



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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During 2022 we raised funds for various charities which amounted to about €50,000. Fantastic, well done for such a generous response.

The bulk of this money was sent to assist the SMA in Poland to accommodate Ukrainian refugees. We also assisted Paddy Barry SMA in the construction of a new house in Zambia, and the SMA in Tanzania who support an Albino community. Other charities were Trocaire, the local Air Ambulance helicopter; Mercy Hospital Cancer research; a group in Midleton Hub setting up of drop-in centre and suicide awareness program; we assisted the youth from Scala (Redemptorists) raise funds for youth programs in Asia etc; we assisted a Zimbabwean nun who runs a Justice office in Israel for refugees and migrant workers and the L'arch Centre in Bethlehem.

Most groups are resuming after the Christmas break.

New members are welcome to join any of the following groups

Monday 11.15am Parish walking group. Meet at the Parish Centre front door. 2.00 pm **Knit for Africa.** Just bring your needles and wool and come and join. Great company but also great work being done for Africa.

Wednesday 7.30 pm Join in a period of **Contemplative quiet prayer** in the sacristy for 45 minutes, involves is being still and "know that I am God".

11.am Sister Sheds 2.00pm Men's Shed

Thursday 10.30 am Lectio Divina. A period of prayerful reflection on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. Meet in the room by the sacristy.

The Gospel for the coming year is the **Gospel of Matthew.**

Matthew wrote his Gospel for a group Jews who were familiar with Jewish traditions and the Old Testament. If we really want to connect with Matthew's Gospel, it will help to have some understanding of the Gospel.

The response to gather as a group to discuss the gospel is encouraging.

An initial meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th after 10.30 Mass and Wednesday 18th at 7.30pm in the room opposite the sacristy. We will see how convenient this time is for people.

"Christianity is a lifestyle - a way of being in the world that is simple, non-violent, shared, and loving. However, we made it into an established "religion" (and all that goes with that) and avoided the lifestyle change itself. One could be warlike, greedy, racist, selfish, and vain in most of Christian history, and still believe that Jesus is one's "personal Lord and Savior" . . . The world has no time for such silliness anymore. The suffering on Earth is too great."

A new initiative in our parish; we are offering an alternative to TV!

On our webcam (www.samwilton.ie - click **LIVE**) we are putting out a one-hour selection of interesting materials from 4 -5pm and from 8 - 9pm daily. The material will vary every week. It will include meditations, spiritual music, monthly SMA news, climate programs material prepared by the parish and other varieties of interesting material. These weeks there will be an Advent and Christmas theme to the selections.

CHECK IT OUT

Faith cannot be passed on. Only the disposition to receive it can be encouraged.

THINK ABOUT IT:

The next Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection will take place this weekend of 11th /15th January. This quarterly collection contributes to the day-to-day running costs of the Diocese.

When coming to church please collect a copy of the bulletin and use it to join in the prayers and the readings of the Mass. When leaving we urge you to take the bulletin home with you. You never know, maybe a member of your family or a visitor to your house might take an interest in the content.

OUR SMA CALENDAR 2023 IS NOW ON SALE IN THE MASS OFFICE. €3

**HELP
WANTED**

If you have a little spare time would you like to help us to run our Bingo on Monday evenings please contact the parish office 021-4341362

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to
your name, O Most High!

GREETING

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

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,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who govern
all things, both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 49: 3-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,

my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Christian Unity Week

The life of Christ was spent in the service of God and all whom
he met. Today we must follow his example and be ready to say
'Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.' 15th January 2023



he who formed me in the womb to be his
servant, to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the
survivors of Israel:

I will make you the light of the nations so that
my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 39: 2.4 7-10

R. Here I am, Lord!

I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R)

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R)

4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

A reading from 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians
I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle,
together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings
to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy
people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take
their place among all the saints everywhere who
pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord
no less than ours. May God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among



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us; To all who did accept him he gave power
to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said,
'Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away
the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of
when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks
before me because he existed before me. I did
not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him
to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John
also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on
him from heaven like a dove and resting on him.
I did not know him myself, but he who sent me
to baptise with water had said to me. "The man
on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest
is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy
Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness
that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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 us, O Lord, we pray, that we may
participate worthily in these mysteries, for
whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is
celebrated the work of our redemption is
accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Lord, I am not worthy that you should
enter under my roof, but only say the
word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the
Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness make
those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

