



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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DEALING WITH BEREAVEMENT AND LOSS.

The Covid experience was traumatic in so many ways but especially for people who encountered the reality not just of bereavement but also loss in so many ways. Loss of our youth, loss of our future, loss of opportunities. The parish is inviting **Christy Kenneally** to the parish on March 6th at 12 noon for a workshop on these issues. Christy is a known author and specialises on these topics.

It's also an invitation to focus for our parish theme for Lent and Easter.

Lent and the Healing power of the Cross. This event is sponsored from the proceeds of our Parish Pastoral collections. All are welcome to attend.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 2nd March.

The challenge of Ash Wednesday is for the community to provide the Ash's to be used in the ceremony of the Blessing of Ash on the day. It is not important for the palms to have been blessed, but that they are **OUR** palms and will in time become **OUR** ash for Ash Wednesday.

We ask members to provide palm branches and place them in the basket on the altar.

KNIT Gor Africa.

Our parish Knit for Africa group are up and knitting on Mondays from 2pm. The response is very encouraging so any person who wishes to join are welcome. Just bring your needles and wool along and get knitting.

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. To date we have collected **€2,247**. 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.

We conclude our appeal next week and we will begin our annual appeal in support of the work of **TROCAIRE** for Lent.

Holy Land Pilgrimage.

A suggestion for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is on offer if **enough** people are interested. The proposed dates are in September or October 2022 for 8 nights at a cost of about €2,000.

Any interested parties please leave their name and phone number in the Parish Office.

A Talk on Retrofitting in our homes by Caitriona Courtney from the Energy Hub will take place in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 23rd February. All are welcome.

Catholics tend to be reluctant when it comes to talking about their prayer life.

If it is the case, then it's a very serious problem. People may call themselves Catholics based on the fact that they go to Mass each Sunday, but are they mature ones.

And, now more than ever, as the Roman Church continues to witness the inadequacy of many of its crumbling structures there is a need for Catholics who have a mature, adult faith.

Without such believers, the attempt to transform the current ecclesial model into a synodal Church will be at least a failure, if not a disaster.



BINGO

We are delighted to announce that Bingo in the SMA Parish Centre will resume on Monday 28th February at 7.50 pm.

If anybody would like to volunteer with the running of the Bingo on Monday nights please leave your name and contact number in the Parish Office.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been
bountiful with me.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and
blood: 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,



OPENING PRAYER

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, always pondering spiritual things,
we may carry out in both word and deed
that which is pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 26:2-7,9,12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness
of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men
chosen from Israel to search for David in the
wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their
way towards the force, where they found Saul
asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the
ground beside his head, with Abner and the
troops lying around him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It is natural to stand up to people and 'get even' with them.
The message of the gospels runs differently: we must learn
to be as compassionate and forgiving as God our Father is
when we turn to Him for forgiveness.

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put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin
him to the ground with his own spear. Just one
stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David
answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can
lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and
be without guilt?' David took the spear and the
pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and
they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no
one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep
sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on
the top of the mountain a long way off; there
was a wide space between them. David then
called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of
the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord
repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty.
Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would
not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4,8,10,12-13

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. [R]

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. [R]

3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. [R]

4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:45-49.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became
a living soul; but the last Adam has become a
life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the
soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with

the spirit. The first man, being from the earth,
is earthly by nature; the second man is from
heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on
earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we
in heaven. And we, who have been modelled
on the earthly man, will be modelled on the
heavenly man.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to
accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you
who are listening: Love your enemies, do good
to those who hate you, bless those who curse
you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the
man who slaps you on one cheek, present the
other cheek too; to the man who takes your
cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give
to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for
your property back from the man who robs you.
Treat others as you would like them to treat you.
If you love those who love you, what thanks can
you expect? Even sinners love those who love
them. And if you do good to those who do good
to you, what thanks can you expect? For even
sinners do that much. And if you lend to those
from whom you hope to receive, what thanks
can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to
get back the same amount. Instead, love your
enemies and do good, and lend without any
hope of return. You will have a great reward,
and you will be sons of the Most High, for he
himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
'Be compassionate as your Father is com-
passionate. Do not judge, and you will not
be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and
you will not be condemned yourselves; grant
pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and
there will be gifts for you: a full measure,
pressed down, shaken together, and running
over, will be poured into your lap; because the
amount you measure out is the amount you will
be given back.'

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 ✠

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord,
with the observance that is your due, we
humbly ask you, that what we offer to the
honour of your majesty may profit us for
salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders, I will
rejoice in you and be glad, and sing
psalms to your name, O Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may
experience the effects of the salvation
which is pledged to us by these mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.

