



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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The Gospel.

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday (Cycle A):

Today is known as Passion Sunday and as Palm Sunday. These two titles express contrasting themes. The reading of the passion draws attention to the human suffering and death-agony of Jesus. But the palm expresses the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The two titles remind us that the vents of Holy Week form a story which must be read on the two levels of human suffering and divine triumph.

We have a Saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 12th April 2026 in the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen, Cork.

The day commences at 2 pm and includes the Rosary, several priests hearing confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Stations of the Cross. Mass is celebrated at 3.30 pm.

Support For Trócaire.

During Lent, we have joined all churches in Ireland in supporting Trócaire. Our Trócaire contribution to date amounts to €5,004.

People were asked to encourage family members, friends and even workmates to support the cause of Trócaire. As we come to the end of Lent, we ask that people who took Trócaire boxes to please return them. In addition to this, we appreciate any donations that we receive in the regular charity boxes at the front of the church.

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 of Parishes will be in the Sacred Heart Parish on **Sun March 29th at 5 pm.**

Tax Back Program 2026.

We thank our parishioners who are participating in our Tax Back 2026 program. Any person wishing to join can take a box of envelopes from the table at the back of the church. All that is required is for a person to be paying tax and during the course of the year if your contributions to the church **exceeds €250, we can submit your name to revenue and the parish will receive €112** from the Government, **at no cost to yourself.** There are leaflets at the table giving more specific details about what is involved and the benefit to the church.

St. Joseph's SMA Parish Blackrock Roof Fundraising.

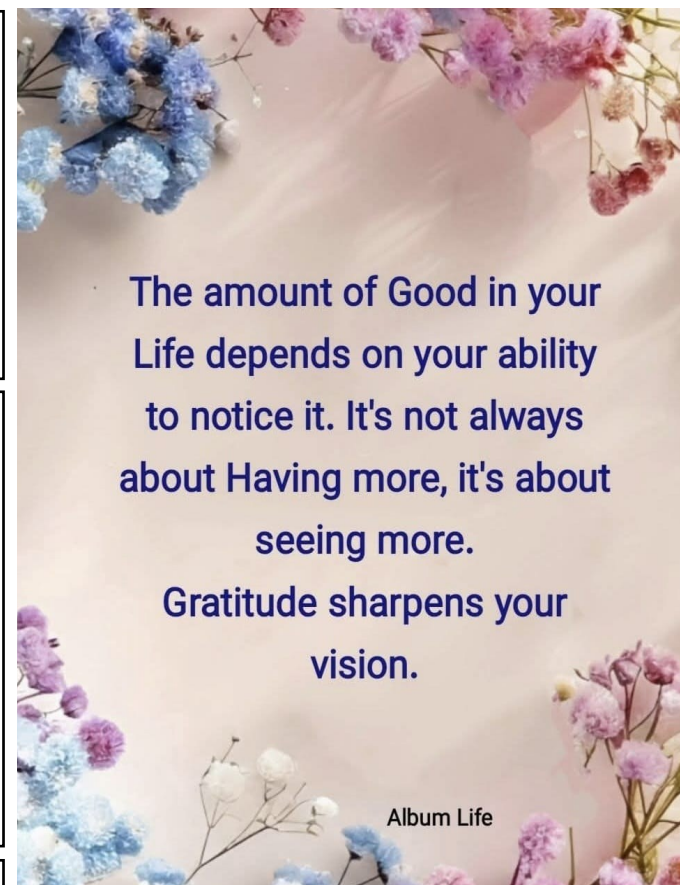
"Playing the Music you Love".

Featuring the **Cork Light Orchestra:**

Free admission. Donation on the day for the Church Roof and Ceiling Renovation.

**Sunday 19th April 2026, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm,
St Michael's Church, Blackrock.**

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The amount of Good in your
Life depends on your ability
to notice it. It's not always
about Having more, it's about
seeing more.
Gratitude sharpens your
vision.

Album Life

Cork Slang & Sayings - SMA Folklore.

The SMA Folklore Project are putting together an exhibition celebrating the unique slang, sayings, and expressions of Cork people. Do you know any phrases that you'd like to see included? We want to hear from you!

Share your ideas with us by email at smafolklore@yahoo.com or by using our suggestion box in the Coffee Lounge in the SMA Parish Centre. Your submissions will be featured in our upcoming exhibition at the SMA Parish Centre for the month of April.



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Reading the Passion Accounts.

Every year during Holy Week, the church exposes us to different passion accounts. On Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday we hear the Passion according to Matthew (Year A) or Mark (Year B) or Luke (Year C), while on Good Friday every year we hear the Passion according to John. "Those who have ears to hear" should notice that the two narratives which are read in a given year do not offer the same picture of the crucifixion of Jesus. It's good to spend time reading and reflecting upon these readings that we listen to each year. Hopefully in time a deeper meaning will become clearer for us.

The Sign of the Cross.

The cross of Jesus stands at the Centre of the Christian story as the sign of the lengths love will go to in its passion for others. If we ever wonder if we are really loved, we should look at the figure on the cross. It is difficult to maintain that we are unloved when we know that someone thought we were worth dying for. The cross is lifted up as a sign of our worth. Somebody thought we were worth all that pain and suffering. And that somebody is Jesus, Son of God.

Here in Wilton, we have the large Sign of the Cross hanging over our altar. Do we pause and take time to look at it?

Holy Thursday

On this night, we are left with a directive, "*As I have done, so you must do*". The graciousness of God prompts us to pass over from being served to serving others. Our thanksgiving is expressed in our own self-emptying service of others. Having received the gifts of God, we give them away; they flow from God through us to others.

Good Friday

When we are invited to venerate the Cross, it is our opportunity to renew our response to the Good Friday calling, to bring something of that love that we have received to places where love is lacking, to overcome evil with goodness, to stand in solidarity with those who are suffering.

Easter Dues.

Around the church are Easter Dues envelopes containing our Easter card with a list of the Easter ceremonies in our church. Please take one, and at your convenience, return your Easter Dues envelopes.

Easter Mass Times 2026

Saint Joseph's SMA Parish, Wilton

Palm Sunday – 29th March 2026

Mass at 10.30 am and 12 noon

Palm blessed at both Masses

Family of Parishes Reconciliation Service, Sacred Heart Church: 5.00 pm

Holy Thursday – 2nd April 2026

No Morning Mass

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.00 pm

Followed by time of Quiet Prayer until 10.00 pm

Good Friday – 3rd April 2026

Tenebrae Service: 12 noon

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00 pm

Stations of the Cross in House Grounds: 7.00 pm

Quiet Reflection in front of the Cross until 10.00 pm

Holy Saturday – 4th April 2026

Celebration of the Easter Vigil: 8.00 pm

Easter Sunday – 5th April 2026

Mass at 10.30 am and 12 noon

Easter Monday – 6th April 2026

Mass at 12 noon and 5.35 pm

Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th April 2026

Mass at 10.00 am and 5.35 pm

