



I am the vine, you are the branches.

Lord, people who work for a new kind of society
 Often think they can achieve it on their own,
 Following their own pace
 with no regard for the feelings of others.
 As a church we have been guilty of this too,
 And so have those who have authority in the church.
 Remind us, Lord, that we are branches of a vine
 the community, the nation, humanity, nature-
 And a branch cannot bear fruit if it is cut off.
 We may prosper for a while
 by dint of our own energy and enthusiasm,
 But sooner or later, like many others before us,
 We wither, are collected, thrown on the fire and burnt.



Knock Pilgrimage - 2018

The Annual SMA pilgrimage to Knock is on Saturday 26th May



Tickets are now available to purchase in the Parish Office.
Price: Bus only €25.

(Bus departs from bus stop outside Cork University Hospital at 6.15 am)

TROCAIRE BOXES.

Thanks to everybody who returned their Trocaire Boxes. Our general collection to date in support of Trocaire stands at €1,357.78. This will be forwarded to Trocaire in the coming weeks.

We thank those people who took and returned their Easter Envelopes. The Easter Offerings are an important source of income for the parish. Envelopes can be returned to the Mass Office during the week or Sacristy on Sunday.

WEBCAM—We are on live Camera for the different activities in our Church: Sunday & daily Masses, Weddings & Funerals, Parish activities, Parish School activities held in the Church.



Easy to Connect - www.smawilton.ie

Human Life International is hosting a mass at St. Joseph's Church Wilton on Sunday 13th May. The Mass is in anticipation of the Abortion referendum. Begins 1.30pm with adoration. Mass at 3.00pm. Everyone Welcome.

THE DEAD CHURCH

A new pastor in a small town in Dublin spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first service. The following Sunday, the church was all but empty. Accordingly, the pastor placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that because the church is dead, it is everyone's duty to give it a decent Christian burial. The funeral would be held the following Sunday afternoon, the notice stated. Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the 'funeral'. In front of the pulpit, they saw a closed coffin, smothered with flowers. After the pastor delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his congregation to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead church. Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "dead church", all the people lined up to look into the coffin. Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin, then quickly turned away with a guilty sheepish look. In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was large mirror!

This story is one of over 100 stories, parables, wise saying compiled into a booklet (More seeds in the wind) by an SMA priest. Copies are on sale in the Mass Office at €5 each.

Restoration of Church back wall:

We are about to begin the restoration and painting of the upper back wall of the church.
 The cost €7,000 will be paid from the proceeds of the Tax Back Scheme. Thanks to those who support the scheme.

CE Vacancies available, 19.5 hours per week. Tel: 021 4345583 or send a cover letter and up-to-date C.V. to southsidetdl@eircom.net

Positions available:

- Care Assistant – Curraheen Family Centre
 - Care Assistant – Bishopstown Senior Social Care
 - Gardener/Maintenance/Driver – L'arche - Togher
 - Receptionist – Pastoral Development Office - Ballyphehane
- Further details please go to our website www.smawilton.ie

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

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

Glorify 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,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery
within us, that those you were pleased to
make new in Holy Baptism may, under your
protective care, bear much fruit and come to
the joys of life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

FIRST READING Acts 9. 26 - 31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

29th. April 2018

Jesus describes his relation to us like the closeness of a branch to a tree. We are brought to life in him, grow in him as people who can love each other, and become in him a people of eternal hope.



with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 21

R. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. or Alleluia!

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have, their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R)
 2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R)
 3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' (R)
- SECOND READING 1 John 3:18-24**
A reading from the letter of St. John
My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this

can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,

we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 15: 1-8

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine

and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me

and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,

and then you will be my disciples."

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

Pray brothers and sisters,

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

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. 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

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

