



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 4341362; SMA Blackrock at 021 4292871.

Celebrating Laudato Si Week

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si on **22nd May** in the SMA Parish Centre Sr. Nellie Mc Loughlin is hosting a Zoom at 6.50 pm on the story of the Universe. Zoom begins at 7.00pm sharp. All welcome.

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Sunday after Sunday the question is posed: where is the risen Lord to be found? The answer ... *in the Christian community*. The emphasis in today's reading is on the continuing presence of the Lord through the love of the disciples.

Parish Charity for May

From our parish we will be forwarding the amount of **€5,102 to Trocáire**. We thank our members for their generous response.

This week we begin supporting a local charity – **FOCUS IRELAND**. We start our support with **€170, proceeds of the sale of books at the back of the church. Donations in support of Focus Ireland can be placed in the walls at the front of the church.**

Focus Ireland is a non-profit organisation based in Dublin, that provides services for people who are homeless and people at risk of homelessness in Ireland. It was founded by Sister Stanislaus Kennedy in 1985, and is one of the largest housing and homelessness organisations in Ireland. It provides services throughout Ireland.

Click on QR code to view testimony.



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

Worry is a total waste of time. It doesn't change anything. All it does is steal your joy and keep you very busy doing nothing.

Many people have shared their experiences of Pope Francis. The SMA has compiled a video where some of our priests who have had an encounter with the late Pope Francis. We thank Paul O'Flynn for his work in making this compilation possible. To view click on the QR code.



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

A sample of the book is the following:

THE TV is my Shepherd.

The TV is my shepherd, I shall not want. It makes me lie down on the sofa. It leads me to the paths of sex and violence for the advertiser's sake. Even though I walk in the shadow of Christian responsibilities, there will be no interruption, for the TV is with me. Its cable and remote control, they comfort me. It prepares a commercial for me in the midst of my worldliness and anoints my head with consumerism and tells me what to think and what to buy. My covetousness runs over, surely emptiness and laziness will follow me all the days of my life, and shall dwell in the house watching TV and worldliness all the days of my life.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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, constantly
accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new
in Holy Baptism may, under your protective
care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of
life eternal.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The call of the risen Lord to love one another is the call to all his
people to hand on their faith to each other and promote justice
in our society.
18th May 2025

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 144:8-13

**R. I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R)

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R)

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. (R)

SECOND READING Apocalypse 21: 1-5

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming



down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone. Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said:

'I give you a new commandment:
love one another, just as I have
loved you.' Alleluia!



GOSPEL John 13: 31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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

O God, who by the wonderful exchange
effected in this sacrifice have made us
partakers of the one supreme Godhead,
grant, we pray, that, as we have come to
know your truth, we may make it ours by
a worthy way of life. 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

I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord. Whoever
remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in
plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we
pray, O Lord, and lead those you have
imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from
former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.