



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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THE MESSAGE OF TODAY'S GOSPEL

The parable of the workers in the vineyard is peculiar to Matthew. The payment begins with the last hired workers and moves to the first hired, so that it may be seen by those who worked all day long that all are paid the same. The parable illustrates that God's gracious giving is not determined by what is earned.

For our part we might reflect on how we take the gift of faith for granted. Many eleventh-hour Christians will enter the kingdom before us because they have made so much of the graces they have been given.

Autumn Blessing

May you be blessed with the virtues of Autumn, bringing you wisdom and gratitude, and the courage to let go of obstacles on your spiritual path.

May your heart be open to all that needs transformation.

May you let the leaves of mediocrity fall from your tree of life.

May you fall into the embrace of emptiness, trusting new life to emerge.

May you be instruments of peace, love and joy, sharing your gifts generously with others, just like nature shares its

fruitfulness and bounty with all of creation.

PARISH CHARITY FOR SEPTEMBER

Sr. Margaret Kiely is hosting an Art Exhibition of her paintings in the Bishopstown library. Sr. Margaret has offered to donate all the proceeds of the sale of her work to assist the SMA Fathers in Poland in the upkeep of the Ukrainian refugees in their house in Warsaw.

So for the month of September what we collect as our Monthly Charity will be added to Sr. Margret's final figure and sent to Poland. So far this month we have collected **€ 578**.

We are trying to encourage greater participation by ALL who attend Mass at weekends. In this regard we are asking people to collect a bulletin as they enter the church and use it to join in communal parts of the Mass contained in the bulletin. Also, if you come early take time to read the readings of the Mass in the bulletin and see if you can spot a common theme with the first reading and the Gospel – there is one!

25 YEARS 1994 - 2019

BON SECOURS HOSPITAL

Bon Secours Hospital Cork and The Catherine McAuley School of Nursing & Midwifery, University College Cork jointly present:

6TH ANNUAL MINDFULNESS CONFERENCE 2023

Mindful Wellness in the Workplace

RCPI CPD Credits - 1 hour of CPD

Mindful Wellness helps strengthen individuals' mental, emotional and physical health which allows people to have greater resilience, increase life satisfaction and improve work engagement.

VENUE: BROOKFIELD HEALTH SCIENCES COMPLEX: COLLEGE ROAD, UCC, T12 XF64

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

From 8:30am to 2:00pm

NOMINATED CHARITY crann Solutions for facilities with neuro-physical disabilities

Book Your Place Please click on the link to register and receive confirmation: <https://Mindfulness23.Eventbrite.ie>



Are you ready for an adventure in personal transformation and inner growth? Join Caroline's class on Monday Nights at 7.30pm at the SMA Community Centre and make a difference to your life, relationships and goals. Contact: 0857227365.

The Lough Flower & Garden Club

Tuesday, September 26th at 7.30 pm

Venue: The SMA Parish Centre, Wilton

Eileen O'Brien AOIFA will give a seasonal floral demonstration.

Visitors very welcome. Admission €10

Bishopstown Library

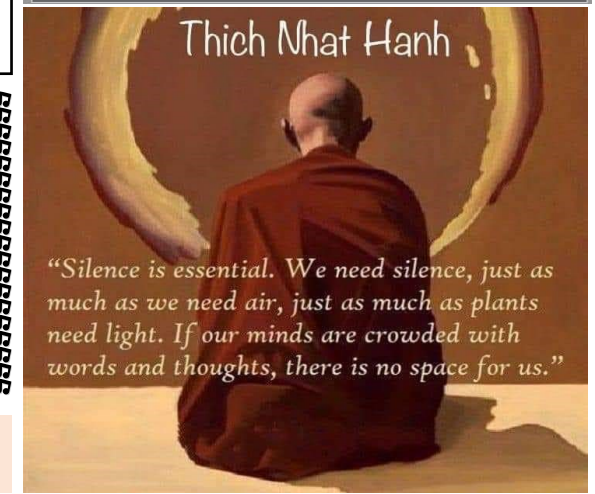
Gramophone Circle

Thursday 28th September

Time: 3 pm

Presenter Tom Liston

Admission Free



THINK ABOUT IT: Why Faith fails to connect with so many good people remains an unanswered question.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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

Glorify 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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, 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 Isaiah 55: 6 - 9

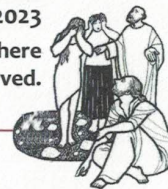
A reading from the prophet Isaiah



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

World Day of Migrants and Refugees 24th September 2023

It is not easy to understand the mind of God. He sees goodness where we see none; he showers blessings where none seem to be deserved. We can be sure he is near us whenever we call him.



Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 144)

The Lord is close to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. (R)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R)

SECOND READING Philippians 1: 20 - 24.27

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians
Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest

heavens! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 20: 1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them. "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first last.'

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 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

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.