



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## ASH WDNESDAY – 6<sup>th</sup> March

This is our final appeal to invite members to return their Palm Branches blessed during Palm Sunday last year.

**These returned palms become the ashes for Ash Wednesday.**

Palms can be placed in the container at the altar. The practice of using our Palm branches as the source of our ashes is a traditional practice encouraging everyone to feel involved in the meaning of our blessed Ash so please make the effort, if you can, to personally to bring your own Palm branch.

## PARISH MONTHLY CHARITY.

The response to our appeal in support of Fr. Donal Fennessy SMA has been very generous. The amount collected came to €3,500. This money will be forwarded to Fr. Donal via the Bursar's office in Blackrock Road. Well done and thanks.

As Lent is about to begin we start our collection in support of Trocaire. Around the church are packages provided by Trocaire which contain money boxes which invite us to accumulate our small change over Lent and donate the contents at the end of Lent. It would be a good exercise for a family to have a box located strategically in homes to encourage family and friends to be part of this much needed charity.



**Bingo takes place every Monday night** in the Parish Centre at 7.50 pm.  
Great Prizes and comfortable surroundings.  
All parishioners are invited to attend.

## SMA PARISH CENTRE

Please join us on **Tuesday Morning, March 5th at 11.30 am.** to celebrate the official opening of New Rooms  
Light refreshments served.

**Everybody very welcome**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT

Lent is an important opportunity for people to reflect on their lives. The Parish is offering various possibilities for one to **REPENT** and renew ourselves.

1. Every Wednesday evening in Lent there will be a **6 week program on the Catechism and the doctrine of the church.** Here is an opportunity for people to develop a more mature understanding of their faith. This Guided Faith filled Lenten Programme will take place in the **Parish Centre at 7pm.**
  2. Every Thursday evening of Lent there will be a 6 week program which will offer people an opportunity to reflect on their inner world of emotions such as gratitude, generosity and forgiveness. This programme will be facilitated by Ber Mulcahy and will take place at **7.30 pm in the Parish Centre.**
  3. The Parish is subsidising a book which can be purchased at a cost of €5 from the Mass Office. It's by the author **Margret Silf** whose book "At Sea with God" was so well received by parishioners last year. The title of the book is **Sacred in the City.**
  - 4 There are many other books on sale in the Mass Office which are aids for people to reflect on the meaning of Lent for their lives.
- Try and take advantage of at least one of these opportunities. If we all did something we might better appreciate the meaning of the Ash we place on our foreheads and come to Easter better able to celebrate the Easter event.**

## Message from the Wilton Justice Group.

Irish people have in the past supported Irish Missionaries. The parishioners of Wilton have been faithful in their support for SMA Priests and their work with people in Africa. Today, through its Laudato Tree Project the SMA is promoting care for the environment here and in Africa through planting trees. In Africa, the Great Green Wall initiative is the growing of a forest across Africa, to prevent the expansion of the Sahara desert. The SMA Fathers are supporting this. As well as supporting the growing of the forest across Africa, they are also encouraging the growing of trees in Ireland to reduce climate change, protect biodiversity and so that we can leave a suitable place for future generations.

To support the growing of the green forest across Africa and trees in Ireland, contributions can be made in the Justice office at the back of Wilton Church.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have  
failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## 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

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that the course of our world  
may be directed by your peaceful rule  
and that your Church may rejoice,  
untroubled in her devotion.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus  
In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his  
talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the



## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*(Day of Prayer for Temperance)*

What do we have to show for all the love God has  
shown us? Are our words full of bitterness or sweetness?  
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test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where the tree grows is judged  
on the quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he  
feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 91:2-3.13-16

**R. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most  
High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the  
night. (R)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R)

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

*A reading from St. Paul's first letter to the  
Corinthians.*

When this perishable nature has put on im-  
perishability, and when this mortal nature  
has put on immortality, then the words of  
scripture will come true: Death is swallowed  
up in victory. Death, where is your victory?  
Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of  
death is sin, and sin gets its power from the  
Law. So let us thank God for giving us the  
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Never give in then, my dear brothers, never  
admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's  
work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you  
cannot be labouring in vain.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Luke 6:39-45

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can  
one blind man guide another? Surely  
both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not  
superior to his teacher; the fully trained  
disciple will always be like his teacher. Why  
do you observe the splinter in your brother's  
eye and never notice the plank in your own?  
How can you say to your brother, "Brother,  
let me take out the splinter that is in your  
eye," when you cannot see the plank in your  
own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your  
own eye first, and then you will see clearly  
enough to take out the splinter that is in your  
brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten  
fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces  
sound fruit. For every tree can be told by  
its own fruit: people do not pick figs from  
thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A  
good man draws what is good from the store  
of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws  
what is bad from the store of badness. For a  
man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

*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,  
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 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 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 provide gifts to be offered  
to your name and count our oblations  
as signs of our desire to serve you with  
devotion, we ask of your mercy that what  
you grant as the source of merit may also  
help us to attain merit's reward.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**When we eat this Bread and drink this  
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**I will sing to the Lord who has been  
bountiful with me, sing psalms to the  
name of the Lord Most High.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by your saving gifts,  
we beseech your mercy, Lord,  
that by this same Sacrament  
with which you feed us in the present age,  
you may make us partakers of life eternal  
Through Christ our Lord.

### REFLECTION

**Jesus,**

**Help me to be your body now on earth.**

**To seek out the lost, to see the silent tears  
of the suffering, to listen to the lonely, to  
speak a word of comfort to the sad, to have  
a heart to love the unloved. This is what you  
have asked me to do give me the strength  
to do your will.**