



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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ASH WEDNESDAY - 22nd February

As usual we invite members to bring withered palm branches to the church for burning to form the ashes for the community on Ash Wednesday. What we gather will be combined with the ash collected from the burnt palm crosses we used to remember our dead during the month of November.

Even if you end up between a rock and a hard place, you can still make yourself into something beautiful



TAX BACK 2023

If you are paying tax and are a member of our parish you are eligible to join in our Tax Back program for 2023.

If during a Tax Year your total contributions to the church exceed €250 the church will benefit from your contributions by at least €100. This happens at no cost to yourself, nor will it influence your tax situation.

If you can join us, all you must do is take one of the numbered boxes at the back of the church, sign your name against the number of the box on the sheet and your phone number. You use the envelopes when making offerings during Mass.

Sometimes the thought of complete silence, quietness, and time on our own is most appealing. The life of a hermit seems attractive, but the reality is that few of us would last even a day! We have grown so accustomed to noise in our daily lives that silence is something that's difficult for most. Yet silence is a precious gift that needs to be experienced little and often. A common link in all the great spiritual writers is to find that space in our lives which we can claim as our own. When we find that space, even if it's only for a few moments, we can be sure that we are indeed very close to God.

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 €1,347.

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 hoped that the Polish SMA Superior will visit the parish on the 12th Feb. We are close to being able to give him another donation of €1,000 to assist in supporting Ukrainian refugees in their house in Poland.

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Annual Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes



Will take place here in St. Joseph's Church, Wilton

Friday 3rd February to Friday 11th February, at the 10 a.m. Mass daily and the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

World Youth Day 2023

The Diocese of Cork and Ross is delighted to announce that Bishop Fintan will travel with 20 young people (18 - 30 years) from around the Diocese to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon (July 31st to August 7th). Two to four million young people from around the world are expected to attend and to pray with Pope Francis. It will be an experience of faith, fun and friendship.

A special Information Evening will take place on Monday February 13th at 8pm in Mardyke House Cork City (T12 W8RP). The cost is €500 per person including flights, accommodation, food vouchers, tickets for transport within Lisbon, travel insurance, and bag allowance. Places are limited so if you are interested, please come along on February 13th to register your interest.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

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

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Isaiah 58: 7 - 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,

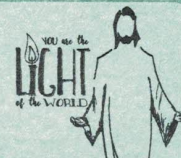
clothe the man you see to be naked



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The followers of Jesus are the "light of the world" if they are seen to care for the oppressed, the hungry and the homeless. When such care is shown then the light of Christ is seen in our world.

5th February 2023



and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 111: 4 - 9

R. The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. (R)
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R)
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. (R)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2:1 - 5

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And

I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world,
says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!



GOSPEL Matthew 5:13 - 16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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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 EUCHARIST ✠

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord.



CONCLUDING RITE

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

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**