



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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For years an atheist in a small village envied the serenity of a Christian friend. Finally, he asked his friend if he thought God would give him the same peace of mind. The Christian said, "Yes, I believe so, if you get to know him."

The atheist asked, "But where can I meet this God?" The Christian said that he went out several miles beyond the village and there met and talked with God. The next morning the atheist walked out from the village until he stood before a mountain. He cried, "Lord God Almighty, show me the kind of being You are!" He received no answer although he cried out several times.

A few days later, he said to his Christian friend, "There is no God! I stood before the mountain day after day and called out to your God but there was no answer. I asked Him to tell me the kind of being He is."

The Christian replied, "Well, my friend, when I go out there, I tell God the kind of person I am. I confess I am sinful and cannot exist apart from Him. Then God appears to me, and I understand Him better."

The atheist decided to try that approach and fell before the mountain, saying, "Lord, I am a sinful man. Forgive me". When he looked up, the mountain had gone. It had been only a shadow of himself, and once he was out of the way, he could see the Lord.

Is there a mountain standing between you and God?

DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

The following are a list of the various special collections taken up in the diocese over the past year. As a parish we contributed to all these collections. While we made our own special contributions to Ukraine through the SMA we also supported the Diocesan appeal which was generously supported by the diocese.

	2022 (euro)	2021 (euro)
Lourdes Invalid Fund	10,210	7,046
Episcopal Commission	28,942	4,891
Holy Places	37,488	9,721
Mission and Ministry	35,600	3,974
Peter's Pence	41,085	28,176
Priesthood Education	70,616	35,629
Propagation of Faith	61,360	46,823
Marriage Support	38,165	17,757
Ukraine	240,420.	

The relaxing of restrictions in early 2022 and the resulting effect on collections is self-evident.

Parish Monthly Charity.

The parish is supporting **EDEL HOUSE** as our monthly charity. The parish has a tradition of being generous in its support of this deserving charity. Contributions in support of Edel House can be deposited in the wall boxes at the front of the church. To date we have collected €1,057.

Donations in support of the people of Ukraine can still be deposited in the box in the wall marked at the back of the church. It's good to see the ongoing quiet support being maintained for the people of Ukraine in our parish.

A new and very successful initiative in our parish is

"The Women's Shed". It began in Dublin and is now extended to Cork and meets here in the Parish Centre. They meet on Wednesday mornings in the Centre at 11am. It's open to all women and to all ideas. The response is very encouraging.

**Our SMA Calendar 2023 is on sale in the Mass Office.
€2 a copy now. A few remain!**

The UCC Surgeon Noonan Society presents

SONGS FOR AFRICA

Featuring

**The Wilcollane Singers
Cork Garda Choir
Bravura String Trio
and Special Friends**

FRIDAY 8 FEB 10TH | 8 PM STUDENTS and O.A.P.s € 10
ADULTS € 15

Venue: St. Finbarr's South Church, Dunbar St. Cork. T12 X210

All proceeds to the Surgeon Noonan Fund
Tickets at the door or pre-order using the QR code below



A popular Prayer App available free of charge. Try it out.

A very popular Prayer App produced by the British Jesuits which contains a daily meditation for about 10 minutes and uses Ignatian spirituality and contemplative music to aid reflection on a Bible reading. The app can be downloaded from Google Play and the Apple Store. All resources are free. The App is called **"Pray as you Go"**. Check it out!

Pilgrimage to Assisi and San Giovanni Rotondo

A fully escorted group Pilgrimage with direct flights from Cork to Rome return.

26th June - 3rd July €1185

Single room supplement €280

If interested please leave name and contact number in the Parish Centre. 021 4341362.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

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

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING *Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12 - 13*

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord

all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.

Seek integrity,
seek humility:

you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The gospel today is the charter of a Christian (The Beatitudes): Jesus' sermon on the mount. It is an invitation to live like him, and a challenge to serve him in our neighbour. 29th January 2023

a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek
refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong, will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 145: 7 - 10

**R. How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs
is the kingdom of heaven.
or Alleluia**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R)

SECOND READING *Corinthians 1:26 - 31*

A reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and
earth, for revealing the
mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.**

Alleluia !

GOSPEL *Matthew 5: 1 -12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for
what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the
cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;**



he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

✠ LITURGY OF 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

O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings
of our service: be pleased to receive them,
we pray, and transform them into the
Sacrament of our redemption.
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.

SANCTUS

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

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God.....

**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

**Let your face shine on your servant. Save
me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me
never be put to shame, for I call on you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we
pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal
salvation true faith may ever increase.
Through Christ our Lord.

