

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 Mass: 6 pm Sunday: 10.30 am and 12 noon

WHAT PRAYER IS.

Prayer is not a series of exercises that we practice more or less faithfully each day. When I get up in the morning do I say my morning prayers? Before I go to bed at night do I kneel down by my bed and say my night prayers. Do I say the rosary every day? None of these are of any interest to God, unless they are useful to me. I might as well give them up completely and find something that is useful to me and does bring me into contact with God, now in this moment.

Prayer is whatever works, whatever allows me to be present to God, who is always present. There are we are told seven billion people on earth, which means there must be seven billion ways of connecting with God.

The only thing that matters in prayer is coming into direct contact with the living God. If that does not happen, then the prayer is useless.

(Mark Patrick Hederman, Glenstal)

ADORATION IN OUR PARISH.

In addition to the regular periods of Adoration – Monday to Saturday 10.45-am - 12.30 pm- we are inviting people to come and join in a period of Adoration on Wednesday's from 6 to 9pm. During the long evenings it might be a nice opportunity to spend some time in Quiet Prayer.

Copies of Mark's Gospel are on sale in the Mass Office at €2 each.

WHO ME? "The Story of Who Me?" is not a bad title for the Bible. Think of how many people responded in that way when they were given tasks to do by God. The obvious person is Mary, when the angel told her that she would give birth to the

Saviour. What could she reply? "Who me? I don't even have a husband".

Think of Moses, being told to go to Pharaoh and command him in God's name, "Let my people go!" Who me, said Moses.

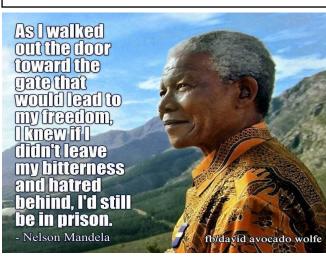
Or what about Jeremiah? "Who me, prophet to the nations, I don't even know how to speak."

Or, as in our first reading, Amos. God says to him, prophecy to my people in Israel. "Who me? Savs Amos, "I'm not a prophet, I'm a shepherd".

What about you? Who me? Yes, you. What is God calling you to do? To proclaim the Gospel? To be a peacemaker?

Society of St. Vincent de Paul. These are challenging times for charities. As a way of soliciting funds for the SVP they are providing envelopes for personal donations. Envelopes are at the back of the church and they can be forwarded by Free Post to Tuckey Street, or given to Fr. Michael.

RECOMMENDED READING: Maynooth College *reflects on* Covid-19 - €10 in the Mass Office. An excellent book containing a collection of reflections on the Covid experience and how the Church should learn lessons from it. If you are a person who feels the church should not just go back to the past this book should give you some interesting ideas.



On the main page of our website you will find a short video on the founder of the S.M.A. and the story of the development of the SMA Society.

Our charity for June/July is local - The Irish Motor Neurone Association.

So far we have collected €1,303. This charity, a deserving one, was nominated by a parishioner. We remind people that if they have a personal charity that is important to them and would like for us to support it for a month then let Fr. Michael know.

MASS SCHEDULE:

There will be two Masses every Sunday in our church - 10.30 am and 12 noon.

Vigil Mass: Saturdays 6pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us.. Amen.

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

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ

✤ LITURGY OF THE WORD ♣

FIRST READING Amos 7: 12 - 15 A reading from the prophet Amos Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do



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The message of Jesus is to teach God's people to love God and love their neighbour. This is the principal concern of his disciples as they teach in his name. 11th July 2021

your prophesving there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah. 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel. " '

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 84: 9 -14 R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

- 1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. [R]
- 2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. [R]

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3 – 14 (or shorter form in italics1:3-10)

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holv and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose. the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from

the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:

that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his areater alory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 6: 7 - 13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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 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

Look upon the offerings of the Church. O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION The mystery of faith.

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

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