



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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an IRISH Prayer
May God give you...
 For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
 For every care, a promise,
AND A BLESSING IN EACH TRIAL.
FOR EVERY PROBLEM LIFE SENDS,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.

Palm Sunday

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday. A day when we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on a donkey and how the people came out to welcome him with Palm branches.

We recall that event by a short ceremony of palms. We can put more meaning into the ceremony if we own the branches and that is why we ask that people might bring fresh palm branches for the ceremony.

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING 7 - 8pm

Come and join in a period of guided reflection on Good Friday evening in front of the cross. Many members committed themselves to 15 minutes of Quiet Prayer during Lent. This period will mark the end of the exercise. We'd love if all of those who registered would come and mark the end of the Lenten journey. If you didn't register we'd love to have you join as well. Moments like this might not just mark the end of an event, but it could be the beginning of something important for our parish. The parish has produced a card containing details and times of all our services in our church over the Easter Triduum. They are available at the back of the church or in the Mass Office.

PARISH CHARITY FOR LENT

During Lent we will be supporting Trócaire. To date we have collected €2,120. 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. As Lent comes to an end we ask people who have taken boxes to consider returning them. 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 Mass Office. Don't just put them on the table for sale.

The Parish Newsletter

For most parishes, the weekly newsletter is an important tool of communication. It contains the notices for the coming week and keeps people in the loop about what is going on. Many parishes print these notices on one side of a page with the Sunday readings printed on the reverse side. Therefore the Word of God is taken home by the people into their homes where it can be pondered again throughout the day and even seen by other family members who did not, for whatever reason, come to Mass. The parish newsletter is also a powerful symbol of mission and outreach. By giving one to the sick, the housebound, and those in nursing homes, we are keeping them connected to the faith community and reminding them that they have not been forgotten.

Developing Church Grounds

As the weather improves, it is hoped to develop the grounds around the church. To help in this regard we are asking for people who might have garden tools they no longer use and are happy to part with to donate them to the church. We are looking for garden tools such as rakes, shovels, garden brooms, trowels, etc.

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 our parishes. This will take place on Palm Sunday – 24th March at Curraheen Church at 5 pm.

Bank Holiday Mass Times

Monday 18th March is a Bank Holiday.
Mass times: 10am and 5.35pm

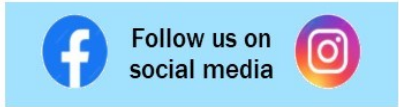


Composer Girish Paul brings his production of "Jesus from Nazareth" to the Parish Centre on Saturday 23rd March. For more information see www.girishpaul.com

Easter time is a good time to consider buying a religious item or a spiritual book for a family member or friend.

Children especially can be helped by sharing some material on the Easter story.

Check out the Mass Office and see what might be helpful at this time of the year.



GREETING

Go raibh an Tiarna libh
Agus le do spiorad féin.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Go from your country and your kindred
and your father's house to the land that I
will show you. I will make of you a great
nation, and I will bless you, and make your
name great, so that you will be a blessing.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

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

Lord, through the work of Saint Patrick in
Ireland we have come to acknowledge the
mystery of the one true God and give thanks
for our salvation in Christ;
grant by his prayers that we who celebrate
this festival may keep alive the fire of faith he
kindled. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who
speaks - when I will make a new covenant with
the House of Israel and the House of Judah,
but not a covenant like the one I made with



ST. PATRICK, BISHOP, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF IRELAND

The gift of God's love and the following of Jesus is offered to
all of us by God. It is a gift we struggle with, as evil in the world
tempts us to live in selfishness.

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their ancestors on the day I took them by the
hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt.
They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to
show them who was master. It is the Lord who
speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with
the House of Israel when those days arrive - it
is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I
will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I
will be their God and they shall be my people.
There will be no further need for neighbour to try
to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother,
'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know
me, the least no less than the greatest - it is
the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their
iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 50

R. A pure heart create for me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. (R)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R)
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. (R)

SECOND READING *Hebrews 5: 7-9*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer
and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the
one who had the power to save him out of
death, and he submitted so humbly that his
prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he
learnt to obey through suffering; but having
been made perfect, he became for all who obey
him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of
God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he
must follow me; wherever I am, my servant
will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you
are the Word of God!**

GOSPEL *John 12:20 - 30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the
festival were some Greeks. These approached
Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee,
and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like
to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and
Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.
Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to
be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless
a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it
remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields
a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who
hates his life in this world will keep it for the
eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say: Father, save me from this
hour? But it was for this very reason that
I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it,
and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it
was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an
angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered,

'It was not for my sake that this voice
came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the
earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death
he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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

Lord, accept this pure sacrifice which,
through the labours of Saint Patrick, your
grateful people make to the glory of your
name. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Strengthen us, O Lord, by this sacrament
so that we may profess the faith taught by
Saint Patrick, and to proclaim it in our way
of living. Through Christ our Lord.