



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## The Meaning of Easter

The meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. The meaning of Easter also symbolizes the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His three-year ministry. If He had not risen from the dead, if He had merely died and not been resurrected, He would have been considered just another teacher or Rabbi. However, His resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all.

However, Easter did not always symbolize Christ's resurrection from the dead and the meaning of Easter was quite different than what Christians celebrate today. The feast day of Easter was originally a pagan celebration of renewal and rebirth. Celebrated in the early spring, it honoured the pagan Saxon goddess Easter. When the early missionaries converted the Saxons to Christianity, the holiday, since it fell around the same time as the traditional memorial of Christ's resurrection from the dead, was merged with the pagan celebration, and became known as Easter. The meaning of Easter was also changed to reflect its new Christian orientation.

Today, the meaning of Easter, for millions of Christians, is that of honouring and recognizing Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and His glorious promises of eternal life for all who believe in Him.

Due to the phenomenal response to our recent **Mindfulness & 6 week Lenten reflection**, another **6 week introductory course is beginning in the SMA Parish Centre on: Thursday, 23rd May at 7.30 pm. Places are very limited. Cost €50 for 6 weeks (this figure is subsidised).**

This class is facilitated by accredited Mindfulness teacher Ber Mulcahy.

For bookings & enquiries ring Pauline on 085 7353091.

**NATIONAL S.M.A. PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**  
will take place on **Saturday, 25th May.**

**Price: €25(Includes Bus Only)**

Bookings will be taken at Parish Office,  
Monday - Friday. (Office hours)

**The Annual Mass for deceased and current members of the Scout Organisation in Cork** will be held on **Thursday next April 25<sup>th</sup>, at the SMA church Blackrock Road, at 8.00 pm.** All present and past members, as well as their relatives and friends are welcome to attend.

**Easter Monday 22nd April**  
There will be only **One Mass**  
at **12 noon.**

**Tuesday 23rd - Friday 26th April**  
Mass Times: **10 am and 5.35 pm**



Grab a plate & throw it  
on the ground.

*Ok done.*

Did it break ?

*Yes.*

Now say sorry to it.

*Sorry!*

Did it go back to the  
way it was before ?

*No.*

**Now do you  
understand ?**



**The Parish Centre and Mass Card Office will  
remain closed on Easter Monday 22nd April.**

**Bingo will take place on the  
Bank Holiday at 7.50 pm.**

## TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTIONS.

We thank those people who took Trocaire Boxes from the Church. With Lent coming to an end we ask people to return their boxes as soon as possible in order that we can forward our parish contribution to Trocaire. To date we have collected €1,376.76. Thank you again for your generous support.

## PARISH FAMILY FUN DAY 16<sup>TH</sup> June 2pm to 6pm

On the **16<sup>th</sup> June** we are once again hosting our Parish Family Fun Day in the grounds behind the SMA House.

It will be a day when we will enjoy cultural displays from the various nationalities associated with our parish.

We are also inviting families from the different countries to share with us some edible delights from their country. So far we have promises of food from Ireland, India, Philippines, Poland, Italy, Mauritius, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Brazil, and Lithuania. The more the merrier.

More countries are welcome, if you can oblige contact Fr. Michael or the parish office.

On the day there will also be jumping castles and games for the kids. It is a day for all the Family. Come and be with us.

## Bee friendly this Earth Day

To mark this year's Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup> Wilton Justice Group invites you to think of bees, one third of which currently face the threat of extinction in Ireland. A queen bee visits up to 6000 flowers a day and bee pollination feeds us, birds and animals with delicious fruit, vegetables, berries and seeds.

You can help by avoiding pesticides in your garden and allowing wild plants like dandelions, ivy and willow to grow.

Find out more at [www.pollinators.ie](http://www.pollinators.ie)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
alleluia, alleluia.

### PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father to intercede for us:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.*

### THE GLORIA

**Glorify to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### OPENING PRAYER

O God, who on this day, through your Only  
Begotten Son, have conquered death and  
unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your  
Spirit, rise up in the light of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

### ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

#### FIRST READING Acts 10:34. 37-43.

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*  
Peter addressed Cornelius and his  
household: 'You must have heard about the  
recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of  
Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after  
John had been preaching baptism. God had  
anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with  
power, and because God was with him, Jesus  
went about doing good and curing all who had  
fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and  
those with me, can witness to everything he



## EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

A day of hope: of flowers and candles, new colour and new light.  
A day of smiles and of friendship, new joy and new companionship  
in Christ. A day of hope for those who suffer and who are sad. A day  
which promises the victory of God's love over the sin and death.

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did throughout the countryside of Judaea and  
in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that  
they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet  
three days afterwards God raised him to life and  
allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people  
but only by certain witnesses God had chosen  
beforehand. Now we are those witnesses -  
we have eaten and drunk with him after his  
resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered  
us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them  
that God has appointed him to judge everyone,  
alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets  
bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus  
will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.117:1-2.16-17.22-23

**R. This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' (R)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. (R)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R)

#### SECOND READING Colossians 3: 1-4

*A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians*

Since you have been brought back to true life  
with Christ, you must look for the things that are  
in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right  
hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things,  
not on the things that are on the earth, because  
you have died, and now the life you have is  
hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is  
revealed - and he is your life - you too will be  
revealed in all your glory with him.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, our passover has been sacrificed;  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL John 20: 1-9

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

It was very early on the first day of the week  
and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to  
the tomb. She saw that the stone had been  
moved away from the tomb and came running  
to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one  
Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of  
the tomb' she said, 'and we don't know where  
they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to  
go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other  
disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the  
tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths  
lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon  
Peter who was following now came up, went  
right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the  
ground, and also the cloth that had been over his  
head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled  
up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple  
who had reached the tomb first also went in; he  
saw and he believed. Till this moment they had  
failed to understand the teaching of scripture,  
that he must rise from the dead.

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

#### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal  
Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism,  
so that we may walk with him in  
newness of life.

And so, now that our Lenten observance is  
concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy  
Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan  
and his works and promised to serve God  
in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

- P. Do you renounce Satan? **C. I do.**  
P. And all his works? **C. I do.**  
P. And all his empty show? **C. I do.**  
P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth? **C. I do.**  
P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
Our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered death and was buried, rose again from  
the dead and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father? **C. I do**  
P. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
Catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and life everlasting? **C. I do**

P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by  
water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us  
forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in  
Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

*The Priest sprinkles the people with the blessed  
water, while all sing:*

**Antiphon: I saw water flowing from the  
Temple, from its right-hand side, alleluia;  
and all to whom this water came were  
saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.**

### ✠ 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

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,  
we offer the sacrifice by which your Church  
is wondrously reborn and nourished.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### SANCTUS

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....**

#### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

*The mystery of faith.*

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your  
Cross and Resurrection you have set us  
free.**

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Behold the Lamb of God, .....*  
**Lord, I am not worthy that you should  
enter under my roof, but only say the  
word and my soul shall be healed.**

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened  
bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing  
love and favour, so that, renewed by the  
paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory  
of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

#### CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia,  
**Thanks be to God,  
alleluia, alleluia.**

