



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

HOW WILL PEOPLE REMEMBER YOU?

Two men were waiting outside the funeral home for the removal to the church to take place. To pass the time one said to the other "What would you want people to be saying about you when they look at your coffin and you inside of it?"

"I would want people to remember me as a good listener." Frank said, I would like them to look at the coffin and say, "Good God, I think he is moving."

The joke may have been an attempt to lighten the solemn subject of death, but the question remains a serious one: **"How will people remember you?"**

The Wilton JUSTICE GROUP has organised a talk on **Human Trafficking** which will take place on

Friday 28th February at 7pm in the S.M.A. Parish Centre, Wilton.

We welcome all people who are interested in this subject that is affecting Cork City. There will be a talk, discussion and cup of tea.



Parish Monthly Charity

This is our last week supporting **The Mercy Hospital Cancer Appeal**. We all know people who have affected by cancer and we long for developments that might help some people to benefit from research. Again we thank you for your support.

Amount collected to date **€1,388.44.**

ASH WEDNESDAY.

The ritual of the blessing and distribution of ashes will take place during all Masses next Wednesday. We thank those people who provided palm branches to enable us to have the necessary ashes for the day.

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.

THE YEAR OF THE WORD

In keeping with Pope Francis' request that we highlight the importance of the Word of God in our lives the practice of placing the book of the Scriptures on the altar on days when we are not having exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been introduced. It's a way of showing that both the Eucharist and God's Word are equally important to us.

It would also be appreciated if people would check out the various books on sale in the Mass Office which give some insight into the scripture readings for the Lenten period.

TAX BACK 2019.

We are grateful for the support we received during 2019 for the effort people made in supporting the Tax Back program. We will soon be processing our request for the funds and we remind people who participated that we will only receive funding in their name if that person has met the stipulated amount of **€250 in donations to the church in a full calendar year.**

Sometimes people might be at **€220 or €240 and after all the effort we are not in a position to gain from their effort. If a person is unsure of their status they can ring the Parish Office and they can speak to the person who administered the scheme on our behalf.**

LIVING FAITH MEANS LIVING JUSTLY A Programme on Catholic Social Teaching

A free on-line series of 8 video presentations that examine what scripture says and what the Church teaches. The Presentations, first designed as a foundational training programme for Justice and Peace groups, may also be used for personal reflection and as a resource through which individuals and groups can form a firm foundation for just living.

The programme begins by looking at what the Bible, in the Old and New Testaments, has to say about Justice. Next it looks at Justice in Catholic Social Teaching and then, in response to our current reality, the programme developed presentations on what Scripture and the Church teach us about Care for Creation and Migrants, two burning justice issues in our world today.

Videos vary in length from thirty-one minutes to thirteen. There are also seven leaflets that accompany the videos.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with 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, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Leviticus 19: 1 - 2. 17 - 18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd February 2020 (Day of Prayer for Temperance)

It is hard to forgive and forget, but Jesus asks us to go one step further: we must love those who offend us - be forgiving and tolerant of our enemies. If we strive to achieve this Jesus favours with his compassion and love.



and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. [R]
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. [R]
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. [R]
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 3:16 - 23

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or

again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 5:38 - 48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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 ✠

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

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.