

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.

THE STORY OF WILTON PARISH

Paul O 'Flynn has been working with the SMA for some time. Through the medium of the Webcam and video he has enabled us to put together various programs that we have shared on our Webcam. Paul has just completed a very interesting video of the story of Wilton parish.

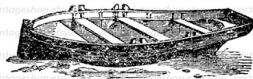
It is a wonderful reminder of where we have come from as a parish, a reminder of how we coped with Covid, and more importantly a reminder of the many positive achievements that we are able to claim credit for, and be proud of ourselves as a parish. Check it out.

<https://youtu.be/CwG2mwNcPLw> This is also available to view on our website **www.smawilton.ie** then click on Wilton Parish Story. Enjoy!



INVITATION TO JOIN OUR LENTEN PROGRAM.

Lent is an opportunity to grow and to acknowledge our own personal shortcomings. We only recognise our need for God only when we come to accept that we **are not** who we think we are. It's only when we come to see our deficiencies and inadequacies that we kind of begin to feel the need for an extra help or strength to become who we feel we wish to become.



Our Lenten program is an opportunity to join with us and reflect on why we need to put the ash on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. On the table at the altar is a handout which is the beginning of the exercise for reflection.

We hope it is self-explanatory and if you take a copy and wish to join in continuing the program you will be asked to return a drawing of “a Boat” which arises out of your reflection of the content of the material. Place your drawing in the box at the altar – **do not add your name to the drawing.**



TURKISH/SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION

Thank you for the generous response to the appeal last Sunday to enable us to make a token response in support of the plight of the people affected by the tragic earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Our appeal came to €2346. It's good that we are seen to be responding to such tragic situations, this money is being forwarded to GOAL Ireland.

Parish Monthly Charity.

★ We conclude our support for **EDEL HOUSE** this weekend. ★
 ★ The amount we hope to have collected will be €2,000 by the end of ★
 ★ the weekend. ★

★ Once Lent starts, we will be inviting members to support the annual ★
★ Trocaire Lenten appeal. ★

Donations in support of the people of Ukraine can still be deposited in the box in the wall at the back of the church.

THINK ABOUT IT - Jesus hugged children but instructed adults.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Leviticus 19: 1 - 2. 17 - 18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Day of Prayer for Temperance)

It is hard to forgive and forget, but Jesus asks us to go one step further: we must love those who offend us - be forgiving and tolerant of our enemies. If we strive to achieve this Jesus favours with his compassion and love. 19th February 2023



God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself.

I am the Lord."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills, who
redeems your life from the grave, who
crowns you with love and compassion. (R)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R)
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 3:16 - 23

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

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about

in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 5:38 - 48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect. *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 ✠

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 celebrate your mysteries, O Lord,
with the observance that is your due, we
humbly ask you, that what we offer to the
honour of your majesty may profit us for
salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders, I will
rejoice in you and be glad, and sing
psalms to your name, O Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we may experience the effects of the
salvation which is pledged to us by these
mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.