



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## TOTAL COMMITMENT

One day a hen and a pig were walking along the road together enjoying the sunny morning and having a friendly conversation.

As they turned a corner they noticed a big poster by the roadside. It was an advertisement for the "Great British Breakfast", and it featured such goodies as fried potatoes, tomatoes, mushrooms, first and foremost, two fried eggs, a couple of sausages, and a few rashers of sizzling bacon.

"Ah," sighed the hen, "just take a look at that. What a picture! Doesn't it make you feel proud, to be chosen to participate in such a wonderful institution as the great British breakfast?"

"Hmm," replied the pig. "It may be 'participation' for you, but for me its total commitment."

***Participation is free. But commitment will cost you!***

## Christmas appeal for Simon Community

The response to our Christmas appeal in support of the Simon Community's wish to assist in providing housing for the people of Cork was fantastic.

We were set a target of €6,500.

From the proceeds of our Christmas Carol program, the Christmas tree ribbons, Gael Scoil carol singing in the Shopping Centre, a collection and raffle at Monday Night Bingo we collected a total of €6,436. Fantastic!

We will conclude the project by taking €64 from our 'Year of the Family' collections. We can be proud of ourselves as a parish that we responded as we did to a deserving cause that is a challenge to our society.

## January Monthly Charity.

Support for our January Charity – THE IRISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST – is encouraging to date. So far we have raised €345.87. Details of the charity are posted beside the charity boxes in the church.

## Lent begins February 14<sup>th</sup>.

In anticipation of Lent we ask that people would return their Palm branches taken from the church last Palm Sunday. The branches will be burnt and become the ashes of the community for distribution on Ash Wednesday. It is a token reminder that we all contribute to the sin of the community and the society in which we live.

## Tax Back 2018.

We thank those people who are supporting our Tax Back program. It's hoped that all those participating have by now received their envelopes. If not, please contact Fr. Michael. We are hoping more Tax Paying members might join. On tables at the entrance of the Church are boxes of envelopes. If you can join take a box and mark your name and details on the paper pro-



***To have the newsletter sent to you by email, please leave your email with any of the Priests or in the Parish Office.***

**Please join your fellow parishioners for a cup of tea/coffee and chat every Sunday after 10.30 am Mass or before 12 noon Mass, in the Parish Centre.**



**Children's Liturgy - The Gospel explained to Children  
(Parents welcome to attend)  
First and third Sunday of every Month.  
Sunday 7th and 21st January**

**Lourdes 2018–Young Adult Helpers.** The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites Young Adults 18-25 years to come to Lourdes as helpers from 11th to 16th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme as well as time for prayer, for making new friends and sharing in the story of Lourdes.

Limited number of places. Closing date for applicants is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018. For further details contact Fr. Charlie Kiely 021-4537603, Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane, Cork or email: [charliekiely@gmail.com](mailto:charliekiely@gmail.com)

Parents & Toddlers Group will resume on Monday 15th February at 10 am. Volunteers needed—if interested please come along any Monday morning. Contact 0868404330. New members welcome.