



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## The Gospel – No one has come back to give praise to God but this foreigner.

There's a very interesting fact about Naaman (1<sup>st</sup> reading) and the Samaritan leper. Both of them thank not only the prophet and Jesus; **they thank God, as well.** They remind us to be grateful not only to other people who have been kind to us but also to God, who is the most generous of all. There are so many good things in our lives that we tend to take for granted; maybe without thinking about it, we feel entitled. Today we are reminded how much we owe to a wonderfully kind and generous God who has poured so many blessings down on us. Gratitude is an important part of faith. Make a list of all the blessings you are grateful for in your life.

## **Opportunities for Silent Prayer in our Parish**

People wishing to join in Silent (Contemplative) prayer in our parish have two opportunities each week. There are meetings on Tuesday morning, 10.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. in room 9 beside the sacristy, and Wednesday evenings 7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. in Room 12 in the parish centre. All are welcome to attend.

## **Wilton SMA Proudly Supports Shine's Green Ribbon Campaign**

Our latest Parish fundraising initiative is in support of the Green Ribbon Campaign. This is a campaign to encourage conversations around mental health, encouraging individuals and organizations to support mental health initiatives and end the stigma associated with mental health.



## SAY IT

Never be afraid to let someone know, if they brightened the room they just walked into. Or if something they said, inspired you to change. Never be embarrassed to share a compliment with a stranger and don't ever fall into the trap of believing that the people you love know that. Say it. Always say it. Your words may land a little awkwardly at first but in the dark of the night those seeds will plant themselves into someone's mental garden and start to bloom. Sow seeds, wherever you go.

Donna Ashworth



## **Meeting for Parish Readers**

Wednesday 15th October after morning service in Room 11.

## **Letter from Chief Seattle to the President of the USA in 1854.**

Scan the QR code below to listen to this inspirational letter by Chief Seattle read out by parishioners as part of the program for the Season of Creation held in our church grounds recently.



## **SMA & Safeguarding**

The policy of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is an important priority for the SMA and our parish. To highlight this the SMA have produced and made available a pamphlet outlining our concern and priorities. Feel free to take a copy from the back of the church.

## **JOHN MAIN SEMINAR 2025**

The seminar is the major annual international event of the World Community for Christian Meditation. It honours and explores the vision and legacy of the Irish Benedictine Monk John Main. It takes place in Dublin from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. The parish is making plans to host the event by Zoom in our parish centre. The program details are published on notice boards in the church, below in the newsletter and in the parish centre.

## **INTEGRAL CHRISTIANITY:**

*The Vision of Celtic Christianity for the Crisis of the 21st Century*

JOHN MAIN SEMINAR LIVESTREAM

**6<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2025**

REGISTER AT THE MASS OFFICE, SMA PARISH CENTRE, WILTON  
FEE: €20 – SPACES ARE LIMITED

*The seminar will be live streamed at the SMA Parish Centre, Wilton at the following times:*

### **THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2025**

**10:45am** – Reflection on Silence with Abbot Columba  
**7:00pm** – Integral Christianity: Vision of Celtic Christianity for the Crisis of the 21st Century with Fr Laurence Freeman

### **FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2025**

**10:45am** – The Book of Kells and the Myth of a Monastic Golden Age with Abbot Columba  
**2:00pm** – The Interplay between Power and Mission in the Celtic Tradition with Professor Jane Williams  
**4:00pm** – Celtic Monastic Poetry, Entanglement and the Cosmic Christ with Dr. John F. Dean

### **SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2025**

**10:45am** – The Voice of Balally Contemplative Parish with Fr. Jim Caffrey P.P., Cinzia Angius & Parishioners  
**2:30pm** – Synodal Gathering: The World Will Be Saved by Consciousness with Fr. Laurence Freeman & Dr. Barry White



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand? But with you is  
found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

## 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

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined  
to carry out good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING 2 Kings 5: 14 - 17

*A reading from the second Book of Kings.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed  
himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha  
had told him to do. And his flesh became  
clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort,  
he went in and stood before him. 'Now I  
know' he said 'that there is no God in all the  
earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a  
present from your servant.' But Elisha replied,  
'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept  
nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but  
he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your  
answer is "No", allow your servant to be

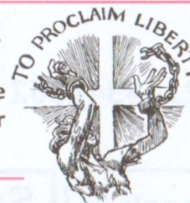


## TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prisoners Sunday

12th October 2025

We come in thanks to God for his presence and care in our lives. The  
gospel is an invitation from Jesus to give thanks. If we think over  
all we can be thankful for, we often find more than we realised.



given as much earth as two mules may carry,  
because your servant will no longer offer  
holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the  
Lord.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 97: 1 - 4

**R. The Lord has shown his salvation to  
the nations.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. (R)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. (R)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. (R)

### SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8 -13

*A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy*

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus  
Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race  
of David'; it is on account of this that I have my  
own hardships to bear, even to being chained  
like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's  
news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who  
are chosen, so that in the end they may have  
the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the  
eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying  
that you can rely on: If we have died with him,  
then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then  
we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then  
he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he  
is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own  
self.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks,  
because this is what God  
expects you to do in Christ  
Jesus. Alleluia!



### GOSPEL Luke 17: 11 - 19

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along  
the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he  
entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to  
meet him. They stood some way off and called  
to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When  
he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves  
to the priests.' Now as they were going away  
they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one  
of them turned back praising God at the top of  
his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus  
and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan.  
This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made  
clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems  
that no one has come back to give praise to  
God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the  
man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith  
has saved you.'

*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

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful  
with the sacrificial offerings,  
that, through these acts of devotedness,  
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.  
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.*

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and  
profess your Resurrection 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

**The rich suffer want and go hungry, but  
those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly,  
O Lord, that, as you feed us with the  
nourishment which comes from the most  
holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you  
may make us sharers of his divine nature.  
Who lives and reigns 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.**