



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## **The Gospel: The Gospel – I have come not to bring peace but division.**

Jesus seems to be indicating that his disciples will have to do more than follow the crowd. They will have to be involved in personal battles, even within their own families, to hold on to Jesus and to take his gospel of justice and love into the heart of the human community, where there are many competing beliefs.

## **New Book by Fr Tim Cullinane**

Fr. Tim Cullinane SMA has released another interesting book. It is entitled *"The Evening of Life"*, it seeks to address an issue facing most of us: that is to age gracefully.

*Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> at 80: "At 78 years of age everyone was convinced that I would be a provisional and transitional Pope. Yet, here I am, already on the eve of the fourth year of my pontificate, with an immense program of work in front of me to be carried out before the eyes of the world which is watching and waiting. As for myself, I feel like St. Martin, who neither feared to die nor refused to live."*

The booklet is on sale in the Mass Office at €8. Other books by Fr. Tim are also on sale there: *STORIES WITH A MESSAGE* and *LISTEN TO MY STORIES*. Both on sale at €10.

## **Parish Charity for August – Aid to the Church in Need**

During the month of August we will forward all charity donations to Aid to the Church in Need. As of this week we have collected €784. When we have collected a sufficient amount we will forward it again to Aid to the Church in Need. Donations can be placed in any of the charity boxes in the walls of the church.

## **Sharing Inspirational Videos from YouTube and Social Media**

We all have received some very inspirational videos from friends which we pass on to others. Via a QR code, the parish folklore group will share each week a short video which they feel other people might appreciate. People who have found a video that inspires them can forward it to the SMA Folklore Project at [smafolklore@yahoo.com](mailto:smafolklore@yahoo.com).

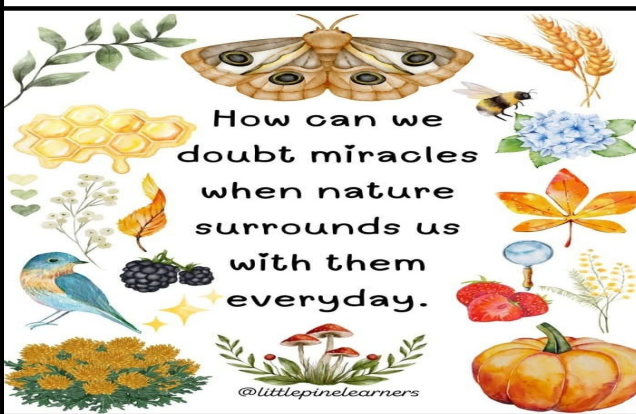
Our third contribution can be viewed by scanning the QR code below.

Enjoy! And if you wish to pass it on, please do so.



## **Michael Kelly, Aid to the Church in Need**

Through our involvement with "Aid to the Church in Need" we have been in contact with Michael Kelly. Recently Michael delivered a lecture on Pope Leo and his vision for the church. We have received a video of this talk and it presents an interesting vision of the church under our new Pope. It's about 30 minutes long. Take time to listen, it will give an interesting vision for our church today. To listen click on the QR code:



## **Couples For Christ**

Couples for Christ (CFC) is a Catholic organization, recognised by the Vatican, with a mission of renewing and strengthening the Christian family life. This program offers a great opportunity and experience to listen and share God's messages to everybody.

We would appreciate your participation in the Christian Life Program on August 16, 30 and September 13 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at SMA Parish Community Centre, Wilton, Cork. T12 AX94.

Team Couple: Bro. Jub & Sis Shine- 087 138 0322

## **SMA Folklore Project Video**

Our parish hosts a very interesting and active Folklore group. Recently the members sat with Paul O'Flynn and put together a short video on their work for the parish. Click on the QR code below to view. It's very interesting and a great benefit to the parish.



## **Evening Mass During the Summer**

During the summer months, due to the shortage of priests, it will not be possible to have mass each evening.

Until further notice, evening Mass at 5.35 pm will only be available on Wednesday and Friday. On the other evenings rosary will be recited at the usual times and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be available until 6.30pm.

## **SMA Mass Office**

We now stock a large range of books, christening candles, rosary beads and grave ornaments.



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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed  
one; one day within your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the  
love of God, and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all. **And with your spirit.**

## 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

O God, who have prepared for those who  
love you good things which no eye can see,  
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of  
your love, so that, loving you in all things  
and above all things, we may attain your  
promises, which surpass every human  
desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....



## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The word of Christ will often make demands of honesty  
and truth; our stand for him will sometimes bring us into  
opposition with others.

17th August 2025



### ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

#### FIRST READING Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

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

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 39:2-4.18

**R. Lord, come to my aid!**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. (R)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. (R)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord. (R)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay. (R)

#### SECOND READING Hebrews 12:1-4

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne.

Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept  
the words of your Son. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL Luke 12:49 - 53

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

*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

Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is  
brought about a glorious exchange, that,  
by offering what you have given, we may  
merit to receive your very self.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

#### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your  
Cross and Resurrection you have set us  
free.**

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Made partakers of Christ through these  
Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy,  
Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth,  
we may merit also to be his coheirs in  
heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and  
ever.