



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

Telephone: 021- 4341362 Website: www.smawilton.ie email: smappcc@eircom.net

Masses, Funerals and other events available to view via our Church Webcam



EASTER SOUP

There is a story told about a poor village that was visited by a priest one Easter. They seemed to have no life in them and looked sad and dejected. He was hungry and thirsty. When he couldn't get even a glass of water to drink, he called the people together and told them that he could make some wonderful soup for them from the Easter stone he carried with him. They liked the idea of the soup.

The priest asked for water and a big pot. A fire was lit. He dropped the Easter stone into the water and allowed the water to boil. After some time, he tasted it and said it was great. All it needed was some chicken to enhance the flavour. So the people brought chickens, plucked them, washed them and threw them into the soup. When he tasted it again he said, "It is getting better, if I could just add some vegetables it would really be great. The people brought vegetables, washed them, cut them and threw them into the soup. Finally, the soup was ready.

The whole village was fed and everyone enjoyed the Easter soup. Later, the priest took the stone from the bottom of the dish, washed it, put it in his pocket and went his way. He knew that the magic was not in the stone but in the people, sharing their resources and working together.

World Meeting of Families

The forthcoming visit to Ireland by His Holiness Pope Francis is an occasion of great joy and celebration for the people of Ireland. The visit will take place over two days, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August.

The projected cost of the World Meeting of Families and the Papal visit is €20million. These costs include event and site preparation at each location, flights and accommodation costs and a large security cost. In order to defray the cost, it has been decided the Irish Episcopal Conference that a further collection will take place, in every Diocese prior to the Pope's visit. The scheduled date for the collection in our Diocese is the weekend of 28th & 29th July.

I am conscious of the number of Special Collections which take place in the Diocese throughout the year and your continuing support. I would ask once again for your support for the Papal visit collection, due to its importance and significance to the Church and the people of Ireland.

*With prayerful regards to you and all in your care,
I remain, Yours sincerely in Christ
John Buckley, Bishop of Cork & Ross*

JULY MONTHLY CHARITY.

For the month of July we supported one of our African SMA Priests in Nigeria. Fr. Matthew Bassah runs a training program for women in Kaduna, Nigeria. By means of a four month training program he hopes to empower over 500 young Nigerian women. The response was wonderful; we have collected €1,550.14



Invitation to Fall in Love: During the Spring the Wilton Justice Group invited Fr. Donal Dorr to speak to us about the Spirituality of Eco Justice. Shep Earth Aware agreed to join us in organising same for the 8th June.

It was a beautiful June evening and to our surprise 84 people turned up and were treated to an inspiring talk on the Mystery of Creation. The talk could be summed up as an invitation to fall in love with the Mystery of Creation. Fr. Donal has generously put his talk on his website. www.donaldorr.com and his talk is under "Ecology Cork 2018. This talk was about Nature Mysticism, which according to Richard Rohr "was in fact a worthy first path for Francis and also for Bonaventure who saw all things as likenesses of God, finger and footprints that reveal the divine DNA underlying all living links in the great chain of Being" .

PARISH CENTRE RENOVATIONS.



As the picture makes clear, work on the renovation of the Parish Centre is on-going. The floor for the new rooms has been laid and indications are that the work can be completed as planned. We again invite all parishioners to join in supporting the renovation by participating in the **Restoration Raffle**. One envelope contains only €20 of tickets. If every member took one envelope it would be an encouragement to the work of the Centre. Envelopes are on the table in the church.

FREE APP FOR PRAYER - TRY IT OUT!

The free Contemplative Outreach app for Centering Prayer is now available for iPhones and iPads (iOS 7+) and Android phones. Spanish-language versions are also available.

The Centering Prayer mobile app supports one's daily prayer practice commitment. Beautiful, elegant and peaceful, the app includes an adjustable timer, as well as opening and closing prayer options that may be read before and after Centering Prayer. An assortment of sounds and backgrounds allow one to choose the type of environment for the prayer time. Brief instructions for learning Centering Prayer are also included. You can find the app in the the iTunes App Store or the Google Play Store if you have an Android; search for Centering Prayer, select the one by Contemplative Outreach.