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SMA Wilton helping SMA Poland

Letter from Polish SMA Superior acknowledging receipt of €5,000 from our parish.

To date 2,300,000 refugees have come to Poland as a result of the war in Ukraine. Our two SMA houses so far welcomed 115 refugees: 56 adults, mostly women, and 59 children. We are in the process of completing our structures so that their stay is pleasant.

For 1,200 inhabitants of our village we are talking about 300-350 refugees welcomed in the homes of individuals. Their number is increasing every day. We are searching for employment for some women. The younger children go to the local school.

We are also trying to become a distribution centre for many things we receive from everywhere and from which the host families in the vicinity can also benefit.

I share with you a few pictures that will help you to understand what life is like in our SMA homes today. May God give you back a hundredfold for every gift you are sharing with the refugees that we welcome.

Wilton Walking Group ***We have had a positive response to the idea of a Parish Walking group. The club will begin walking on Monday 25th April, assembling at 11.30 am at the front of the church and finishing with coffee, scone and a chat in the Parish Centre. All welcome.***

PARISH MONTHLY CHARITY.

The traditional Lenten appeal in support of TROCAIRE will be affected by the plight of the people of Ukraine. This year the appeal, *a genuine appeal*, is in support of a diocese in Zimbabwe. So far we have collected €1,564.80.

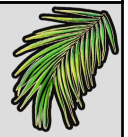
Individual envelopes containing money boxes are available in the Church and Parish Centre.

MIND AND WINDOWS.

Self-awareness can be hard. Your mind is not always to be trusted. It sometimes lies, or plays tricks, or doesn't give you the full picture. It can convince you that you are terrible.

A mind is real ***as a mind*** in the same way a window is real ***as a window***. But that doesn't mean the view you see through the window is the full view. Sometimes the glass is dirty, or clouded, or rain-specked, or sometimes the view is obscured by a big lorry that has parked right in front of it. The window could be entirely misleading. For instance, if your view was through a red stained-glass window you might perceive the world to be as red and forbidding as Martian desert. Even if there was nothing out there but lush green fields.

PALM SUNDAY – 10th APRIL.



Palm Sunday is next Sunday, 10th April. If people can bring fresh Palm branches to the church during the coming week it would be appreciated.

EASTER DUES ENVELOPE AND EASTER PARISH PROGRAM.

At entrances to the church are Easter Dues envelopes which contain the times of the Easter program in our parish. If one has not been delivered to your home please take one.

We would like to acknowledge €2,200 for the Bishop's appeal for Ukraine.
All monies will be forwarded to Caritas.

Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen - 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration for World Peace, 11am, Thursday 7th April 2022 to 10am Friday 8th April 2022.

A minimum of 3 to 4 people required for every hour. A rota sheet is available at the entrance to the Church of the Real Presence. If you wish to adore, please put down your first name and mobile number. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Or, to choose a time please phone 087 6215115, 6pm – 8pm.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

3rd. April 2022

May this day and the scripture we hear call us to look at the depth of our faith. We are called on to look into our hearts to show forgiveness and reconciliation to all we meet. Christ's forgiveness is without condemnation.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us.....

OPENING PRAYER

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING *Isaiah 43:16-21*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 125*

R. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R)**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R)**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R)**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R)**

SECOND READING *Philippians 3:8-14*

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead.
Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!'

GOSPEL *John 8: 1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there; in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?.'They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said 'Woman where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir', she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.

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

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift. Through Christ our Lord.

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