



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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Mass Times:

Monday - Friday: 7.25 am, 10am and 5.35 pm
Saturday: 10 am Vigil Masses: 6 pm and 7.30 pm
Sunday: 9am, 10.30 and 12 noon

Week 2

March 1st

LENTEN REFLECTION 2020:
REPENTING OF ECOLOGICAL SIN AND CULTIVATING ECOLOGICAL VIRTUES

Laudato Si' reminds us that "the ecological crisis is . . . a summons to profound interior conversion . . . which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change." (217- 218) At the recent Synod on the Amazon, ecological sin was defined "as an action or omission against God, against one's neighbour, the community and the environment."
The seven deadly sins (pride, greed, lust, wrath, gluttony, envy, sloth) can be a way to examine where we have turned away from our Creator and creation. Below, each sin is examined through the lens of creation and is paired with an ecological virtue that can help us to restore our relationships and to live in sublime communion. (89) We invite you to reflect on one of these sins and virtues each week of Lent within your families, Laudato Si' Circles, or communities.

ECOLOGICAL SIN - LUST

Lust is the inability to appreciate someone or something beyond its appearances, and to wish to obtain it because of its appearance. This sin cuts us off from forming deeper relationships with creation, and, through it, with God.

ECOLOGICAL VIRTUE - SELF-CONTROL

Self-control invites us to let creation be what it is, rather than trying to shape it for our own wants. This virtue can help us form a deeper relationship with creation to learn from its wisdom and appreciate our intimate connection.

HEALING ACTION - PRAY OUTSIDE

Spend time praying outside to appreciate creation as a gift from God, sacred in its own right. Say a rosary or listen to how God is speaking to you through creation.

GOD COUNTS ON US.

Only God can create
But we are called upon to value that creation.
Only God can give life
But we are called to transmit it and respect it.
Only God can make growth happen
But we are called to guide and give it direction.
Only God can give faith
But we are called to be signs of God to one another.
Only God can give hope
But we are called to enable people to believe in themselves.
Only God can bring peace
But we are called to build bonds that bring people together.
Only God is the way
But we are called to show it to others.

READING FOR LENT.

In order to encourage a greater awareness of the challenge of being Christian today a request is being made asking people to buy and read **Pope Francis' book – Rejoice and be Glad.** It is a call of Christians to holiness in today's world. On sale in the Mass Office at €5.



Parish Monthly Charity

Thank you for your generous support for our recent appeal in support of *The Mercy Hospital Cancer Appeal.* Our final amounts collected came to **€1,800.** A representative of that charity will be asked to come and collect the cheque at one of our Masses soon.

During Lent we invite you to support the work of **TROCAIRE.** All parishes in Ireland are responding to this appeal and once again we hope that our parish will not be found wanting.

Envelopes are available around the church which contain a moneybox which allows people to solicit support for the work of Trocaire among their families and friends.

Former Manchester Utd footballer, Fr Philip Mulryne, who is now a Catholic priest will be speaking about his journey from football to faith in Ballinora Church on Tuesday 10th March at 8pm. All are welcome .

Yesterday I
was clever,
so I wanted
to change
the world.

Today I am
wise, so I
am changing
myself.

-Rumi



To enable us to enter into the meaning and the spirit of Lent there will two sessions of Lenten reflection in the church on **March 5th & 26th at 7.30pm.**

While the call to **REPENT** is issued to us as individuals, to be willing to journey together is a sign of a healthy community. Hopefully we can come to Easter with a genuine sense of our solidarity as a community.

'Grease'

Bishopstown Community School's production of 'Grease' is taking place March 10th, 11th and 12th @ 7.30pm. Tickets are 8euro and will be on sale every day in the school office. (A lot of work has gone in behind the scenes in stage production, costumes, stage management, set design and make up to create such a professional show.)

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 on us..... **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 Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

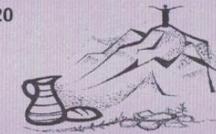
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

1st March 2020

Each day has its own temptations towards evil. Christ himself was tempted away from good and from what he knew was best in life. As the angels looked after him in his temptation, so he and his saints look after us in ours.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 50:3-6.12-14.17

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **[R]**
3. 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]**
4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19 (or *5:12.17-19)

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. *"If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them*

*justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.**

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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GOSPEL Matthew 4:1 - 11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

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

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after 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 EUCHARIST ✠

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

The mystery of faith.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live on 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.