



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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'Sunday of the Word of God'

Each year on the Third Sunday of Ordinary time, the Church marks 'Sunday of the Word of God'. It is a time to acknowledge and celebrate the central place of God's Word in our lives of faith. We are a people who live by God's Word. We are gathered by God's Word. God's Word speaks to us, affirms us, guides us, FORMS US, challenges us and gives us new life.

This can only happen if we come to know that God's first Word to us is a word of love. And our first response to that word of love is to love in return. As a way of highlighting God's Word we will enthrone the Scriptures on the altar for the coming week especially during periods of Adoration. It's a way of showing God comes to us in the Eucharist as well as in His Word.

Due to Covid it was not possible to organize a proper send off for Sr. Nora as she retired from the parish. Last Sunday during the 10.30 Mass Sr. Nora came to the parish to collect the cheque for €2,000 as our Christmas Charity collection to the work of the OLA sisters in Nigeria. The accompanying picture shows members of the parish making a presentation to Sr. Nora as a token of their appreciation. We thank Sr. Nora for her work in the parish of Wilton.



The Vatican New Agency released its annual list of Catholic missionaries who died a violent death in 2021, with the majority bearing witness to their faith on the continent of Africa.

Twenty-two missionaries lost their lives across the world last year: 13 priests, 1 religious brother, 2 religious sisters and 6 lay persons. Half (11) of the people were killed on the continent of Africa, followed by the Americas (7), then Asia (3), and finally Europe (1).

The parish is offering a bereavement program. Many people have been affected by the Covid experience and maybe people know of people who have been bereaved during this period. If people would like to join such a group, or if you are aware of a person wishing to participate, give the name to Fr. Michael or leave the name in the Parish Office with contact details.

PARISH MONTHLY CHARITY.

This month we are supporting a Cork-based charity "Irish Community Air Ambulance". During the past year they were called out 512 times to offer their services. It was their busiest year ever. They rely on voluntary contributions. Let's see how we do in supporting them. To date we have collected €410. Donations can be given in the charity boxes at the front of the church or in the collection box located in the foyer of the Parish Centre.



There will be two new four week courses in Mindfulness with Ber Mulcahy starting shortly. Refresher Course (only suitable for people who have done mindfulness before)

Dates: Feb.22nd March 1st, 8th 15th.

Beginners Course: March 22nd, 29th, April 5th & 12th .

Times: Both courses will be from 6.45pm to 8.15pm Cost €40

There are limited places available. If you are interested, please email

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PARISH TAX BACK SCHEME. Only charities can claim Tax Back, not individuals. The charity can claim the refund on behalf of all PAYE and Self-Assessed supporters. It won't affect a person's finances or tax status in any way. Any details you supply will be kept in the strictest of confidence. When a person's donations exceed €250 a year -either as a once off donation or as an accumulation of contributions in the year the parish can claim a further €112 which will be a great help to parish finances.
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us...

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, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

✠ **LITURGY OF THE WORD** ✠

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8: 2-6. 8-10
A reading from the book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the



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Jesus preached with power that the kingdom of God has come. This kingdom is seen, not in prestige and wealth, but in justice, peace, reconciliation and love. The gospel invites us to share in working for that kingdom.

presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 18:8-10.15

R. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

- 1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. [R]
- 2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. [R]
- 3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. [R]
- 4. May the spoken words of my mouth,

the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! [R]

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-14.27
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (Shorter form only given.)

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the Good News to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia!



GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given

to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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** ✠

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

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