



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## SMA Wilton helping SMA Poland. UPDATE FROM SMA, POLAND

In our two houses, today, we are providing hospitality for 129 people: 98 at the African Missions Centre (CMA) in Borzecin Duzy and 31 in Piwniczna Zdrój. More than half of them are children. Since their daily lives are already regularized in a certain way we are trying to encourage them to find employment that could give them some income. It would also guarantee them an effective occupation so as not to think all the time about the war that has been taking place just behind our borders. It's not always easy. Many of them think that the war will end soon and they will be able to return to their homes as soon as possible. Living in this dynamic, they consider their stay in Poland only a temporary thing hoping for an imminent return to Ukraine. Even if the war continues we already had two families who have decided to return home. Other families have taken their place in our structures. However, the vast majority of families remain in our houses waiting for clear signs of the end of the war in Ukraine. The children are already integrating well into our schools.

We continue to remain open to any support and collaboration from other SMA units. For this reason on April 4 2022 thanks to the help of the Province of Spain, we welcomed in the CMA in Borzecin Duzy Maria Gracia from Grenada a doctor who helps us to manage health issues at the CMA. Another volunteer Stefania from Italy came on April 18 2022 to assist us. On the same day a team from the SMA Media Centre in Rome came to make a video report on our daily life in the company of the war refugees from Ukraine. In the near future, the SMA Media Centre will share with you the results of their work. In this way you will be able to see and understand better the reality of our daily life, with our joys and our challenges.

Fr. Pawel Gabrys SMA

Choir from Sweden who sang in our church last week as part of the Cork Choral Festival.



### SYNOD SURVEY.

The response of people to take copies of the Synod Survey was very encouraging. It's hoped by the end of May we can draw some conclusions from responses. It's not necessary to answer all questions and people can also add any comments they feel they wish to make that are appropriate to the survey.

We hope to have all submissions in by 21<sup>st</sup> May.

### EASTER DUES ENVELOPE.

At entrances to the church are Easter Dues envelopes. If one has not been delivered to your home, please take one.

### Wilton Walking Group.

*We go again on Monday, assembling at 11.30 am at the entrance of the Parish Centre.*

*On returning you can relax and chat with a cuppa in the Parish Centre.*

*All are 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 **€3,807.**

**We ask that people who took individual money boxes in support of Trocaire to consider returning them to the parish.**

### KNIT FOR AFRICA.

*The Knit for Africa group meet in the Coffee Dock every Monday at 2 pm.*

*The group is doing great work knitting materials for children in Africa.*

*Some people do not attend but in the quiet of their homes they support the work of the group with home knitting.*

## This hit home for me!

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, you don't throw it away, you change the batteries. When a person messes up and finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not, you help them change their batteries! Some need AA.. attention and affection; Some need AAA.. attention, affection and acceptance; some need C.. compassion; some need D.. direction. And if they still don't seem to shine... simply sit with them quietly and share your light.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

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

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns.....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING Acts 13:14 . 43-52

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8th May 2022

(Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church. Jesus died and rose for people of every race and nation. His command to his Church was to go out and preach to all people, we pray for people of faith to respond to that command.



The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 99:1-3.5

**R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. (R)

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.(R)

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. (R)

### SECOND READING Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

*A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse*

"I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of

the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes'.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL John 10: 27 - 30

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.

*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

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always  
find delight in these paschal mysteries,  
so that the renewal constantly at work within  
us may be the cause of our unending joy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and  
profess your Resurrection until you come  
again.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid  
down his life for his sheep and willingly  
died for his flock, Alleluia.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,  
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures  
the sheep you have redeemed  
by the Precious Blood of your Son.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.