



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

Week 3 Mar 8th **LENTEEN REFLECTION** **REPENTING OF ECOLOGICAL SIN AND** **CULTIVATING ECOLOGICAL VIRTUES**

At the recent Synod on the Amazon, ecological sin was defined "as an action or omission against God, against one's neighbour, the community and the environment."

The seven deadly sins (pride, greed, lust, wrath, gluttony, envy, sloth) can be a way to examine where we have turned away from our Creator and creation. This week the sin of pride is examined through the lens of creation and is paired with an ecological virtue that can help us to restore our relationships and to live in sublime communion. We invite you to reflect

ECOLOGICAL SIN - ENVY

In our societies, the pursuit of happiness is often tied to having the latest gadget or chasing the next big purchase. This sin convinces us that our happiness is defined by possessing property, and that we can buy our happiness at the expense of the Earth's finite resources.

ECOLOGICAL VIRTUE - GRATITUDE

Gratitude is "a recognition that the world is God's loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works." (LS 220) How might we be grateful for what we have before us? How can we pass on the abundant blessings that we have been given?

HEALING ACTION - REDEFINE

HAPPINESS Reorient what makes you happy! This week, commit to not buying a single thing except the absolute necessities. Give generously to the Earth and your community by spending time with creation.

TROCAIRE LENTEN APPEAL.

During Lent we invite you to support the work of **TROCAIRE**. All parishes in Ireland are responding to this appeal and once again we hope that our parish will not be found wanting. Envelopes are available around the church which contain a moneybox which allows people to solicit support for the work of Trocaire among their families and friends.

To date we have collected **€245.08.**

THE CHURCH CAN LEARN FROM ELEPHANTS.

- ◆ **All organisations, including the church, can be likened** to elephants because both come to see their own worlds through a process of conditioning.
- ◆ Fully grown elephants are conditioned to remain in place because when young they are shackled to stakes deeply rooted in the ground. Mature elephants could pull the stakes up, but their conditioning is so strong that they do not attempt to move.
- ◆ As they are trained, so they act, so they do. Cultures and organisations are like this: once dynamic and mobile like young elephants, they later become conditioned to the status quo.
- ◆ The axiom is "**We have done it this way, so why change?**"

INTRODUCTORY MINDFULNESS PROGRAM.

It has been nearly a year since we began our first very successful Mindfulness Course here in the SMA. We have over 90 people who have completed various mindfulness themed courses as well as **Advent & Lenten programmes.**

A 4-week introductory course with **Ber Mulcahy** will begin on **Thursday April 23rd for four weeks. Time: 7.30pm - 9 pm.** Cost is €50 & places are limited.

For further information or to book your place, contact Pauline on 021/4341362 or 085/7353091 - Monday/Wednesday/Friday between 11am and 1pm.

BISHOPSTOWN SENIOR SOCIAL CENTRE

Will host their 3rd Annual Afternoon Tea Dance next Wednesday, 11th March in the S.M.A. Hall, Wilton from 2 pm - 5pm. Admission including refreshments €10 p.p. Groups very welcome.

Further information please contact 021 4348595 (Monday - Thursday between 1 pm and 4.30 pm).

Our new Bishop, **Bishop Fintan Gavin**, will pay a visit to the parish on **Sunday 22nd March. He will celebrate the 10.30 and 12 noon Mass.**

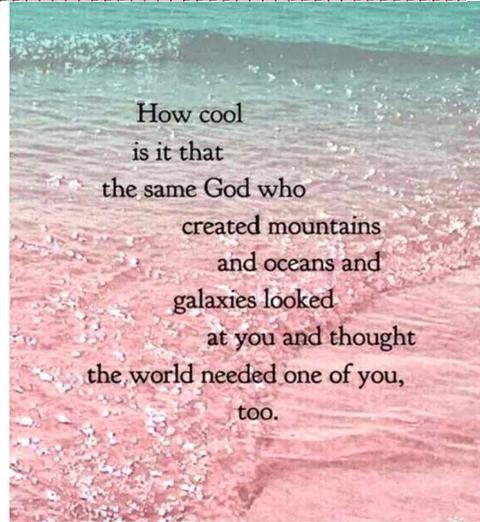
The 10.30 Mass next Sunday is part of the First Communion program so it will be an opportunity for him to greet the children who will be making their First Communion in our church in May.

READING FOR LENT.

In order to encourage a greater awareness of the challenge of being Christian today a request is being made asking people to buy and read **Pope Francis' book - Rejoice and be Glad.** It is a call of Christians to holiness in today's world.

On sale in the Mass Office at €5.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS to the priesthood and religious life hosted by the Good Shepherd Sisters on Monday 9th March from 2:30pm to 3:30pm at Good Shepherd Convent, Baile an Aoire, Leycesters Lane, Montenotte T23 W085 - all welcome to join in prayer followed by tea and chat.



How cool
is it that
the same God who
created mountains
and oceans and
galaxies looked
at you and thought
the world needed one of you,
too.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

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.**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Genesis 12: 1 - 4

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32: 4-5.18 - 20.22

**R. May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8th March 2020

The gospel presents the glory of Christ, the One in whom we can always hope, the One who takes our sadnesses and despair into his own heart, and gives us through his death and resurrection the promise of eternal hope.



- and fills the earth with his love. [R]
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. [R]
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. [R]

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved.
Listen to him." Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

GOSPEL Matthew 17: 1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah'. He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the

disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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 ✠

**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

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your
faithful in body and mind for the celebration of
the paschal festivities.
Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and
profess your Resurrection until you come
again.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should
enter under my roof, but only say the
Word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**This is my beloved Son, with whom
I am well pleased; listen to him.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things
of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
with a blessing that endures for ever,
and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your
Only Begotten Son, so that they may always
desire and at last attain that glory whose
beauty he showed in his own Body,
to the amazement of his Apostles.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
May the blessing of almighty God, the Father,
and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for
ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.