



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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The Gospel – If a man comes to me without hating his father and mother ...

The first thing to notice is that Jesus makes this statement not just to the inner circle of his apostles, but to a great crowd... everyone! But how many people think of religion this way? For many people, religion is just a nice thing to have. Church is a good place for christening, weddings, and funerals. But discipleship, the following of Christ, is something more serious than that. It touches us at a deeper level. It affects our values, our priorities, and our loyalties, our whole way of looking at the world, at our work, and our lives and the lives of those closest to us. *Am I accepting the challenge of faith as well as its comfort?*

Current CE Southside Vacancies

1. **Cleaner. SMA Wilton.** Vacancy CES 2409918, closing on the 13th October 2025
2. **Cook/Kitchen Assistant for Togher Meals on Wheels.** Vacancy CES 2406620, closing on the 22nd September 2025
3. **Kitchen Assistant, L'Arche, Togher.** Vacancy CES 2407079, closing on the 24th of September 2025
4. **Kitchen Assistant, Bishopstown Meals on Wheels.** Vacancy CES 2407085, closing on the 24th September 2025
5. **Gardener, L'Arche Togher.** Vacancy CES 2407089, closing on the 13th October 2025

The criteria is that you must be over 21, living in Ireland and on a qualifying social welfare payment for 12 months. Candidates should make an appointment with their local Intreo Case Officer and request to be put forward for the vacancy, quoting the vacancy number.

Contact: 021-4345583

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote, I have gone for 30 years now and in that time, I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I am wasting my time, preachers and priests are wasting their time by giving sermons at all. In response to the letter one wrote, "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today."

SEASON OF CREATION 2025
PRAYER SERVICE
Wednesday September 10th
in the grounds beside
St Joseph's Church, Wilton
@ 7.30pm

PEACE WITH CREATION

Organised by Wilton Justice Group
in conjunction with the local Family of Parishes.

Season of Creation 2025

Nature as Our Spiritual Teacher "The real voyage of discovery is not in seeking new lands but in seeing with new eyes." (Marcel Proust)

Let us be transformed through the lessons of nature into a new way of seeing and a new way of being! Click on the QR code to view: *A Prayer for the Season of Creation*



Parish Charity

For our parish charity collection to date we have collected €2,395. Donations can be placed in any of the charity boxes in the walls of the church.

ST JOSEPH'S SMA PARISH WILTON

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:

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

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:

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

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:

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

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

THE GLORIA

Glorify 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, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is



TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The christian's life is centred on God and not on possessions or wealth: these are to be used in the service of God.

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on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 89:3-6. 12-14.17

R. O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R)

SECOND READING Philemon 9-10.12-17

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have

been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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 ✠

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

