



# 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

## OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> IS BEING SET ASIDE BY THE BISHOPS CONFERENCE AND THE SMA FATHERS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS.

This year's **Day for Life** is celebrated today, Sunday 3 October on the theme 'The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion'. In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, this year's **Day for Life** message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life. You can download this year's message from [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie).

One important item in their letter is the following: While all of this was going on, the Oireachtas was being asked to discuss legislation to provide for assisted suicide. That particular piece of legislation, thank God, has been rejected by the Oireachtas Committee for Justice on the grounds that it was deeply flawed. The surprising and disappointing thing is that the Oireachtas Committee did not reject the principle of Assisted Suicide and has proposed that Assisted Suicide be discussed further by a special committee, which would report within a specified timeframe.

## Day for Life – SMA Safeguarding Sunday.

The SMA seeks to highlight the centrality of safeguarding on the Day for Life.

### SAFEGUARDING PRAYER

Lord, you call us to walk with integrity in the service of others. May we all strive to understand our collective responsibility to work together to safeguard all people particularly children and vulnerable adults. Guide us as we build communities that foster the welfare of all. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

## TAKE A VACCINE, GIVE A VACCINE.

We concluded our appeal in support of the UNICEF and their appeal to **GET A VACCINE, GIVE A VACCINE**. We are happy to report that we are forwarding **€5,000** as the amount collected in our parish.



We thank all who supported this cause, especially the provider of the Face Masks. They were a great hit and enabled us to reach this generous amount. Thanks again to all who supported this cause.

## 'Ardmore - in the steps of St. Declan'

A day of quiet prayer & reflection is being organised by the parish for Ardmore on Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> October. Ardmore is thought to be the oldest Christian Settlement in Ireland and it is said to have been founded by Saint Declan who lived in this area of Waterford at some time during the century 350AD-450AD. We will include some spiritual music in the ruins of the old cathedral that afternoon before lunch.

Our day together will be led by a local Spiritual Director Dr. Phil Brennan who will also outline the history of Ardmore.

We hope to leave by 9am and return at approx. 6pm. The cost for the day is €60 and this will include return bus fare, lunch and guided tour. To maintain the cost as indicated we need at least 20 people to participate. If interested people could indicate their interest by contacting Pauline at [stjosephschurchwilton@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephschurchwilton@yahoo.com) as soon as possible so we will know if the trip is on or not.



## WILTON IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

We thank people who have given us pictures that are now part of our display of photos of "Wilton in the good old days".

The display at present includes pictures of the early days of the Gael Scoil and some happenings in the parish over 20 years ago. The display can be seen in the Coffee Dock at the Parish Centre.

## OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE MISSIONS.

During the month of October, we will focus on the World Mission of the Church.

*During the month of October, we will support one of our Irish SMA priests working in Zambia, Fr. Paddy Barry. Fr. Paddy is one of our Cork SMA priests and will be known to GAA supporters from his days of hurling with Cork.*

*Fr. Paddy is trying to build a new parish house in his parish. Fr. Paddy will visit the parish on the 11/12<sup>th</sup> October. After more than 40 years working in Africa he is a good cause to support during this Month for the Missions.*

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

## GREETING

In the name of the Father ..... Amen.  
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
**For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  
**And grant us your salvation.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **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

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....



## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Day for Life)

God has created us to live in love with and for each other. We pray especially today for a strengthening in our society of the value of the bond of marriage and family. 3rd October 2021



## FIRST READING Genesis 2: 18 - 24

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 127

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
by the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **[R]**
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **[R]**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **[R]**

## SECOND READING Hebrews 2: 9-11

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience

death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers. *The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! As long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Mark 10: 2-16

*(or shorter form italics 10:2-12)*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*  
Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he

put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*All bow for following two lines:*  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **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

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

## AFTER THE CONSECRATION

*The mystery of faith.*

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.