



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## Introduce Biodiversity - Friendly Mowing

Regularly mown grass looks neat but is a green desert for biodiversity. Cutting less often allows wildflowers to grow and provide important food for our insects, especially pollinators. Identify some areas where you don't begin mowing until after the 15th April and then cut on a 6 weekly rotation. Not cutting until mid-April allows Dandelions to flower but not set seed. Cutting at the end of May and not again until mid-late July will increase the growth of important wildflowers like Clover, Selfheal, Cuckooflower and Bird's-foot-trefoil.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION.

A new initiative on offer to people is the opportunity to join in a video faith formation program.

Fr. Michael is willing to make available at certain times videos which he considers will help adults to grow in their faith understating. If you would like to participate and receive the material we ask that you might sign up your name and give your email address and you can receive what is being offered.

### RALPH WALDO EMERSON

“To laugh often and much; to win the respect of the intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the beauty in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that one life has breathed easier because you lived here. This is to have succeeded.”

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\* Around the altar we are encouraging a display of flowers that people feel \*  
\* are good examples to help biodiversity. \*  
\* We hope people might provide such examples - just name it and place it on \*  
\* the altar. The exercise is just a little gesture of showing that climate issues \*  
\* are of concern to our parish. \*  
\* The display will remain till the end of May. \*  
\* A newly published and very readable book on Biodiversity by Eanna Ni Lamhna is \*  
\* on sale in the Mass Office. €14.99. It's very informative and easy to read. \*  
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Wilton Justice group has organized an outing to Cloughjordan Eco Village in Tipperary on Tuesday May 30th. A coach will leave Wilton SMA at 9am.

The visit will include an introduction and tour of the village lasting 2 hours.

This will be followed by lunch.

**Cost:** Coach €22

Entrance fee to village €12

Lunch €10

Further details and to book, talk to Kathleen or Chris in coffee dock SMA centre.  
10.30 - 11 am week mornings.



**Prayer Service**  
to celebrate  
**LAUDATO SI WEEK 2023**  
Theme:  
**HOPE FOR THE EARTH**  
**HOPE FOR HUMANITY**  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.  
In the Garden behind  
SMA Church, Wilton.  
**All Welcome**  
Followed by Tea/Coffee in the  
Parish Centre.

### LENT AND TROCAIRE.

**To date we have collected €9.455. This amount represents a very generous response from our parish.**



“Life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent how you react to it.”

— Louis Holtz

### THINK ABOUT IT:

**People are more impressed by how much I care than by how much I know.**

### Community Employment Positions available

Caretaker SMA Community Centre

Ref: #CES-2276551

Closing: 14/ June /2023

Receptionist SMA Community Centre

Ref: #CES-2280646

Closing: 14 Jun/2023

*If you are interested in any of these positions please contact your local Intreo office or for any queries please call 0214345583*

### Scooch - Every Tuesday in the SMA

Wilton from

2 pm - 5 pm.

Please come along for an afternoon of fun.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## 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.

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## OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, .....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING Acts 8: 5 - 8. 14 - 17

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14th May 2023

Wherever the love and compassion of Jesus is present; there we find his Spirit. Wherever his people try to spread some justice and equality, we find his Spirit. We are called to be people who spread the work and the presence of his Spirit.



out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 65: 1-7.16.20)

**R. Cry out with joy to God all the earth. or Alleluia!**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' (R)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R)
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry - shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules forever by his might. (R)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R)

### SECOND READING 1 Peter 3: 15 - 18

*A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!'**

### GOSPEL John 14: 15 - 21

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to 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

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

*The mystery of faith.*

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.