



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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LENT AND TROCAIRE.

Each Lent the church in Ireland invites all parishes to unite and support the work of Trocaire. Envelopes with money boxes included and an explanation of this year's appeal are available in the church. Also available are envelopes which allows people to make a personal donation to the work of Trocaire. Or you can donate in the usual charity boxes in front by the altar.

Lent is a time of giving and renewing. Information on Trocaire can be obtained at [www. Trocaire.org](http://www.Trocaire.org) This year *Somalia is the focus of their year's Lenten Campaign.*

To date we have collected €1,191.

On Tuesday of Holy Week (4th April) we will have a parish Penance Service at 7 pm.

Our Lenten Boat program is an opportunity to use the time of Lent to personally reflect and put meaning on your own personal Lenten Ash. If by chance to wish to journey alone there is a limited number of the book being used for the program (**LIFE a voyage with God**) on sale in the Mass Office - €12 a copy.

The meaning you put on your Ash is, or should be, very different as to why I put Ash on my forehead. We are all responsible to know the meaning of our Ash, or else we are just partaking in an empty ritual.



During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross in the church grounds every Friday after the 10 am Mass.

All are welcome to join, gather in the grounds behind the Parish Centre.

LOURDES 2023

Launch & Information Evening takes place on Wednesday, March 22nd 7.30 pm in the SMA Community Centre Wilton Cork T12 AX94. (next to St Joseph's Church Wilton).

The information evening will include a presentation about the diocesan pilgrimage including testimonies from young people who have already been to Lourdes with the diocesan pilgrimage and the experience of adults who have travelled as helpers.

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

We have forwarded another €1,000 to the SMA Fathers in Poland to support in accommodating refugees from Ukraine. Thanks for your generosity.

DIOCESE OF CORK AND ROSS

TURKEY & SYRIA Earthquake Collection

Bishop Finton has given approval for a diocesan collection to be taken up in support of people affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

This collection takes place this weekend - Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th March.



The "Living Faith" for April, May, June is on sale in the Mass Office. Cost: €1.

A legend has it, a just and good man went to Sodom one day hoping to save the city from God's judgment. He tried talking to first one individual then the next, but nobody would engage in conversation with him.

Next, he tried carrying a picket that had "Repent" written on it in large letters. Nobody paid any attention to his sign after an initial glance.

Finally, he began going from street to street, shouting, "Men and women, repent! What you are doing is wrong. It will kill you! It will destroy you!"

The people laughed at him, but he went about shouting. One day a person stopped him and said, "Stranger, can't you see that your shouting is useless? The man replied, "Yes, I see that."

The person asked, "So why do you continue?"

The man said, "When I arrived in this city, I was convinced that I could change them. Now I continue shouting because I don't want them to change me."

Speak out for those things you believe to be true and good. If you remain silent, others may take your silence as agreement of their position – which may not be at all what you believe.

**PRACTICE THE
PAUSE. WHEN IN
DOUBT, PAUSE.
WHEN ANGRY,
PAUSE. WHEN
TIRED, PAUSE.
WHEN STRESSED,
PAUSE. AND WHEN
YOU PAUSE, PRAY.**

Bishopstown Senior Social Centre

Wilton Park House will host their Annual Afternoon Tea Dance in the SMA Centre, Wilton
Wednesday 22nd March
Time: 1 pm - 4.30 pm

Admission including refreshments €10

Spot prizes - Groups welcome

Further information: 021 4248595

Monday - Thursday 2 pm - 4.30 pm.

THINK ABOUT IT: Pope Francis tells us that the Church is a hospital for sinners, not a rest home for saints.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult
and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive
us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

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

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

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

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through your Word reconcile the
human race to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and
eager faith the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 16: 1.6-7.10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with
oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of
Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king
among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he
caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely
the Lord's anointed one stands there before
him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no
notice of his appearance or his height for
I have rejected him; God does not see as a
man sees; man looks at appearances but the
Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his
seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to
Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He
then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you
have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the
youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.'
Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we
will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse
had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion,
with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord
said 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At
this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed
him where he stood with his brothers; and the
spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed
with him from that day on.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 22)



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Without faith we are blind to the ways of God. With the light of
faith we can see the path Jesus laid down for us so that we may
follow him and enjoy the glory of the resurrection when our time
comes.

(Laetare Sunday)

19th March 2023



**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I
shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R)

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff; with these you give me comfort. (R)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R)

SECOND READING Ephesians 5: 8-14

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

You were darkness once, but now you are light
in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects
of the light are seen in complete goodness and
right living and truth. Try to discover what the
Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the
futile works of darkness but exposing them by
contrast. The things which are done in secret
are things that people are ashamed even to
speak of; but anything exposed by the light will
be illuminated and anything illuminated turns
into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of
God! I am the light of the world, says the
Lord; anyone who follows me will have the
light of life. Glory to you,**

O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL John 9:1.6-9.13-17.34-38 (Shorter form)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had

been blind from birth. He spat on the ground,
made a paste with the spittle, put this over the
eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and
wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means
'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed
himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier
had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man
who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is
the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks
like him'. The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to
the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when
Jesus made the paste and opened the man's
eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he
had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on
my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then
some of the Pharisees said 'This man cannot
be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.'
Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs
like this?' And there was disagreement among
them. So they spoke to the blind man again,
'What have you to say about him yourself, now
that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet'
replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they
replied 'and you a sinner through and through,
since you were born! And they drove him away.'

Jesus heard they had driven him away,
and when he found him he said to him, 'Do
you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man
replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe
in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is
speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe',
and worshipped him.

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 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

We place before you with joy these offerings,
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying
that we may both faithfully revere them and
present them to you, as is fitting, for the
salvation of all the world.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

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

**The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I
washed, I saw and I believed in God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who
comes into this world, illuminate our hearts,
we pray, with the splendour of your grace,
that we may always ponder what is worthy
and pleasing to your majesty and love you
in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.