that is required is for a person to be paying tax and during the course of the year, if your contributions exceed €250 we can submit your name to revenue and the parish will receive €112 from the Government, **at no cost to yourself**. IN 2023, 70 members participated and met the requirement of their church contributions **exceeding the €112** and from their effort the parish received back from the Government, at no cost to anybody, €18,866.48. This is a very important source of revenue for our parish. **Thanks again to all who participated.**

*If you register please fill out the form which is attached to the box regarding your details and the number of the box you take. We need your details to allow us to track a person's individual donations in the coming year.*

## Eating in Ireland in the 60s



Pasta was not eaten.

Curry was a surname.

A takeaway was a mathematical problem.

A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.

All potato crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.

Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.

Calamari was called squid and we used it as fish bait.

A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.

Brown bread was something only poor people ate.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Fish didn't have fingers in those days.

Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.

None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognised food.

"Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.

Water came out of the tap.

If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock!!

But the one thing that we never ever had on our table in the sixties ....

"Elbows or Phones"

## Financial Figures for 2024

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Church collections	45,484	55,661	66,607	78,638	76,993
Shrine (Candles)	20,104	23,880	25,630	29,520	29,774
Charities	23,759	52,795	34,992	43,052	48,886

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you,  
O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to  
your name, O Most High!

## GREETING

In the name of the Father ..... Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

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

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

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

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and  
blood: 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,  
who govern all things, both in heaven and  
on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your  
people and bestow your peace on our times.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-5

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*  
About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem  
I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines  
out like the dawn and her salvation flames  
like a torch. The nations then will see your  
integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will  
be called by a new name, one which the



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Catholic Schools Week Begins

19th January 2025

Each Sunday liturgy is like a wedding feast in which Jesus is the  
bridegroom showing his love for us, - his bride, - by providing food  
and drink for our innermost needs.



mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be  
a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,  
a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no  
longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor  
your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called  
'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for  
the Lord takes delight in you and your land will  
have its wedding. Like a young man marrying  
a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so  
will your God rejoice in you.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95:1-3.7-10

**R. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord  
among all the peoples.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R)**
2. Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory and his  
wonders among all the peoples. **(R)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name. **(R)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R)**

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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

There is a variety of gifts but always the same  
Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done,  
but always to the same Lord; working in all  
sorts of different ways in different people, it is  
the same God who is working in all of them.  
The particular way in which the Spirit is given  
to each person is for a good purpose. One  
may have the gift of preaching with wisdom  
given him by the Spirit; another may have the  
gift of preaching instruction given him by the  
same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given  
by the same Spirit; another again the gift of

healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power  
of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift  
of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues  
and another the ability to interpret them. All  
these are the work of one and the same Spirit,  
who distributes different gifts to different people  
just as he chooses.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL John 2:1-11

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The  
mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his  
disciples had also been invited. When they ran  
out of wine, since the wine provided for the  
wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus  
said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said,  
'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not  
come yet.' His mother said to the servants,  
'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six  
stone water jars standing there, meant for the  
ablutions that are customary among the Jews:  
each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus  
said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,'  
and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out  
now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.'  
They did this; the steward tasted the water,  
and it had turned into wine. Having no idea  
where it came from - only the servants who had  
drawn the water knew - the steward called the  
bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve  
the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort  
till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you  
have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus:  
it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory  
be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

*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 ✠

**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 Lord, we pray, that we may  
participate worthily in these mysteries, for  
whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is  
celebrated the work of our redemption is  
accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**We have come to know and to believe  
in the love that God has for us.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,  
and in your kindness make those you have  
nourished by this one heavenly Bread  
one in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

