



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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Mass Times LIVE via the webcam
Monday - Friday 10am and 5.35 pm
Saturday: 10 am Vigil Masses: 6 pm
Sunday: 10.30 and 12 noon

The Season of the Creation 2020 - 1st of September – 4th October 2020.

Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

Starting September 1, we will honour the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. The Season of Creation is a time to slow down and focus on what matters. During this special time each year, we repair and restore our relationships with each other and with all creation.

This year, the theme for the season is "**Jubilee for the Earth**", where we are all invited on a pilgrimage to better care for creation. We are all invited to ponder the integral relationship between resting for the Earth and how we live ecologically, economically, socially, and politically. Jubilee is a time to renounce overconsumption and economic systems based on constant economic growth at the cost of the Earth and the poor. Jubilee is a time when those who have consumed the most must make restitution to those who have suffered the most.

For more information on the Season of Creation, check out <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

The challenge is relevant for us as a way of reminding ourselves that we accepted the distinction of being recognised as an **Eco Congregation**.

Any suggestions on how we can remind ourselves of this challenge will be greatly appreciated. For example, for the month of September we will select a charity in keeping with the theme – **any suggestions?** If you feel personally concerned about our climate and such issues you might nominate yourself to join a group who will oversee our response to these issues.

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

When Krushchev pronounced his famous denunciation of Stalin, someone in the Congress Hall is reported to have said, "Where were you, Comrade Krushchev, when all the innocent people were being slaughtered?" Kruschev paused, looked round the Hall, and said, "Will the person who said that kindly stand up!" Tension mounted in the Hall. No one moved. Said Kruschev, "Well, whoever you are, you have the answer now. I was in exactly the same position then as you find yourself in now."

When someone tries to trigger you by insulting you or by doing or saying something that irritates you, take a deep breath and switch off your ego. Remember that If you are easily offended, you are also easily manipulated.



Mass card office is open Monday - Friday
Times: 9.30am - 12.30 pm and 2pm - 4.30 pm



Coffee Bar is open Monday - Friday
Times: 9.30 am - 12 noon

Monthly Charity

As a parish this month we are supporting **The Cork Deaf Association**.

Thank you for your support.

To date we have collected **€467**. Thank you.

ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one; one day
within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

OPTIONAL ANTI-PHON

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,
with the Angels and Saints,
intercede 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,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
who take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us;
who 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

O God, who have prepared for those who love you
good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we
pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you
in all things and above all things, we may attain your
promises, which surpass every human desire.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 56: 1-6 - 7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with
integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my
integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the
Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his
servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning
it, and clinging to my covenant - these I will bring to my
holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of

prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be
accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a
house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

**R. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **[R]**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **[R]**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Romans 11:13 - 15. 29 - 32*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the
pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being
sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people
envious of you, and in this way save some of them.
Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the
world, do you know what their admission will mean?
Nothing less than a resurrection of the dead! God
never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God,
and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience,
so those who are disobedient now - and only because
of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy
eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own
disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

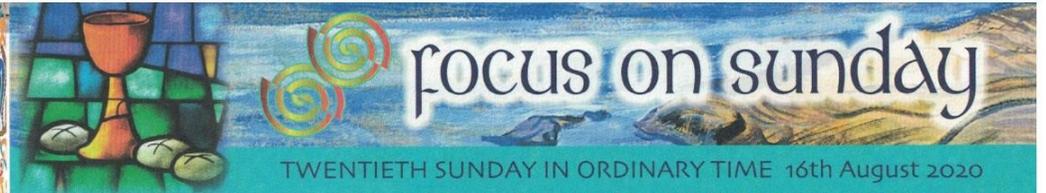
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good
News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of
sickness among the people. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 15:21-28*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of
Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman
from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of
David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented
by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And
his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her
what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting
after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost
sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had
come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she
said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the
children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She
retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat
the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then
Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith.



The gift of Jesus in the Eucharist is a promise of his company
forever in heaven. We share in his life now, and after our death
in a new and different way. This is the joy and certainty of our faith.

Let your wish be granted.' And from
that moment her daughter was well
again.

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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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 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.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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



"take pity on me"



Somehow or other Jesus was surprised by the
mother's faith when she asked for her daughter to
be healed. He said he had come at this point in time
only for 'the lost sheep of the house of Israel', as if he
had enough to do in dealing with them. Her persistence won her
the attention of Jesus as he realised that she too had great faith.
Can we say that Jesus was surprised by the mother? And that he
changed his mind, and realised that the time had come for him to go
to the Gentiles? Our first reading has God bringing foreigners to his
mountain, welcoming them all to his house of prayer.

There is a lesson here for welcoming our migrants and refugees.
Also, a message to look beyond what we see at first when we meet
people. We change our minds when we hear a person's story or
know the difficulties and the joys of their life. We change our mind
about groups of people when we hear their backgrounds and see
what we have in common.

In his message for the World Day for the Sick (February, 2020) Pope
Francis says "Christ's words of solidarity, comfort and hope, are for
the very many simple people, the poor, the sick, sinners, those who
are marginalized by the burden of the law and the oppressive social
system."

**Lord may your kingdom of compassion and of hope come among
us.**

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