

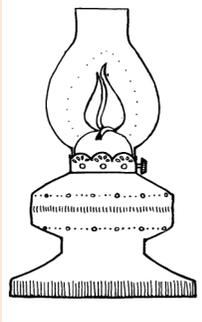


# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## The Parable of the Oil Lamp.



An oil lamp is a wonderful symbol for our spiritual lives. The wick has two ends. One end of the wick needs to be permanently immersed in the reservoir of oil. The other end needs to be sufficiently extended into the "world" to be capable of being ignited. Provided both ends are in their proper place, the oil will seep up through the wick, and provide the fuel that enables the lamp to burn in the darkness.

Prayer is like that too. It is as though there is a wick running through the core of our lives. One end of the 'wick' needs to be permanently immersed in God. As we live each day in a spirit of prayer we are immersing our 'wick' in the oil of the presence of God. We are being faithful to **the call of contemplation**.

At the same time we are called to live our lives in the real world. This demands our energy and engagement. Our 'wick' needs to be very much 'out there'. We must be willing to, as it were 'alight with God', and to let that light shine in life's darkest places, then we are being faithful to **the call to action**.

*The vocation of the Christian is to hold these two calls in balance, and to recognise that they are interdependent.*

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A support group is beginning in the S.M.A. Parish Centre Wilton

Sessions begin on

Wednesday 15th February

Time: 8 pm - Room 9

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

For further information please call

Kathleen: 4544262

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### Parish Monthly Charity.

In these days of major discussion of visas and refugees it was wonderful to see the generous response to our January appeal in support of the Syrian family recently arrived in Ireland. Our collection amounted to €920. It was a very positive statement by our church, well done.

During February we will support Fr. John Kilcoyne SMA. Fr. John really appreciated the support we gave him last year and once again we appeal to your generosity in support of Fr. John.

### Fr. John writes from Tanzania.

Happy New Year to all your parishioners. We could always do with more help. The people of your parish have already been so helpful. But yes, apart from all the things I have already talked about, we have a problem with drought just now. People are really feeling the pinch. There is the beginning of serious food shortages and we are helping more and more with handouts both in terms of grain and money. Not Liberia scale yet and hope never to see anything like that again but real need. Thank you all for the consideration and for your great generosity to date.

*God Bless  
John*

### Parish Centre AGM – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Time: 7.45pm.**

The Annual AGM of our Parish Centre is an important event in the life of our Parish. The survival of the Centre relies on a combination of running a Centre that is financially viable and the active support of people from among the church and the local community. This is a delicate balancing act and in going forward certain important issues need to be addressed. It is hoped that concerned supporters of the Centre will attend the AGM. In particular it is hoped that the many church members who avail of the Centre will attend and offer their support.

### BISHOPSTOWN SENIOR SOCIAL CENTRE WILTON PARK HOUSE

Spaces are now available in the following classes: exercise dance for Seniors, Computers for the petrified, Card playing for seniors and Men's Sheds.

Contact Michael O' Connor (087 273 4887)

OR Roger Coughlan (086 386 6975)

Also 021 434 8595 Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday (11am To 5pm)

**All Ministers of the Word** are invited to a meeting on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**. The meeting will take place in room 6, Parish Centre, and will begin at 10.30 am. If you feel you might be interested in becoming a Minister of the Word, please come along to the meeting.

**Christmas Dues receipts** are now available for collection in the Sacristy after all weekend Masses and in the Mass Card Office Monday - Friday.

Thanks for all contributions and thanks to the collectors.

### STOP the Wall, Love the Lee

Why the OPW's River Lee flood control walls for Our Quays are **FLAWED**

Symposium Night

**Wednesday 8TH February at 7pm**

**Boole 3 Theatre, UCC if interested.**

