



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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A bird sitting on a tree
is never afraid of the branch
breaking, because her trust is
not on the branch but on it's
own wings. Always believe
in yourself.



Gougane Barra Sunday – 28th Sept 2025.

1.30 pm - Confessions

2.30 pm - Rosary

3.00pm - Mass

Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin.

COURAGE IN ILLNESS

In 2008, Simon Fitzmaurice was diagnosed with Motor Neuron Disease. He was given four years to live. As the disease progressed, he wrote a book titled, "It is not yet Dark". Here are some quotes from the book:

"Motor Neuron Disease chose me. It is up to me to choose what to do with it."

"One day I had a choice. I could fill my days with nothing or I could try to live again".

"For me it is not how long you live, but about how you live".

"I am not a tragedy. I neither want nor need pity. I am full of hope".

Roof Damage at SMA Blackrock

Due to roof damage to our sister church in SMA Blackrock, our parish will host the Annual SMA Novena to St. Thérèse from Sept 23rd to 1st Oct. There will be Mass each evening with Novena prayers at 7.30 pm, except on Sat 30th when Mass will be at 6.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Our usual Mass schedule will continue as normal.

Parish Charity for September

During September we are financially supporting the work of Cuanlee Refuge Centre & Edel House. To date we have collected €505. These are local charities and good that we help them.

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

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

Relate – Open all your senses to the wonder of nature.

Let it nourish your soul and direct your mind towards God.

Reflect – Focus on what you notice in nature. Turn it over in your mind. Make it your own.

Respond – Let your heart respond in gratitude, praise, wonder, love and hope.

Rest – Be at peace from the depth of your being. Peace comes from forgetting yourself.

Be still in the Divine Presence in nature.

SMA Parish Center to be recognized by the Government

To mark 30 years of the program of Community Employment, the Government intends to recognize the work of 810 CE sponsors in the country. A commemorative plaque will be issued in appreciation and recognition of the work being done. Our Parish Centre will be among those honoured. Our parish wishes to congratulate all those who maintained our program over the years. **The QR code shows the Government Minister making the statement.**



SMA Mass Office

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers.

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here: we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Where Life Was Lost, Life Has Been Restored The cross looked like a tragedy, with everything ended by death. But it was really a triumph, a victory over sin and death confirmed by the resurrection. 14th September 2025

the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 77: 1-2)

R. Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **(R)**
2. When he slew them then they would seek
him, return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their
rock, God the Most High their redeemer. **(R)**
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. **(R)**
4. Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. **(R)**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

The state of Jesus Christ was divine,
yet he did not cling to his equality with God
but emptied himself to assume the condition of
a slave, and became as men are;
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross
But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ and
we bless you; because by your
cross you have redeemed the
world. **Alleluia!**



GOSPEL John 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven except the one
who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son
of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the
serpent in the desert, so that everyone who
believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave
his only Son, so that everyone who believes in
him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to
condemn the world, but so that through him the
world might be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of



the body, and life everlasting. **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

May this oblation, O Lord, which on the altar of
the Cross cancelled the offence of the whole
world cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins.
Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

**When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until
you come again.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should
enter under my roof, but only say the
word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself, says the
Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having been nourished by your holy banquet,
we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ, to bring
those you have redeemed by the wood of
your life-giving Cross to the glory of the
resurrection.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
May the blessing of almighty God, the Father,
and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come
down on you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**