



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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The Gospel –The cries of the poor.

Luke is trying to tell the Christian Community that Pharisaism is a permanent temptation for Christians. The Pharisee is not presented as a man who robbed banks. He was scrupulously honest, a faithful family man and a meticulous observer of the law. However when religion becomes mechanical the commandments become distorted. Jesus deals with the old law by giving us his own new commandment – that we love one another, as he has loved us. Once Jesus' new commandment is taken onboard, all the other laws and commandments are reoriented. The individual disciple of Jesus and the Christian Community has to begin to take personal and creative responsibility for a more personal understanding of all the commandments.

How good am I at avoiding complacency and feelings of superiority?

November Parish Bereavements.

The list of our parish bereavements masses for the month of November is published on all notice boards in the church and parish centre.

SMA Journal October 2025.

The monthly edition of SMA Journal has been published. This edition highlights the fact that our parish centre has been hosting the Community Employment Program for 30 years. We wish to congratulate those people who have spearheaded this very important venture in our parish all these years.

Scan the QR code for news of this and other stories about the SMA.



***Sources of Wisdom*, Laurence Freeman.**

Jesus is not only a historical character. As a historical character it is very important that he existed historically, but he died. He was historical in the sense that he belonged in a particular culture, a particular religion, a religious view of the world. We know him in a different way. St Paul says we know him *"no longer after the manner of the flesh"* (2 Cor 5:16). We don't know him in this historical way anymore. It can be helpful and useful and enriching to reflect on and learn about the historical context in which Jesus lived and taught; it can throw some light onto some of the words he used in the passages of his teaching and so on. But that isn't the essence of what Christian faith means.

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 **€1,020**. Excellent.



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.

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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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

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

Almighty ever-living God,

increase our faith, hope and charity,

and make us love what you command,

so that we may merit what you promise.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge

who is no respecter of personages.

He shows no respect of personages to

the detriment of a poor man,

he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,

nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th October 2025

There is no point in pretending before God: he sees us exactly
as we are. If we place ourselves honestly and humbly in his
presence then our prayer will be heard.

God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes
notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:2-3.17-19.23

R. This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R)**
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. **(R)**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4: 6-8. 16 - 18

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

My life is already being poured away as a
libation, and the time has come for me to be
gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I
have run the race to the finish; I have kept the
faith; all there is to come now is the crown of
righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord,
the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day;
and not only to me but to
all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence,
there was not a single witness to support me.
Every one of them deserted me - may they not
be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by
me and gave me power, so that through me the
whole message might be proclaimed for all the
pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the
lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all
evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his
heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and

ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the
kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 18: 9 - 14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus spoke the following parable to some
people who prided themselves on being virtuous
and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up
to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other
a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and
said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God,
that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like
the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am
not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a
week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector
stood some distance away, not daring even to
raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast
and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."
This man, I tell you, went home again at rights
with God; the other did not. For everyone who
exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who
humbles himself will be exalted.'

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

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

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.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**We will ring out our joy at your saving
help and exult in the name of our God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them, that what
we now celebrate in signs we may one day
possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

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.**