



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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The Shattered Goblet

The Tibetan master held a sparkling crystal goblet for all to see. "For me", he said, "this beautiful goblet is already broken. I admire it. I drink from it. It contains water perfectly, just as it is. Sometimes the rays of the sun shine through and the glass sparkles with brilliant colours.

If I flick it with my thumbnail – so! – it rings out with clarity like a wind chime. But someday a gust of wind will knock it over or in a moment of clumsiness I'll brush it with my robe and it will fall to the floor and shatter into thousands of tiny pieces. "That's it," I say, "It's inevitable. When I truly accept that this glass is already broken, I awaken to the knowing that every moment with it is precious.

Since everything we love will be lost, it makes sense to appreciate it all the more while we have it.

A meeting regarding the setting up of Bishopstown Tidy Towns will be held on Thursday, 24th November, at 7.30pm in Wilton Park House.

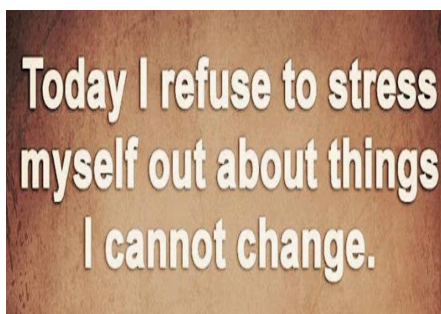
This is a unique opportunity to get involved in taking pride in your local parish, to meet new people and to build community spirit.

Please reply to info@bishopstowntidytowns.com

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2017 S.M.A. Calendars are now on sale in the Mass card office. Cost €3.

An analysis of the recent election of Donal Trump is available at the back of the church. It is worth reading and it might challenge our own views of what it means for society today.



Wilton Justice Group

On our Parish website – www.smawilton.ie – under Wilton Justice Group you can access a weekly program on *Lautauto Si* (Pope Francis's recent encyclical). It is an interesting and challenging course and one worth noting as we are about to enter the season of Advent.

November Charity – Focus Ireland

During the month of November we are supporting the homeless through the charity Focus Ireland. Last week we began our support with €128.59.

Church Restoration - Total collected to date €44,000

We conclude our Raffle this weekend. We thank all who supported our very successful raffle. From now on we will rely on having second collections twice a month and encourage all members who are liable to pay tax to register in the Tax Back scheme for 2017. Our generosity will determine if we can undertake the painting of the inside of the church in due time.

The Parish is compiling a list of the sick & housebound members who would appreciate Communion being brought to their house at least once a month. If you know of a member in such a situation, please first confirm with the person that they are in agreement, and then register their name on the list in the church.

Cork through the decades

On Tuesday 15th November, Tim O'Brien will present a nostalgic slide presentation of Cork through the decades in Parish Centre after the 10am Mass.

All are welcome.

In preparation for the Tax Back Scheme, we ask all people who are eligible for Tax to register. No matter how small or large your tax contribution register & assist the Church during 2017.

Croí na Gaeilge (Tel. 085 1611573 after 6 p.m. only) is holding a Leaving Certificate Honours Oral Irish (worth 40% of total exam marks) Intensive One Day Preparation Course on Sunday November 27th from 11-6 p.m. given by an experienced Oral Examiner/Teacher and open to all 6th & 5th Year Honours students in Wilton, Glasheen and surrounding areas. All topics will be covered (including sraith pictiúr, general conversation, poetry reading, Gaeltacht phrases and nathanna cainte).