



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## The Gospel for Lent

For the following three Sundays of Lent we will shift into the Gospel of John, which was written probably more than thirty years after Mark's Gospel and in the midst of the most vicious persecution yet experienced by believers in Jesus. John's Gospel presents a Jesus who is intent on dislodging the temple from its central place of worship, casting doubt on the sacrifices performed there and calling the people back to the only sacrifice that God wants of his people – the practice of justice, mercy, forgiveness and truth, all born of love.

Jesus is not concerned with the outward trapping of worship – statues, gold vessels, books, vestments and so on. Jesus is concerned with our hearts. What is Jesus asking of you specifically for Lent?

IN A TROUBLED WORLD... A CHILD WAS BORN  
From the Producers of 'The Diary of Anne Frank'

# JESUS

## FROM NAZARETH

His Journey In Music

Live in Concert Tour of Ireland

The Greatest Story ever told performed by Composer Girish Paul and his virtual orchestra  
A Five Star Evening of Beautiful Music and Storytelling that will Touch Your Heart

Featuring on-screen the following esteemed Irish actors

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Composer Girish Paul brings his production of "Jesus from Nazareth" to the Parish Centre on Saturday 23rd March. For more information see [www.girishpaul.com](http://www.girishpaul.com)

### LENTEN TALKS 2024

*The Crypt, Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork.*

**Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm**  
*Peter Medway, Climate Action Coordinator, Cork City Council  
Climate change and Cork City*

**Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm**  
*Rosemarie McDonald, Biodiversity Officer, Cork City Council  
Helping nature in our homes and communities*

### YOU COME HERE NOT TO GAZE AT GOD BUT TO LET GOD GAZE AT YOU

Our parish Lenten challenge of making a commitment to setting aside 15 minutes a day for Lent is proving to be perhaps the best spiritual initiative undertaken in our parish. To date we have **83 who have signed their names to participate**. It's hoped that after Easter people who participated would meet and we would share our experiences and we might come to agree on some options that might emerge from the discussion for the good of the parish. The fruits of this exercise might be a good challenge for the Family of Parishes in the Dioceses. People are still free to join in the experience, just sign your name. **You can sign your name and pledge to commit yourself to 15 minutes of quiet prayer for Lent on tables in the church.**

### CONFESSION FOR LENT

After a meeting of our Family of Parishes, it was decided that we would combine and have one Lenten confession ceremony involving all of our parishes. This will take place on Palm Sunday 24th March at Curraheen Church at 5 pm.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday mornings after 10am Mass there are Stations of the Cross in the house grounds weather permitting. If not possible, other options will be considered.

Again this year we are supporting a charity appeal by CUH intensive care unit. In anticipation of St. Patrick's Day they are selling Shamrock skilllets. The unit cares for those who are critically ill from serious accidents or serious infection.

### PARISH CHARITY FOR LENT

During Lent we will be supporting Trócaire. Each year our response is very generous. To date we have collected €1,000. A major source of income for Trócaire is the money box that they make available in their Lenten package. The packages are available in the church, it is an interesting way of encouraging family members or friends to join in the support of Trócaire. Another way of supporting Trócaire is the sale of spiritual books. This has proved very successful for different charities. If people have any spiritual books they would like to donate for the cause, drop them in at the Sacristy or the

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

## 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....

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, author of every mercy and of all  
goodness, who in fasting, prayer and  
almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin,  
look graciously on this confession of our  
lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by  
our conscience, may always be lifted up by  
your mercy.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son ....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING *Exodus 20:1-17*

(or shorter version in italics\*20:1 -3, 7-8, 12-17)

#### A reading from the book of Exodus

\* God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am  
the Lord your God who brought you out of the  
land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.'

'You shall not make yourself a carved  
image or any likeness of anything in heaven  
or on earth beneath or in the waters under the  
earth;

you shall not bow down to them or serve  
them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous  
God and I punish the father's fault in the sons,  
the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of  
those who hate me; but I show kindness to  
thousands of those who love me and keep my  
commandments.

\*\*You shall not utter the name of the Lord  
your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not  
leave unpunished the man who utters his  
name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.\*  
For six days you shall labour and do all your  
work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the  
Lord your God. You shall do no work that day,



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus will die but will be raised to new life.

3rd March 2024



neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor  
your servants, men or women, nor your animals  
nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six  
days the Lord made the heavens and the earth  
and the sea and all that these hold, but on the  
seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has  
blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

\*Honour your father and your mother so that  
you may have a long life in the land that the  
Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against  
your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or  
his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his  
donkey, or anything that is his.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 18)

**R. You, Lord, have the message of  
eternal life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. [R]
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. (R)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. (R)
4. They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. (R)



### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

While the Jews demand miracles and the  
Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching  
a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that

they cannot get over, to the pagans madness,  
but to those who have been called, whether they  
are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power  
and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness  
is wiser than human wisdom, and God's  
weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
God loved the world so much that he gave  
his only Son; everyone who believes in him  
has eternal life. Praise to you, O Christ, king  
of eternal glory!**

### GOSPEL John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went  
up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found  
people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons,  
and the money changers sitting at their  
counters there. Making a whip out of some cord,  
he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and  
sheep as well, scattered the money changers'  
coins, knocked their tables over and said to the  
pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and  
stop turning my Father's house into a market.'  
Then his disciples remembered the words of  
scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me.  
The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can  
you show us to justify what you have done?'  
Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in  
three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It  
has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary:  
are you going to raise it up in three days?' But  
he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his  
body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his  
disciples remembered that he had said this,  
and they believed the scripture and the words  
he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover  
many believed in his name when they saw the  
signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and  
did not trust himself to them; he never needed  
evidence about any man; he could tell what a

man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God,  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic  
Church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial  
offerings, and grant that we who beseech  
pardon for our own sins, may take care to  
forgive our neighbour.

Through Christ our Lord.

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**When we eat this Bread and drink this  
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your  
house, for ever singing your praise.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge  
of things yet hidden in heaven  
and are nourished while still on  
earth with the Bread that comes  
from on high,  
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,  
that what is being brought about  
in us in mystery may come to true  
completion.

Through Christ our Lord.

