



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

Telephone: 021- 4341362 Website: [www.smawilton.ie](http://www.smawilton.ie) email: [info@wiltonparishcentre.ie](mailto:info@wiltonparishcentre.ie)



## CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

“The church in Ireland is in crisis; but like all crises, it can call forth resignation or the deepest energies required to meet it. There is still a short window of opportunity to respond positively and vigorously in view of the fact that we still have relatively high levels of engagement by people in church related activities. There is an important cohort of active retired people, many of whom would be more than willing to put their talents and skills at the service of their local parishes if encouraged and equipped to do so. Equally, there are many enthusiastic young people who, given the proper formation and support would be willing to engage with the mission of the church in a wide variety of projects.”

*The words of Eugene Duffy apply not just to the Irish church but also to our parish. Would you like to participate in a group reflecting on how we might make use of the “window of opportunity” for the good of our parish?*

## SUMMER READING.....

In the book shop are a collection of books which would make good reading for the summer months. One of them may also be a source of inspiration for someone who might now be in a dark place and could do with some inspiration.

### 1. LIVE WHILE YOU CAN - €15.95.

The story of Fr. Tony Coote's life and his battle with Motor Neurone Disease. Tony organised and took part in *Walk While You Can* around Ireland. Amazing and inspirational.



### 2. DANCING TO MY DEATH - €15.

The story of Fr. Daniel O'Leary's final battle with cancer. It helps you to focus on what is and what is not important. It is an extraordinary book about suffering and faith.

### 3. THIS PLACE SPEAKS TO ME - €16.99

A collection of Irish artists who share about locations that have, for good or for ill, had a profound and lasting influence on their lives. It's a book to help one explore the links between people, place and personal growth.



**Bishopstown Meals and Wheels**  
Drivers and cooks urgently needed. Please contact Pat—0863183950 if you can help.

The Lough Flower and Garden Club “Create your own Sunshine” is the title of the Demonstration to be given by Melanie Harris AOIFA on **Tuesday next May 28th 2019** in the SMA Centre Wilton 7.45 pm. Please note the earlier starting time. Visitors very welcome. Cost €7

**A VISION FOR YOU:** Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday at 8 pm in SMA Parish Centre .(Room 9)

## Family Fun Day Raffle.

In conjunction with our Family Fun Day the parish is hosting a raffle in aid of the SMA project “*The Laudato Tree*” (*the Great Green Wall*). The purpose of the “wall” is to halt the impact of desertification across the Sahel which is a region just south of the Sahara Desert. Tickets: one card is valued €20, or 3 cards (in an envelope) cost €50. Tickets are available in the church or the Mass Office.

We are involving all our SMA communities and it is our way of trying to keep this important project alive. There are leaflets in the Church and Parish Centre explaining the project.

## INTERNATIONAL FUN DAY -16<sup>th</sup> June.

### How can I help?

Come and enjoy the taste of various International flavours. One of the main attractions on the day will be the selection of small snacks which will be brought by people representing the different countries that we have identified.

We'd love if some Irish people could bring along some tasty cakes or buns with an Irish flavour; decorated perhaps with green icing or even maybe a shamrock! And then enjoy a cup of coffee or tea.

## Parish Monthly Charity.

This is our last week when we will support *the Irish Kidney Association*. The Association are embarking upon a very deserving project of raising money to purchase a house on Wilton Avenue to accommodate patients and family while they receive treatment in CUH. Patients from all over Munster will use the house. Our response to date is very positive; to date we have collected **€950.85**. Well done.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

## THE GLORIA

Glory 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

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING Acts 15:1-2. 22-29.

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have your-selves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26th. May 2019

Easter is a promise of God's peace, the promise of today's gospel. A peace which is at the depth of all life's turmoil, a calm beneath every storm.



problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 66:2-3.5-6.8

**R. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. (R)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. (R)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R)

## SECOND READING Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23.

### A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me,  
he will keep my word, and my Father  
will love him, and we shall come to him.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL John 14:23-29

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him  
and make our home with him.  
Those who do not love me do not keep my  
words.

And my word is not my own:  
it is the word of the one who sent me.  
I have said these things to you  
while still with you;  
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all I have said to you.  
Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,  
a peace the world cannot give,  
this is my gift to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled or  
afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.  
If you loved me you would have been glad  
to know that I am going to the Father,  
for the Father is greater than I. I have told  
you this now before it happens, so that  
when it does happen you may believe.'

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

*All bow for following two lines:*  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God,  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I 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. Amen.**

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,  
together with the sacrificial offerings,  
so that, purified by your graciousness,  
we may be conformed to the mysteries of  
your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**If you love me, keep my commandments,  
says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and  
he will send you another Paraclete, to abide  
with you for ever, alleluia.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who restore  
us to eternal life in the Resurrection of  
Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits  
of this paschal Sacrament and pour into  
our hearts the strength of this saving  
food. Through Christ our Lord.