

St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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THE MESSAGE OF TODAY'S GOSPEL

Jesus has just received the news of the death of John the Baptist. He tries to make a getaway to a guiet place to be by himself. But the crowds find him and he has pity on them. His desire for solitude has been overtaken by his compassion for people who looked for help.

The gospel shows us that Jesus needs peace and guiet to gain strength from his Father. He is not a robot. He feels the need to withdraw, to gather his thoughts, to pray. Yet his need for peace is not overriding; it is superseded by the needs of others. 



# INTERNATIONAL DAY.

The parish, with the support of the Bons Secours Hospital, are once again hosting an International Fun day in the SMA grounds behind the church. The date is set for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2pm – 6 pm. An invitation is extended to all nationalities in the diocese to participate. An invitation is also extended to the Ukrainian community to join with us on the day.

This is an opportunity for non-Irish nationals to identify with our parish effort and come forward and contribute to the day. We are hoping members of the parish will volunteer and support the day in one or other of the ways that we will be seeking support.

### **THINK ABOUT IT:** My attitude influences my life more than any circumstance.

July charity we supported Cork Deaf **Association**. Around the church are pamphlets containing information from the Association. A total of €1600 was collected.

### .Our Monthly charity for August will be in aid of D.A.W.G. (Dog Action Welfare Group)

This voluntary organisation cares for abused, abandoned & neglected dogs in the Cork area. There has been a huge increase in abandoned dogs following Covid 19, over 650 in 2022!! They are under immense pressure & are in desperate need of funds for housing/food/vets' bills etc. The response to their initial appeal last week was fantastic. €635 was contributed. Also needed are plastic beds, fleece blankets, dog food, & tinned fish.

No duvets/pillows please. Thank you for your support.



Boxes of Knitting packed up and ready to be sent to Africa. Made by our parishes "Knitting for Africa" aroup that meet here in the centre every week.



Above picture shows Nancy with her dog, Maisie, one of their 5 recently rescued dogs.

The story of the founding of the Irish Province of the SMA. A new booklet has been produced by the Irish SMA telling the story of the founding of the Irish Province of the SMA. The parish, from income from our Pastoral Fund collections, is making available copies of this booklet. Copies are available in the church. Feel free to take one.

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

### **PENITENTIAL ACT**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God have mercy...... 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**

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### ✤ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✤

#### FIRST READING Daniel 7:9-10.13-14 A reading from the prophet Daniel

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames,



## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Today we reflect on the twofold nature of Christ: the Son of God is yet truly man. He came on earth as our brother, he shared in human suffering and death; we hope to share in his divine destiny of glory. 6th August 2023

its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 R. The Lord is king,

the Most High over all the earth.

- The Lord is king; let earth rejoice; let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. (R)
- The mountains melt like wax before the Lord all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice, all peoples see his glory.
  (R)
- For you indeed are the Lord, most High above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. (R)

### SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16-19 A reading from the second letter of Peter

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour." We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds. *The word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.** 

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son the beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him. Alleluia.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. "Lord," he said "it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said. "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. "Stand up," he said "do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, "Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

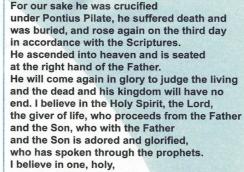
The Gospel of the Lord.

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. King of Glory For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

king of Peace

All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.



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 THE 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

Sanctify, O Lord, we pray, these offerings here made to celebrate the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son, and by his radiant splendor cleanse us from the stains of sin.

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.

### 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 When Christ appears, we shall

be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the heavenly nourishment we have received, O Lord, we pray, transform us into the likeness of your Son, whose radiant splendor you willed to make manifest in his glorious Transfiguration.

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