



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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The Gospel – No servant can serve two masters.

Not only how we make our money, but also how we spend it says a lot about us. Some people squander their money on pointless luxuries and waste it on trivial pursuits; they miss the opportunity to do a lot of good. Others try to do the most good they can for the people in their lives, for good causes, and for the poor. Some of these people are well-known philanthropists; most are just ordinary people who do the best they can with what they have. Our ongoing parish charities are a good example of what this parable is about.



Parish Charity for September 2025

During September we are financially supporting the work of Cuanlee Refuge Centre & Edel House. To date we have collected €979. These are local charities and good that we help them.

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 Oct 1st. There will be Mass each evening with Novena prayers at 7.30pm, except on Sat 27th when Mass will be at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Our usual Mass schedule will continue as normal.

Wilton Bowls Club

Wilton Bowls Club is well known for its friendly atmosphere and club nights are fun and sociable. The club meets every Thursday night (8.00 to 10.00 p.m.) in the hall of the S.M.A. Parish Centre. If you think Indoor Bowls is something you would like to become involved in, why not get in touch? Contact Wilton Indoor Bowls Club secretary: Mary O'Leary - Phone 087 417 0263

Book Wizards Book Club

Book Wizards Book Club is back and is accepting new members! Beginning on Wednesday 24 September 2025 at 4.15 p.m. The Book Wizards Book Club is for children aged 8 to 12. Parents, please register your child at the Lending Desk, Tory Top Library.

Gougane Barra Sunday – 28th Sept 2025

1.30 pm - Confessions
2.30 pm - Rosary
3.00pm - Mass
Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin.

SMA Journal September 2025

The monthly report on goings on within the Irish SMA can be viewed by scanning on the QR code provided.



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

Nature shows us the true reality of life with its continuous cycle of life and death.

It shows us that change is inevitable and that nothing remains the same forever.

We are invited to listen carefully and closely to the wisdom of each season.

Spring – Emerging **Summer** – Blossoming
Autumn – Releasing **Winter** – Resting

The Eagle and the Hen

A man found an eagle's egg and put it in the nest of a barnyard hen. The eagle hatched with the brood of chicks and grew up with them. All his life the eagle did what the farmyard chicks did, thinking he was a farmyard chicken. He scratched the earth for worms and insects. He clucked and cackled and he would trash his wings and fly a few feet into the air.

Years passed by and the eagle grew old. One day he saw a magnificent bird above him in the cloudless sky. It glided in graceful majesty among the powerful wind currents with scarcely a beat of its strong wings.

The old eagle looked up in awe. "Who is that?" he asked. "That is an eagle", said the king of the birds. "He belongs to the sky. We belong to the earth – we are chickens" And so the eagle lived and died a chicken for that is what he thought he was.

Do not live as a chicken, realize the eagle in you.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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

Gloria 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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Amos 8: 4 - 7

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The prophet Amos reminds us of our duty not to exploit the poor and needy while in today's Gospel St. Luke tells us that we cannot serve both God and money. If we serve God, then, we will not forget today's victims of poverty. 21st September 2025



New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 112: 1 - 2. 4 - 8

R. Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R)
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down
to look down upon heaven and earth? (R)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. (R)

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our Saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have

been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want all to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 16.1-13

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
(Shorter form in italics **46: 10 - 13**)*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. **The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is*

your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

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

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

