



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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Men's RITEs of Passage

Nowadays, the question of what it means to be a man can be perplexing, and to be a man of faith in Ireland today can be very difficult. Most men have a longing for the support and guidance of other men in their journey towards masculinity, maturity, and a deeper experience with the divine. Living a shallow unexamined life is an empty experience. Opening the door to this journey can start with the Men's Rites of Passage (MROP), a five-day deeply spiritual experience that builds on the classic patterns of male initiation through profound rituals and teachings. It is the kind of experience that can help awaken men to the adventure and mystery of their own masculinity, their potential for leadership, and their life's purpose.

Join with other men on the journey home to themselves in Co Wicklow, Ireland from 23rd - 27th July 2025. For more information, go to <https://www.malesireland.ie/rites-2/> or phone 086-2326988 or email Chris at RITEs2025Applications@malesireland.ie

The SMA Novena in honour of Our Lady of Knock will begin on **Friday 16th May** at St. Joseph's Church, Blackrock Road and will close on **Saturday 24th May** at Knock Basilica. The Novena will be celebrated each morning at 10 am. A bus to Knock will be leaving from SMA Wilton and from SMA Blackrock. For further information, please contact the following: SMA Wilton at 021 4541069; SMA Blackrock Road at 021 4292871.

SMA Knock Pilgrimage 2025

Saturday 24th May

Price: Bus only €30

Bus departs from outside the **front door** of the church at **8.00 am**. Book your seat and register at the mass office

Today's Gospel –

One must periodically ask yourself: whose voice do I follow? Whose standards do I seek to emulate? Loud voices shout at us today from many sources ... peer pressure, pop culture, advertising, political slogans, secularism and so-called liberalism. The way of the disciple is to follow the voice of the Lord. The life of faith is a response to a call. *Have I heard that call??*

Barista/Coffee Bar Assistant

SMA Wilton Parish Centre wish to recruit a competent and enthusiastic Barista/Coffee Bar Assistant. The position will involve preparing food and serving coffee and other beverages in a café/coffee shop setting. 20 hours per week.

Application by submission of CV and cover letter to: Ann Cronin, Manager, SMA Parish Centre, Wilton, Cork. Closing date: 23rd May 2025

Parish Charity for Lent –Trocáire

During the period of Lent we join with all the parishes in Ireland and rally in support of the work of Trocáire. This year funds collected will be used to support projects that address climate issues. Our collection to date is €5,102 People could consider returning their Trocáire money boxes soon so that we can send amounts raised in our parish to the Trocáire office. **Next week we begin supporting a local charity – FOCUS IRELAND.**

Fr.Tim Cullinane SMA has produced another book containing over 200 inspirational short stories. It could be a nice present to give someone who might benefit from such inspirational promptings. The book is on sale for €10 in the MASS OFFICE.

SILENT VIGIL FOR PEACE

Cork Quaker Meeting is holding a Silent Vigil for Peace on Sunday May 11th 2025 between 1 and 2 pm, at the Cork Quaker Meeting House on Summerhill South, T12 XW8R. They invite anyone who wishes to drop in for any length of time.

The vigil will be completely silent. They request no political symbols or political statements be displayed.



Second hand spiritual book

For a number of months we were blessed as a parish with the sale of Second Hand Spiritual books at the back of the church.

The source of these books is drying up and it would be nice if the practice could continue. If people who bought these books, if finished with them, return them for resale, we could resell these books and hope other people benefit from them, and also continue to make funds for our charities.

I think this effort was very much in keeping with a priority for our parish. We wish to encourage **Adult Formation** of our members.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

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

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:

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

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

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, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Acts 13:14 . 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church. We pray for people of faith to respond.

11th May 2025



The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 99:1-3.5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. (R)

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R)

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. (R)

SECOND READING Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse

"I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of

the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 10: 27 - 30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.

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 ✠

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

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.