



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## ECO-CONGREGATION.

*An extract from the July/August 2019 edition of the Eco-congregation Ireland newsletter.*

### Dromantine goes wild!

In response to recent concern being expressed about the global threat to biodiversity, the Dromantine SMA Community decided to allow a sizeable area of the ground to 'go wild'. They felt it is no longer justifiable for the religious houses to maintain beautifully trimmed lawns and hedges thereby depriving bees and other insect life of a home and means of sustenance. With effect from spring 2019 the ride of lawnmowers are restricted from entering these areas delineated for pollinators and other wild life. The SMA will endeavour to follow the guidelines published in the excellent pamphlet ***Faith Communities: Actions to Help Pollinators*** published the National Biodiversity Data Centre.

### The TV is my Shepherd.

The TV is my shepherd; I shall not want.

It makes me lie down on the sofa.

It leads to the path of sex and violence for the advertiser's sake.

Even though I walk in the shadow of Christian responsibilities, there will be no interruption, for the TV is with me.

Its cable and remote control, they comfort me.

It prepares a commercial for me in the mist of my worldliness and anoints my head with consumerism and tells me what to think and what to buy.

My covetousness runs over, surely emptiness and laziness will follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of watching TV and worldliness all the days of my life.



Bridge lessons for beginners will commence on Thursday, 26th September in the S.M.A. Parish Centre, Wilton.

Time: 8 pm - 10 pm. Further details and to enrol please contact Alice 4542776.

## PARISH MONTHLY CHARITY.

During the month of August, we will join with a Cork charity called **"Cork Croi Failte Project"**. They have taken on the challenge to resettle a Syrian Family in the Bishopstown/Wilton area. The family is currently living in temporary accommodation in Lebanon. Around the church are leaflets giving further information of the project. To date we have collected **€135.21**

During the recent SMA Assembly it is now one the main challenges of the SMA Fathers to highlight the plight of migrants and displaced people. We put this request for support to the parish as another opportunity to come to the aid of another very deserving charity.

## MAKING SENSE OF THE SECOND READING.

During Ordinary Time the Second Reading of the Mass is generally taken for the letters of St. Paul and they are read in a semi continuous way over a few weeks. This not the easiest way to follow what is being read but that is the way the Church invites us to listen to them.

Today our second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews. What follows are a few question which might help to find some personal meaning in the passage for today.

## POINTERS FOR PRAYER

1. If you were to name your own heroes of the faith, who would they be?
2. Faith here is a kind of immense trust against appearances. What has my own experience been?
3. Our reading takes "the long view," that is, over the whole of salvation history. What about the long view of my own journey of faith and salvation?

## MINDFULNESS EVENING

On Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> (7.30pm - 9pm) the parish will host its second Mindfulness Evening at the Parish Centre.

It's an opportunity for people familiar with practice to come and be part of the evening.

It's also an opportunity for people who might like to join in with our up and coming introductory program and to come and sample the evening.

The program consists of input from a qualified practitioner, a period of quiet reflection in the church or around the grounds and we finish with a cup of tea.

All are welcome.



Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother

**Thursday 15th August is the Feast of The Assumption of Our Blessed Lady and is a Holy day of Obligation.**

The Mass times schedule is as follows:

**Wednesday 14th August:** 7.25 am, 10.00 am.

Vigil Mass: 6.00 pm

**Thursday 15th August:** 7.25 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 5.35 pm

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

## 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. 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

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

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING Wisdom 18:6-9

*A reading from the book of Wisdom.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered



## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are invited to be ready for God always in our lives: his love and his call are present at every moment.

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sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 32:1.12.18-20.22

**R. Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. [R]
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. [R]
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. [R]

### SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. (Shorter form 11:1-2.8-12)*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Luke 12. 32 - 48

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

*(Shorter form in italics 12:35-40)*

*\*Jesus said to his disciples: \* There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. \*See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.\**

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns.

But as for the servant who says to himself,

'My master is taking his time coming', and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes.

When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him, when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

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

## NICENE CREED

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 ✠

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.