



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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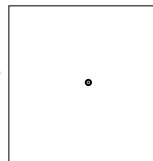


The Gospel – Invite the blind, the crippled and the lame.

In Luke's Gospel, a key part of Jesus' ministry is table fellowship. More than in any of the other Gospels, Luke shows Jesus eating and drinking at the table. The serious message in this Gospel is to challenge us to consider those who were excluded from the table. Do we exclude people from coming to the Eucharist?

How do you see yourself?

If you ask most people what they see when they look at the above, they will say, a black spot, ignoring all the white around it. This is often the way we see ourselves; we see the badness and not the goodness within ourselves.



You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There is nothing enlightening about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are born to manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us, it's in everyone. As we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others. (Nelson Mandela, South African President).

Parish Charity for August – Aid to the Church in Need

For our parish charity collection to date we have collected €2,044. Donations can be placed in any of the charity boxes in the walls of the church.

It is unfortunate that we can't get this money to Gaza. This being the case, the parish is inviting any member of our parish the opportunity to nominate a charity that they feel would benefit from this money that we have collected for Gaza. What we ask is that you name a charity and you make arrangements for a representative of that charity to come to the church and accept the cheque on behalf of the nominated charity. We expect that the representative will give a credible explanation of why they are happy to receive the money.

SMA Mass Office

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

Season of Creation 2025

The Season of Creation 2025 will take place from **September 1 to October 4, 2025**. This year's theme is **Peace with Creation**, which emphasizes the need for harmony between humanity and the environment.

[The Season begins on World Day of Prayer for Creation and concludes on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi](#)

Nature as Our Spiritual Teacher

Many of us suffer from "nature deficit disorder". We have forgotten how to read and reverence God's first revelation to us. Most of us exist largely in the head.

An Update from Gaza — From ACN

We won't forget the people of Gaza. Here is a recent note from "Aid to the Church in Need". They are grateful that we have supported them and we will do so again when possible. "There are just over **450 Catholics left in Gaza**". Please never forget this small Catholic community and pray for them as they pray for us every night in **Holy Family Parish**. Meanwhile, some positive news coming out of Gaza as **Fr Gabriel Romanelli**, the parish priest of the beleaguered Christian community in Gaza City, has appealed for urgent prayers for peace, and confirmed that the parishioners of Holy Family – Gaza's only Catholic parish – are **not** under evacuation orders from the Israeli military. There are just over 450 Catholics left in Gaza, all sheltering in the local church.

Sharing inspirational videos from YouTube and social media.

Click on the QR code to view another inspirational video forwarded to the parish by a member. Pass it on if you appreciate it.

"People carry battles you cannot see, always pause before you judge"

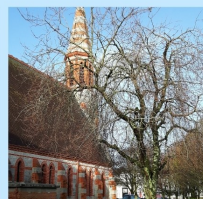


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Centering PRAYER

SAT 20TH SEPTEMBER
10.45AM TO 4.00PM

An opportunity for people to experience a method of prayer that is now becoming very important and popular in our world today



Activities on the day will include:

- A meditation on breath by Buddhist nun Kelsang Drolma
- Video presentation by Richard Rohr on Centering Prayer
- Opportunities for silent prayer
- Periods of quiet reflection
- Sit down meal for participants
- Freedom to walk in the quiet of our grounds

Please register in the Mass Office in advance of the event

Fee: €10