

# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## TO REMEMBER DURING THE BAD DAYS

It won't last

You have felt other things. You will feel other things again.

Emotions are like weather. They change and shift. Clouds can seem as still as stones. We look at them and hardly notice a change at all. And yet they always move.

The worst part of any experience is the part where you feel like you can't take it anymore. So, if you feel like you can't take it anymore, the chances are you are already at the worst point. The only feelings you have left to experience are better than this one. You are still here. And that is everything.

There will be a simple prayer service held in Fr. Tom's garden to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the publishing of "Laudato Si", on Care of our Common Home".

The prayer Service will take place on Wednesday 25th May at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

The Knit for Africa group meets 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.

#### 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 21st May. 

Cork – Lough Derg Pilgrimage (12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022) Anyone wishing to join contact Paddy O'Sullivan 021 4502572 to book your place or for more information.

Wilton Walking Group: at 11.30 am every Monday at the entrance of the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

### PARISH MONTHLY CHARITY

Our monthly charity is a local charity named "The Midleton Hub". We are grateful for the support for this new but important charity and we are grateful for the €965 we have received to date. Contributions can be placed in wall boxes at the front of the church.

The group was founded by a number of people who are offering service to people with mental health issues and in particular people needing support following suicide bereavement and suicide prevention.

The group are also collecting old Teddy Bears as part of their suicide awareness program. If anyone is willing to part with an old Teddy Bear, they'd be delighted to have it. Drop them at the Mass Office.



Faces of Cork Exhibition - At present in the Parish Centre an exhibition of well known faces, of the people of Cork is being shown. It is open to the public. The exhibition is sponsored from the proceeds of our Parish Pastoral collections.

## SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

- 1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
- 2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
- 3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is hope.
- 4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
- 5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
- 6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock (Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June) **Bus departing from Togher Church carpark** To book your place contact John Joe 087-1302763

#### **UKRAINE SMA SUPPORT**

We are happy to receive donations in aid of our  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}$ ongoing support for the SMA Fathers in Poland who are catering for refugees.

Our total parish contribution to the plight of Ukrainian refugees now stands at €17,100. It's a sad cause but a very generous response from the parish. Donations can be placed in the box at the front of the altar beside the cross.