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Meat-free Fridays “help the planet” – from the Tablet magazine.

One in four Catholics in England and Wales changed their eating habits after the Catholic bishops asked them to return to forgoing meat on Fridays, saving more than 55,000 tonnes of carbon a year, according to a new study released.

Researchers say that, in terms of CO2 emissions, this is equivalent to 82,000 fewer people taking a return trip from London to New York once a year.

It is suggested that if Pope Francis reinstated meatless Fridays across the global church, it would mitigate millions of tonnes of greenhouse gases annually. For example, if the United States took on the challenge, in environmental benefits it could be 20 times larger than in the UK.

(For your information: Meat-free Fridays date back to at least Pope Nicholas I's ninth century declaration requiring Catholics to abstain on Fridays in memory of Christ's crucifixion)

CHRISTMAS CHARITY 2022

Our Christmas charity around the Christmas tree is always well supported. There are many deserving charities out there and we would love to help them all. **Don't be shy!** If you have a charity that is important to you, there is no doubt that they would be grateful if you could nominate them as our Christmas charity for 2022. If you nominate a charity, it is your responsibility to provide the parish with material to advertise the charity in the parish.

You can nominate a charity by offering the name to Fr. Michael. If you designate a charity, it might be the best Christmas present you might give this year!

DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS DUES IN THE PARISH

We once again rely on the generosity of our members to distribute the Christmas dues envelopes in the parish. People willing to do so can collect them from the sacristy at the weekend or from the Mass Office during the week.

It is hoped that all members would take a Christmas dues envelope as part of a personal contribution to the church for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH SCRUBS CHOIR. The Scrubs choir from the CUH will host a Christmas Carol Service in our church on the 6th of December at 7 pm. This is an opportunity to listen to many favourite Carols as we prepare for Christmas. Donation €5. All proceeds to St. Vincent De Paul.

A DAY OF TALKS AND MEDITATION

All welcome to a day of talks and meditation by Fr. Donagh O'Shea O.P. on Saturday 26th November at the Sacred Heart Missionaries Hall, Western Road. Registration at 9.30 am. Beginning at 10 am and will end with Mass at 3.30 pm.

PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH. TEA/COFFEE PROVIDED. Donation: €10



PARISH MONTHLY CHARITY.

SPECIAL APPEAL: Following the recent visit by a group of parishioners to the Holy Land a genuine cause for support came to our attention.

In our parish we have Sisters of the Presentation and one of those sisters on the trip with us contacted a fellow Sister from Zimbabwe working in the field of refugees and asylum seekers. The story of her work was quite harrowing. The plight of the Palestinian people, the Bedouin people and asylum seekers in Israel is a story that when you hear, you could only say to the sister that Wilton parish is very good at supporting a cause that we can identify with.

A number of pictures showing the circumstances of the sister's work are placed at the money boxes in the walls of the church which give some feeling for the work of the sister. Let's give the work of this sister our financial support over the next month.

Our initial response is very positive. To date we have collected €350. Well done.

Bishopstown Library Gramophone Circle takes place on Thursday 24th November at 3 pm.

Presenter—Rosemary Murphy. Admission Free.



MEMORIAL SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER/DECEMBER.

Tuesday 22nd November at 7.30pm - Garda Mass. Saturday 26th November at 11 am - ESB Mass Sunday 4th December at 2 pm - Feileacain Service (The Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Association of Ireland)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:

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

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

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

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

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, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said, 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people, Israel, you



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The Cross is a Throne and the Man hanging there is a King!
That is the Christ who turns all earthly values upside down. He is a king, not through wealth or reputation, but because he is a Man of compassion and of mercy, of justice brought to death.

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shall be the leader of Israel." 'So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 121: 1-5

**R. I rejoiced when I heard them say
'Let us go to God's house.'**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

and now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

(R)

2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

(R)

3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

(R)

SECOND READING Colossians 1:12 - 20

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

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection

to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!



GOSPEL Luke 23. 35 - 43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The people stayed there before the Cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.