



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## THE MESSAGE OF TODAY'S GOSPEL. (Mt 25:31-46)

Most people in our world will have to meet their Maker without ever having listened to Jesus, or perhaps even without ever having heard of Jesus. In this indirect way the parable helps confirm the teaching that has become clear to the modern Church that Christ's salvation is a real offer and a real possibility for each and every member of the human race, whether they have heard of Jesus or not.



### Photographic Exhibition

### Daring to Hope

Irish Religious Sisters Embracing the Unknown (1923 - 2023)

Available for viewing at SMA Wilton, Cork

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of December to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

This photographic exhibition shares the multifaceted story of Irish Religious Sisters between 1923-2023, coinciding with the centenary of the Irish State. It reflects the social history of the Sister's journey, with dedicated colleagues, throughout the past 100 years.

Told through photographs, videos and stories, this exhibition reveals how Sisters' often worked within the context of extreme poverty. At home and overseas, they worked also within the context of wars, racial discrimination, strict religious and social mores, political unrest and grave injustice.

**Come and see, ALL are welcome!**

### NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

#### WILTON

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> - ESB Memorial Mass - 11.00 am

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Lough Derg Memorial Mass at Bon Secours Chapel - 7.00 pm

### MONTHLY CHARITY FOR NOVEMBER

Once again we are happy to respond to the appeal of the *Irish Pilgrimage Trust* for financial assistance from the parish. They bring children with additional needs to Lourdes each year and provide respite to the families for the period. Each group of volunteers must raise €18,000 in addition to paying their own way. What we can contribute during November will assist the group in meeting their financial cost. **To date we have collected €968.** Well done!

### Gramophone Circle at Bishopstown Library

Thursday 30th November at 3.00 pm presented by Stella Costello. All welcome!

An evening of music, poetry and reflections in solidarity with the victims of war.  
Wednesday 29th at 7.30pm. Parish Hall, Wilton  
*All are welcome*

As a parish we have not been found wanting in responding to any genuine appeal for financial assistance that has come our way. Until further notice we will suspend our assistance to Ukrainian refugees and divert any money we receive to "Aid to the Church in Need." At the back of the church is a free publication from this organisation highlighting their work.

**Donations can be placed in the money box in the wall at the back of the church. We have done well and by the end of the month we will be forwarding to "Aid to the Church in Need" a donation in excess of €2,000.**

### Advent and Christmas Reading

On sale in the Mass Office is the Advent and Christmas edition of Sacred Space (€6 a copy). It is a good companion to help a person through the important seasons of Advent and Christmas. Also on sale are children's Christmas bible books. This is a good time to introduce young children to the meaning of the Christmas story.

In the Mass Office on sale is the latest encyclical of Pope Francis (*Laudate Deum*). It has been eight years since he wrote *Laudate Si*. He wishes to share with us his heartfelt concerns of our suffering planet. He feels our responses have not been adequate, while the world is collapsing and may be near breaking point. Copies are on sale **€5.99**

**THINK ABOUT IT:** The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.



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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:

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

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

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

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

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.

### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your 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** Ezekiel 34:11 - 12, 15 - 17.

*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view.



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

Jesus' kingship is the kingship of one who is dedicated to his Father. He lives and dies for the truth. In his death and resurrection he is enthroned in the glory of his Father. This is the kingship we celebrate: one who has passed through the worst of human life to a life and joy that is eternal. 26th November 2023

I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 22)

**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.



(R)

2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

(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 1 Corinthians 15: 20 - 26.28.

*A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and

the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Matthew 25: 31 - 46

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the

virtuous to eternal life.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### NICENE CRED

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

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray, that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION.

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**