

# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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#### The Guru's Cat

When the guru sat down to worship each evening the ashram cat would get in the way and distract the worshippers. So he ordered that the cat be tied up during evening worship.

Long after the guru died the cat continued to be tied up during evening worship, and when the cat eventually died another cat was brought to the ashram so that it could be duly tied up during evening worship.

Centuries later learned treatises were written by the guru's disciples on the essential role of a cat in all properly conducted worship.

Please see notices at Church Entrance or on the website www.smawilton.ie to see the Mass Schedule for Feast of The Holy Souls and All Saints Day.

#### Parish visit to St. Finbarr's Cemetery, 6<sup>th</sup> November @ 2.30pm

It is not commonly known but there is a section of St. Finbarr's cemetery called the "The Poor Ground" where destitute people who died were buried, but given no headstone. The practice no longer continues, but on our visit on the 6<sup>th</sup> November it would be good to visit the area and to spend a moment and reflect on all who are buried there, and to recall people today who die in lonely circumstances whether through poverty or despair or suicide.

# Times and dates for the Blessing of the Graves will take place at the following cemeteries

St. Oliver's - Saturday, November 5th at 2pm.

St. Finbarr's, Glasheen: Sunday, November 6th - 2.30 pm.

**St. James' Cemetery (Chetwynd, Togher)** - Sunday, November 6th - 3 pm.

As part of Cork Local Drugs & Alcohol Task Force - Drugs Awareness Month Ballyphehane Action for Youth Project are organising a COMMEMORATION "Reflections of Hope"

Wednesday 2nd November in the SMA Church Wilton 6.15 - 7 pm Opening address: Lord Mayor of Cork. Music by: High Hopes Choir

M.C.: Catriona Twomey (Cork Penny Dinner)

Followed by light refreshments in the SMA Parish Centre @ 7 pm.

All welcome.

#### **Parish Monthly Charity**

To date we have collected €466 in support of our member who wishes to go to India with the Hope Foundation. We thank those who support our monthly charities.

### Parish Restoration Fund – Total collected €31,654

We remind ourselves there are just two weeks to go before the Raffle on the 13th November. Thanks to all who have returned Ticket stubs and money. The response has been very encouraging. Thank you. Thanks also for the generous support in the Restoration collection last Sunday. The weather is being kind to us and hopefully the scaffolding will be removed in a few weeks.

Monday, October 31st is a Bank Holiday.

There will be one Mass only at 10 am.

Lieutenant Commander Neil Manning, Captain of the LE James Joyce, recently returned from the Mediterranean will give a presentation on the Irish Naval Service's role in the current humanitarian crises in the Central Mediterranean.

Thursday 3rd November at 7.30 pm in The SMA Parish Centre Wilton

# **Bible Workshop**

During the coming year we will be using the Gospel of Matthew during

Sunday Mass. As an introduction to the Gospel and help in understanding the Christmas story according to Matthew there will

be a talk on the 12th Nov. at Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 10 to 1.30pm. All welcome.

## Cork through the decades

On Tue. 15<sup>th</sup> November Tim O'Brien will present a nostalgic slide presentation of Cork through the decades in Parish Centre after the 10am Mass. If anyone is in possession of interesting pictures or slides from down the years and would like to share them bring them to one of the priests. They will be scanned and returned. All are welcome.