

St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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The story is told of the most unusual penance St. Philip Neri assigned to a woman for her sin of spreading gossip. The 16th century saint instructed her to take a feather pillow to the top of the church bell tower, rip it open, and let the wind blow all the feathers away. This was not the kind of penance this woman, or any of us, would have been used to! But the penance didn't end there. Philip Neri gave her a second and more difficult task. He told her to come down from the bell tower and collect all the feathers that had been scattered throughout the town. The poor lady, of course, could not do it – and that was the point. Philip Neri was trying to make in order to underscore the destructive nature of gossip.



ANNUAL DEVOTIONS HOLY ROSARY SHRINE LEE ROAD

Wednesday, August 15th is the 67th year of the

Devotions at the Lee Road Rosary Shrine.

Rosary will begin at Our Lady's Hospital, Lee Road at 6.30 pm and proceed to the Shrine where Mass will start at 7.30 pm.

PARISH CENTRE RENOVATIONS.

It is hoped that the renovations of our Parish Centre will be completed by early September. We are grateful to the SMA for their financial support which has allowed us to undertake the project. 50% of the cost was a grant and the other 50% will have to be paid back over time.

As a token of support from the parish we are trying to support the work of the Centre by providing audio visual equipment to allow the Centre to be equipped with up to date equipment. The cost of such materials will come to €7,500. We hope to raise this money from our raffle, which concludes today, private donations (we are designating August Monthly Charity in support of this cause − so far we have collected €540.57) and our Annual Golf Classic which comes up in September.

BENEFITS FROM TAX BACK 2017.

The newly installed traffic barrier in front of the church is one of the benefits from the proceeds of the income from the Tax Back Scheme 2018. It now allows us to control the use of the grounds of the church by traffic. During the year we also painted the back wall of the church and restored and painted the gallery. We also upgraded the church security cameras and system. We also bought for the church our first lawnmower and strimmer and other garden tools. Our income from the scheme was €5,234. Thanks to all who are participating.



Wednesday 15th August is the Feast of The Assumption of Our Hessed Lady and is a Holy day of Obligation.

The Mass times schedule of Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th is as follows:

Tuesday 14th August: 7.25 am, 10.00 am.

Vigil Mass: 6.00 pm

There will be no 5.35 pm mass on Tuesday.

Wednesday 15th August: 7.25 am, 10 am, 12

noon and 5.35 pm

New Active Retirement Association

In response to numerous requests, a meeting will be held on the 14th September in the Bishopstown library with a view to forming another Active Retirement Group in the area. If you would like to be part of a friendly group and enjoy a wide range of activities. Call Anne for more details: 087 2736781.