



St. Joseph's Church Wilton



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A new serenity prayer.

God, grant me the serenity
 To accept the people I cannot change,
 Which is pretty much everyone.
 And while you're at it, God,
 Please give me the courage
 To change what I need to change about myself,
 Which is frankly a lot, since, once again,
 I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.
 It's better for me to focus on changing myself
 than to worry about changing other people.
 Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up
 whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter than everyone else in the room.
 Basically, God, grant me the wisdom to remember that I'm not you. Amen.



Photographic Exhibition

Daring to Hope

Irish Religious Sisters Embracing the Unknown (1923 - 2023)

Available for viewing at SMA Wilton, Cork
Friday 1st of December to Wednesday 6th 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!



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

MONTHLY CHARITY FOR NOVEMBER.

As another month comes to an end we have once again witnessed wonderful support for our nominated Monthly charity. During November we appealed for assistance for the *Irish Pilgrimage Trust*. They bring children with additional needs to Lourdes each year and provide respite to the families for the period. **We have collected €1,850.** Well done

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 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 as the month ends we will be forwarding to "Aid to the Church in Need" a donation of €4,000.**

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.

THINK ABOUT IT.

1. The past cannot be changed but your view of the past can.
2. Opinions don't define reality, they simply express someone's view of reality.
3. Everyone's journey is different, concentrate on your own journey and remember it's a journey.
4. Positive thoughts lead to positive actions and positive results.
5. You only fail when you say you fail.

The Friends of South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital A Christmas Celebration featuring

The Cork Garda Choir,
 Cork Prison Officers Choir
 The Wilcollane Singers
 The Bravura Trio
 Sunday 10th December @ 7pm
 St. Finbarrs South Church
 Dunbar Street Cork

(Free)

(Donations on the night)

TAX BACK 2024 – WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS.

As another year is coming to an end we wish to thank those who registered and joined in our **Tax Back Program**. What we receive from this program **does not cost anybody any additional expense**. Once your total donations to the church for the year of 2024 exceeds €250 we can claim back on your behalf from the Government a percentage of that money.

At the back of the church are envelopes which a person can use to register to be part of the program for 2024. Take an envelope and fill out the enclosed form and return it to the parish office or just drop it in the basket during the Sunday collection at Mass.