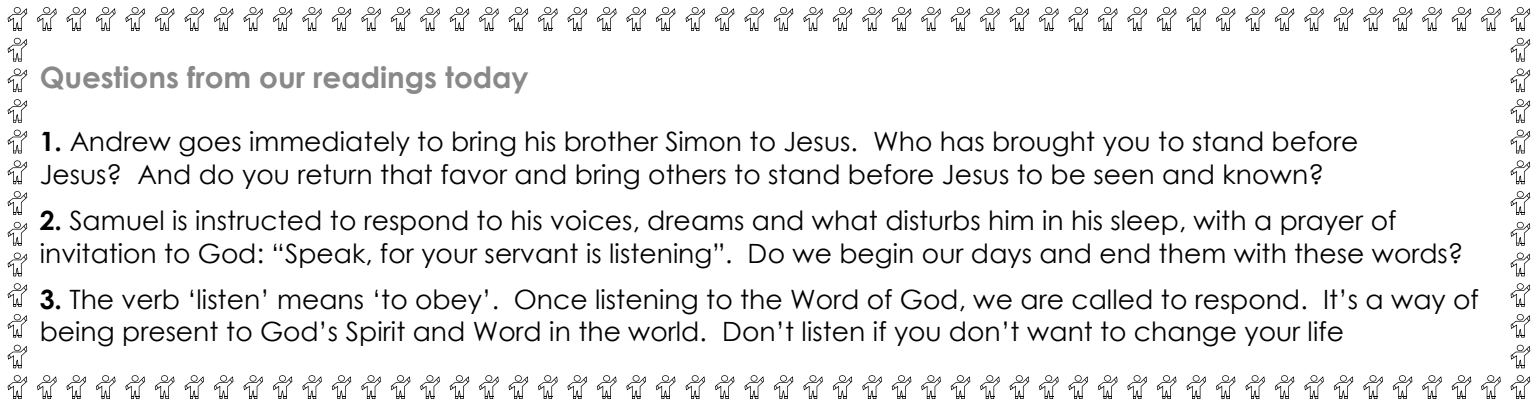




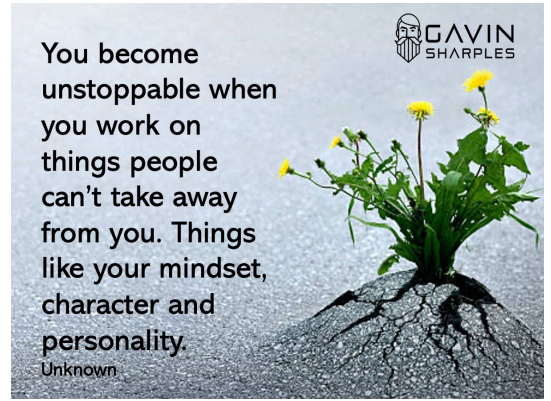
# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## Questions from our readings today

1. Andrew goes immediately to bring his brother Simon to Jesus. Who has brought you to stand before Jesus? And do you return that favor and bring others to stand before Jesus to be seen and known?
2. Samuel is instructed to respond to his voices, dreams and what disturbs him in his sleep, with a prayer of invitation to God: "Speak, for your servant is listening". Do we begin our days and end them with these words?
3. The verb 'listen' means 'to obey'. Once listening to the Word of God, we are called to respond. It's a way of being present to God's Spirit and Word in the world. Don't listen if you don't want to change your life



**THE CHURCH'S LITURGICAL YEAR:**

From Monday (8<sup>th</sup> Jan) the church returns to Ordinary Time in the Liturgical calendar and will continue until Ash Wednesday on the 14<sup>th</sup> February. During these weeks, the Sunday Gospels will follow the Gospel of Mark (Cycle B). Mark's Gospel is the first of the Gospels to have been written. It's a good time to read the few pages in the book on the Bible we sold in church over the Christmas season.

