



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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THE TRUTH SHOP

I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw the name on the shop: **THE TRUTH SHOP**.

The sales woman was very polite. What type of truth did I wish to purchase, partial or white? The whole truth, of course. No deceptions for me, no defences, no rationalizations. I wanted my truth plain and unadulterated. She waved me on to another side of the store.

The salesman there pointed to the price tag. "The price is very high, sir," he said. "What is it?" I asked, determined to get the whole truth, no matter what it cost. "Your security, sir," he replied.

I came away with a heavy heart. I still need the safety of my unquestioned beliefs.



The SMA National Novena in honour of St. Thérèse will begin on Monday 23rd September at the African Missions Church, Blackrock Road, Cork, and will end on the Feast of St. Thérèse, the 1st October 2019.

The Novena will be celebrated each evening at 7.30 pm (except Saturday 28th September @ 7 pm).

For further information please contact: SMA Blackrock Road 021 4292871

MAKING SENSE OF THE SECOND READING

During Ordinary Time the Second Reading of the Mass is generally taken from the letters of St. Paul and they are read in a semi continuous way over a few weeks. This is 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 Paul's letter to Timothy. What follows are a few questions which might help to find some personal meaning in the passage for today.

1. The passage invites us to look to our own past, our own journey of grace and our awareness of the mercy of God in our lives.
2. The reading offers a few single sentences which may be relied upon. If you yourself were to create such a sentence, from your own experience, what would you say?

MINDFULNESS EVENING

On Thursday, September 19th (7.30pm - 9pm) the parish will host its third Mindfulness Evening at the Parish Centre.

It's an opportunity for people familiar with the 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.**

PARISH MONTHLY CHARITY

During the month of September, we will support a local charity – **Rainbow Club (Cork Centre for Autism)**. It was established in 2015 for children with Autism. To date they have 410 children attending the club every week and over 350 children and families waiting to start with the club. Information on the Club is available at the church entrance.

To date we have collected **€188.65**

PARISH WEB CAMERA.

We are now using a new provider for our Parish Web Cam which allows us to play selections of videos when there is no service in the church. The selections can vary from children to adult meditations to clips about climate justice and pollution. One can access this material by going to our website – www.smawilton.ie and clicking on LIVE and then clicking on FEATURED VIDEOS and select.

Faiths for Climate Action

Since a young Swedish girl named Greta Thunberg began striking for action on climate change every Friday, young people around the world and their teachers, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, have been responding to her call to take action for the sake of our future.

Catholics are joining the call. The next global event is on **September 20th**, when world leaders will gather at the United Nations to discuss the climate crisis.

In Cork people are invited to gather in the Grand Parade on Friday 20th September at 12noon as a gesture of solidarity.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A support group is beginning in the S.M.A. Parish Centre Wilton **Sessions begin on Wednesday 18th September - Time: 8 pm**

It is open to all people recently or long-term bereaved.

For further information please call Mary: 086 3124343

Frances 021 4541878

Bridge Tutorials - Intermediate Bridge Lessons - One day Workshop takes place on Saturday 21st September in S.M.A. Time 10.30—4.30 pm (Break 1pm—2.15 pm)

For details & to enrol Alice 087 9623318

Wilton Youth Club resumes on Friday 13th September. Club takes place every Friday night from 6 pm - 7.30 pm in the S.M.A. Hall Wilton. If you are aged between 8 and 12 years you are very welcome to come along any Friday night or contact Martina 083 8445510

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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

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

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Exodus 32: 7-11. 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus.

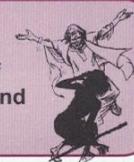
The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God.



TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When God wants to tell us what he's like, he tells the story of the Prodigal Son. It is a story of patience, forgiveness, love and acceptance. 15th September 2019



'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 50

R. I will leave this place and go to my Father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **[R]**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **[R]**
3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **[R]**

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the

undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-32 *(Shorter form in italics *1-10*)*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

"The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me", he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'*

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid

servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly.

Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about.

"Your brother has come" replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound."

He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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.