



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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I hope beautiful things happen to you and when they do, I hope you can believe you are worthy of every single one of them.

F.E. Marie



Read, Love and Learn

## THE MESSAGE OF TODAY'S GOSPEL. (Mt 22:1-14)

We can tell the story of the parable in three stages. The first stage describes the great insult. The king sends out his invitation to the wedding of his beloved son, but the guests decline to come. The king is patient, he sends out yet another group and they refuse to come. Once again the guests have other things to do.

The destruction of the city possibly recalls the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans for Matthew. The last point is put more visibly in the second parable of the gospel, **the story of the wedding garment**. There is a great temptation in the modern world to take the things of God for granted and to trivialize the role of religion in human life. Many people like to drift through life almost as though salvation were guaranteed at the end. The fate of the man without the wedding garment should be a reminder that for the Gospel we cannot go on just drifting along, feeling safe in our preconceived ideas and habits. We might call this to mind every time we come to Mass. We do not come to Mass just to pay a compliment to God by our presence! We need to be there for the strength for the graces the Mass offers us.

## PARISH CHARITY FOR OCTOBER

Our charity for October is responding to an appeal to support some Irish MMM sisters who are working in Malawi, in Africa, who have recently opened a maternity centre in that country. They are hoping that we might assist them with funding for an incubator. The incubator will help to further improve the service they can provide to the local people. To date we have raised **€592**. Excellent.

Remember the parable last Sunday of the community producing good grapes for the Master! Well done!!

## NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SERVICES WILTON

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> - St. Finbarr's Cemetery 2.30 pm
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Parish Bereavement Mass 7.00 pm
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Cork Stroke Assoc. 2.30 pm
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> - Eircom Memorial Mass 11.00 am
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Lough Flower Club Mass 10.00 am
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Garda Memorial Mass 7.00 pm
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> - ESB Memorial Mass 11.00 am
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Lough Derg Memorial Mass 7.00 pm

## October is Safeguarding month in the Diocese.

*The Diocese is fully committed to creating and maintaining safe environments within our churches, parishes and ministry. We have a number of policies and guidance in place to ensure that best practice is maintained through our Ministry with children and vulnerable adults. Such as Child Safeguarding, Adult Safeguarding, Garda Vetting, Pilgrimage Policies etc. We also have lots of guidance for ministry within the parishes, as well as general advice around Safe Use of Social Media etc. These policies and more can be found on a new safeguarding page on the Diocesan website [www.corkandross.org/safeguarding](http://www.corkandross.org/safeguarding)*

## MY STORIES

An exhibition of pictures by Matthew Sexton is on display in Bishopstown Library for the month of October

### An invitation to remember...

A service of remembrance will be held

By Cork University Hospital

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 6pm

In the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork

**All who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are welcome to attend**

## Early Christmas Present!!

In considering what to buy for yourself, or a friend, for Christmas we are giving plenty advance warning of a popular option. The very popular book **Sacred Space "the Prayer Book 2024"** is now on sale in the Mass Office. It is being sold at a discounted rate of **€11**. It is being sponsored from the proceeds of our Parish Pastoral collections.

## Faith gathering for young people 18-35

An opportunity for people between the ages of 18 to 35 are invited to join in a day of renewal at the Student Centre UCC on the **15<sup>th</sup> Oct from 9.30am to 4.15pm**. It is a new venture by the diocese and an opportunity for young people to meet and get to know each other. There is a letter of invitation from the Bishop on the notice board. Anyone wishing to attend should register at [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org).

## THINK ABOUT IT:

Religion helps those people who fear going to Hell. Spirituality helps those who feel they might be going through it.



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