



## St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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### The Gospel.

#### Second Sunday of Lent (Cycle A): The Transfiguration.

The experience up the mountain touched Peter deeply, "Lord it is wonderful for us to be here". We may not have had the kind of experience of Jesus that Peter had but we may be able to recall times in our lives when we found ourselves saying, "It is wonderful for us to be here". Such moments may not have occurred in a church, or in some other setting we think of as religious. Yet, if such experiences left us feeling more alive, more at peace, with ourselves and others, they are truly sacred.

*If we can recognise such moments, they will be moments when the Lord touches our lives.*

### LESSONS FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL.

Matthew's saying there are three immensely practical dimensions, which can speak to us ordinary mortals today: It is good to be here; Listen to him; Stand up.

**(1) It is good to be here**, good to be living this particular moment. It is good that we are looking at new ways of handing on the faith. Saying it is good is not saying it is not difficult — it is difficult, as we all experience, but there is life in being as realistic as we can and in being proactive about it all.

**(2) Listen to him.** A significant part of our learning has been the experience of listening. Ultimately, we are listening for the guidance of God. We do this by attending to Scripture, by listening to each other with love and respect and waiting for the Spirit to speak through it all.

**(3) Finally, Jesus says to the disciples, "stand up".** Many people have in fact put their gifts and energies at the service of the community of faith: the parish pastoral council, the ministers of the word and the Eucharist, the musicians, the funeral teams, the family Mass on Sunday and so on.

### Support For Trócaire.

During Lent we will join all churches in Ireland in supporting Trócaire. We began our collection with a generous response on Ash Wednesday. The collection came to €1,065. Together with this amount and other donations our Trócaire contribution to date amounts to €2,011.

Again, the method of support is for each family to take a Trócaire envelope which contains a Trócaire money box. People are asked to encourage family members and friends, or even take it to your place of work, and encourage workmates to support the cause of Trócaire. At the end of Lent, we ask that these boxes be returned. In addition to this we will also be happy for donations that we receive in the regular charity boxes at the front of the church.



If we could look into  
each other's hearts and  
see the challenges  
each of us faces,

I think we would  
treat each other with  
more love, Kindness,  
compassion, and patience.

~ Marvin Ashton  
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## 5 WEEK LENTEN PRAYER JOURNEY

WEDNESDAYS 7PM TO 7.45PM

Feb 25th - March 25th



#### JOURNEY TO THE MOUNTAIN

Wednesday, March 4 2026

#### JOURNEY TO THE WELL

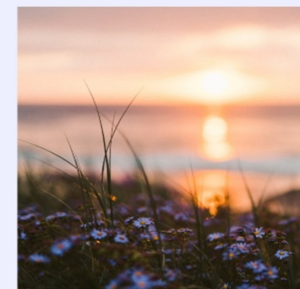
Wednesday, March 11 2026

#### JOURNEY TO THE LIGHT

Wednesday, March 18 2026

#### JOURNEY TO THE NEW LIFE

Wednesday, March 25 2026



Join us for 5 weeks of Zoom Sessions here in the  
SMA Parish Centre, Wilton about the  
Lenten Prayer Journey

Courtesy of The Presentation Sisters Nano Nagle Place



### CONFESSION FOR LENT.

Priests in the community have offered to be available  
for confession during Lent.

There will be confession on:

MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY

**4 TO 5 pm:** Confession will be heard in the room  
opposite the sacristy.

The Lenten confessions for the Family Parishes will be in  
the Sacred Heart Parish on **Sun March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.**



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Remember your compassion, O Lord,  
and your merciful love, for they are from  
of old. Let not our enemies exult over us.  
Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our  
distress.

## 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.

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have commanded us to listen  
to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to  
nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with  
spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to  
behold your glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, .....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING Genesis 12: 1 - 4

*A reading from the Book of Genesis*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country,  
your family and your father's house, for the  
land I will show you. I will make you a great  
nation; I will bless you and make your name  
so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32: 4-5.18 - 20.22

**R. May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. (R)



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

1st March 2026

The gospel presents the glory of Christ, the One in whom  
we can always hope, the One who takes our sadnesses and  
despair into his own heart, and gives us through his death and  
resurrection the promise of eternal hope.



2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. (R)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. (R)

### SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:8-10

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

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of  
the Good News, relying on the power of God  
who has saved us and called us to be holy - not  
because of anything we ourselves have done  
but for his own purpose and by his own grace.  
This grace had already been granted to us, in  
Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it  
has only been revealed by the Appearing of our  
saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and  
he has proclaimed life and immortality through  
the Good News.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the  
bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:  
"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

### GOSPEL Matthew 17: 1-9

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his  
brother John and led them up a high mountain  
where they could be alone. There in their  
presence he was transfigured; his face shone  
like the sun and his clothes became as white as  
the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared  
to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter  
spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful  
for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three  
tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one  
for Elijah'. He was still speaking when suddenly  
a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and  
from the cloud there came a voice which said,  
'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my  
favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this,  
the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with  
fear. But Jesus came up and touched them.

'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when  
they raised their eyes they saw no one but only  
Jesus. As they came down from the mountain  
Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about  
the vision until the Son of Man has risen from  
the dead.'

*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 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 this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,  
cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your  
faithful in body and mind for the celebration  
of the paschal festivities.  
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

**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

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am  
well pleased; listen to him.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries,  
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,  
for allowing us while still on earth to be  
partakers even now of the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a  
blessing that endures for ever, and keep them  
faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten  
Son, so that they may always desire and  
at last attain that glory whose beauty he  
showed in his own Body, to the amazement  
of his Apostles. 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.**