



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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IMPERFECTION.

Imperfection will always be part of the human condition and since the Church is peopled by humans; all churches have as many imperfections as gifts.

I should not expect any institution, least of all the Church, to run smoothly. I should remember the lesson of the gospel. In a field of wheat, cockles and weeds grow side by side. It is beyond human power to separate them. We have to let them grow together and in time they will separate themselves. That's the gospel truth.

In the Church the more enthusiasm we have, the more likely we are to run up against small minds, rigid minds, narrow minds and stony hearts. Even if we are lovers of order we are just as likely to be frustrated by the spirit blowing where the spirit will.

Our churches and our lives will always be untidy, riddled with contradictions. There will always be a sinful side and a virtuous side, a dark side and a bright side, a despairing side and one full of hope.

The Ash we placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday was an acknowledgment of this. Lent is a time to try and improve as individuals and as a church.

KINDNESS

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTIONS.

Trocaire Boxes are available on tables around the Church. Please take one, it is an opportunity to help the Church support many needy causes around the world. Money from our church charity boxes will also be counted as our contribution to Trocaire for the period of lent. To date we have collected €131.82

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT

Lent is an important opportunity for people to reflect on their lives. The Parish is offering various possibilities for one to **REPENT** and renew ourselves.

1. Every Wednesday evening in Lent there will be a 6 week program on the Catechism and the doctrine of the church. Here is an opportunity for people to develop a more mature understanding of their faith. This Guided Faith filled Lenten Programme will take place in the Parish Centre at 7pm.
2. Every Thursday evening of Lent there will be a 6 week program which will offer people an opportunity to reflect on their inner world of emotions such as gratitude, generosity and forgiveness. This programme will be facilitated by Ber Mulcahy and will take place at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre.
3. There are many books on sale in the Mass Office which are aids for people to reflect on the meaning of Lent for their lives.

Try and take advantage of at least one of these opportunities. If we all did something we might better appreciate the meaning of the Ash we place on our foreheads and come to Easter better able to celebrate the Easter event.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Vigil Masses Saturday 16th March
6pm and 7.30pm
Sunday 17th March
9am, 10.30 am and 12 noon



There will be one Mass only on Monday 18th March
Time: 10 am

Bingo takes place every **Monday night** in the Parish Centre at 7.50 pm.
Great Prizes and comfortable surroundings.
All parishioners are invited to attend.

2019 Living Faith Means Living Justly

The Wilton Justice group invites parishioners to a series of talks on 'justice in the Bible' by Bishop Harrington SMA. These talks are on video and the Wilton Justice Group plans to show these inspiring talks on Wednesday mornings at 11.00am in Room 12 in the Parish Centre, commencing on Wednesday 13th March

The themes for each session are as follows: Care for Creation, Justice in the Old Testament., Justice in the New Testament., Key Themes in Catholic Social Teaching

Each session will last approximately half hour. All are welcome.

BE YOU.
THE WORLD WILL ADJUST.



Living Faith is now available in the Mass Card Office.

Cost: €1

The Matt Talbot Novena begins in The Way of the Cross Church, Togher on Monday next 11th March. Fr. Ben Hodnett will be our celebrant and preacher for that night. Mass and Novena prayers will begin at 7.30 pm.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy.....
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy
Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their
effects.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall
take the panner from your hand and lay it
before the altar of the Lord your God. Then,
in the sight of the Lord your God, you must
make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean.
He went down into Egypt to find refuge
there, few in numbers; but there he became
a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The
Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no
peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us.
But we called on the Lord, the God of our
fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw
our misery, our toil and our oppression;
and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with
mighty hand and out-stretched arm, with
great terror, and with signs and wonders.
He brought us here and gave us this land, a
land where milk and honey flow. Here then
I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the
soil that you, Lord, have given me." You
must then lay them before the Lord your
God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord
your God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 10th. March 2019

Although we are strongly drawn to follow Jesus,
we will experience strong conflicts and temptations
to follow "other gospels". If we stay with Jesus in
prayer and friendship we can overcome such conflicts.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 90:1-2.10-15

R. Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my
stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. (R)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the
dragon. (R)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him
glory. (R)

SECOND READING Romans 10: 8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we
proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your
lips and in your heart. If your lips confess
that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in
your heart that God raised him from the
dead, then you will be saved. By believing
from the heart you are made righteous; by
confessing with your lips you are saved.
When scripture says: those who believe in
him will have no cause for shame, it makes
no distinction between Jew and Greek: all
belong to the same Lord who is rich enough,
however many ask for his help, for everyone
who calls on the name of the Lord will be
saved.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal
glory!**

**Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.**

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glory!**

GOSPEL Luke 4.1-13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the
Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the
wilderness, being tempted there by the
devil for forty days. During that time he ate
nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then
the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of
God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But
Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not
live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil
showed him in a moment of time all the
kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I
will give you all this power and the glory of
these kingdoms, for it has been committed
to me and I give it to anyone I choose.
Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.'
But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made
him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If
you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw
yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:
You must not put the Lord your God to
the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting
him, the devil left him, to return at the
appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREEED

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 ✠

Pray brothers and sisters,
**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

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord,
we pray, to make these offerings,
for with them we celebrate the beginning
of this venerable and sacred time.
Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from
the mouth of God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which
faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity
strengthened, we pray, O Lord,
that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the
true and living Bread, and strive to live by
every word which proceeds from your mouth.
Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray,
come down upon your people,
that hope may grow in tribulation,
virtue be strengthened in temptation,
and eternal redemption be assured.
Through Christ our Lord.

