



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

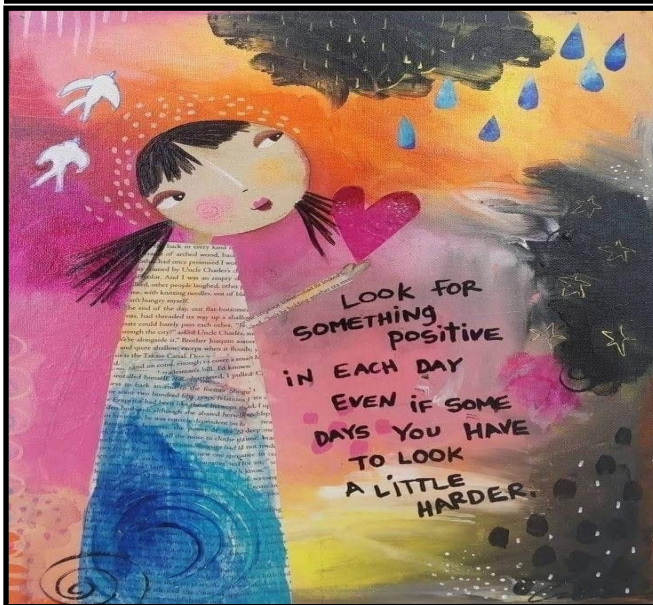
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The Gospel –A God who listens.

Those who are parents can't always give their children what they'd like to, even what they need. But they stand by them. God is like that. Maybe there are some things that God can't take care of now. God has his reasons, and we can never know them all. But this we do know, and we have Jesus's word for it: God loves us. God watches over us, and God cares. In the end it will be alright.

How is my image of God reflected in the way I pray?



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.

Jesus's Teaching

Jesus's teaching on the question of finding oneself doesn't put it just in terms of finding oneself but in following him. This puts a different spin on it. To follow him means what? Say you are driving in two cars somewhere and the first car knows where he is going, you don't. So, they'll say 'Just follow me.' What does that mean? It means there's trust, trust that they know where they are going. It also means you have to be very careful that you don't lose the other person; you have to make sure that another car doesn't come in between you and the car you are following. It's a small example of what it might mean to follow: to pay attention, to be faithful, to stay connected, to keep going in the spirit of trust or faith. It means to take the attention off ourselves: 'Whoever wants to follow me must deny himself'. It sounds very negative, but we can see it in a better light if we see it in the light of meditation – taking the attention off ourselves. That is what it means to leave self behind.

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. From the sale of books in the church and donations we have collected to date €761. Excellent.



Meeting for Parish Readers

Wednesday 22nd of October after morning service in Room 10.

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 6th to the 8th 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. People wishing to attend should register their names with the Parish Centre, Monday to Thursday 9 a.m.- 11a.m. and Friday 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

INTEGRAL CHRISTIANITY:

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

JOHN MAIN SEMINAR LIVESTREAM

6TH – 8TH NOVEMBER, 2025

REGISTER AT THE 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

Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples, for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

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, you have willed that your Church be the sacrament of salvation for all nations, so that Christ's saving work may continue to the ends of the ages; stir up, we pray, the hearts of your faithful and grant that they may feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature, so that from all the peoples on earth one family and one people of your own may arise and increase.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning



MISSION SUNDAY

Baptised and Sent Out: the Church of Christ on a Mission to the World. The mission entrusted to each one of us is - to be courageous and generous in spreading the Good News so that Christ's kingdom will extend to the ends of the earth.

march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 120

R. Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (R)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!, Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. (R)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. (R)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. (R)

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2.

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

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to

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be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."' And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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 ✠

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 the offerings and prayers of your Church, O Lord, rise up in the sight of your majesty and gain acceptance, just as the glorious Passion of your Son was pleasing to you for the salvation of the whole world. 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

Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel, says the Lord. I am with you always.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May our participation at your table sanctify us, O Lord, we pray, and grant that through the Sacrament of your Church all nations may receive in rejoicing the salvation accomplished on the Cross by your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.