**PARISH CHARITY FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY**

A request has been received from GROW, which is a community mental health organization. They provide a free support network for anyone who may be struggling with any aspect of their mental and emotional wellbeing. Weekly peer support meetings are held around Cork, including in our own Parish Centre.

People come to GROW for a variety of reasons. It can be depression, anxiety, stress, bereavement, relationship problems, isolation or any other mental or emotional challenges that we can encounter in our lives.

People wishing to support this charity can do so by using the boxes in both walls marked at the front of the church.

**DISTRACTION**

A poor peasant was surprised to hear the clip-clop of a horse man approaching as he was walking along the path. When the horsemen saw him, he pulled up his reins and stopped the horse, to have a friendly conversation with the peasant.

The peasant, even more surprised at this gesture, admired the horse effusively. The longing in his eyes was obvious, and the horseman's heart was moved. "Would you like to own a horse like this?" he asked him.

The peasant's eyes nearly popped out of his head. "Sir, there is nothing I would love more than to own a horse like this," he replied. "Tell you what", offered the horseman. "If you can recite the Lord's Prayer without any hesitation or digression or distraction you can have the horse as a gift."

Hardly able to believe his ears, the peasant immediately began to recite the Lord's Prayer. He got as far as "lead us not into temptation" before he stopped, distracted, and asked: "Do I get the saddle as well?" And at this the horseman rode away.

**TAX BACK 2024**

As another year has come 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.

**CHRISTMAS CHARITY: ARC CANCER SUPPORT HOUSE**

We have concluded our support for our Christmas charity. We will be presenting the Arc House with a cheque for €3,800 this weekend. We will also be forwarding a cheque for the amount of €1,500 to **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** as a contribution from the parish in support of the people of Gaza.

A new initiative for the parish is the formation of a group who wish to promote the **First Saturday devotions to our Lady of Fatima**. It consists of the recitation of the rosary prior to the 10 am Mass on the First Saturday of each month and a short meditation on the mysteries after the Mass.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you,  
O God, and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

## PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father to intercede for us:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us....

## 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

Almighty ever-living God,  
who govern all things, both in heaven and  
on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your  
people and bestow your peace on our times.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

*A reading from the first book of Samuel.*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord  
where the ark of God was, when the Lord  
called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here  
I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am,  
since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call.  
Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay  
down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel!  
Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and  
said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Christian Unity Week

14th. January 2024

The Christian life is a calling from God to be companions of Jesus  
and work for the spread of his love and justice. All of us are asked  
to do this in our own lives.



replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and  
lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge  
of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not  
yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord  
called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli  
and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli  
then understood that it was the Lord who was  
calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and  
lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak,  
Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel  
went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling  
as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!'  
Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant  
is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was  
with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 39)

**R. Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he  
stooped down to me; he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. **(R)**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. **(R)**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. **(R)**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. **(R)**

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

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

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for  
the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who  
raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power  
raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are  
members making up the body of Christ; anyone

who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins  
are committed outside the body; but to fornicate  
is to sin against your own body.

Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy  
Spirit, who is in you since you received him  
from God. You are not your own property; you  
have been bought and paid for. That is why you  
should use your body for the glory of God.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**We have found the Messiah - which means  
the Christ - grace and truth have come  
through him. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL John 1:35-42

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

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus  
passed, and John stared hard at him and said,  
'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this,  
the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned  
round, saw them following and said, 'What do  
you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which  
means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come  
and see' he replied; so they went and saw  
where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of  
that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers  
of Jesus after hearing what John had said was  
Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next  
morning, Andrew met his brother and said to  
him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means  
the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus  
looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon  
son of John; you are to be called Cephas' -  
meaning Rock.

*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.  
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 ✠

**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

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may participate worthily in these  
mysteries, for whenever the memorial of  
this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our  
redemption is accomplished.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**We have come to know and to believe  
in the love that God has for us.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,  
and in your kindness make those you have  
nourished by this one heavenly Bread  
one in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

