



## St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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### The Gospel.

#### Second Sunday of Easter

The various Gospels mention doubt when Jesus appears to his followers after the Resurrection (Mt 28:17; Lk 24:37-38; Mk 16:14) but in 20:24-29, John dramatizes that doubt in an individual. Paradoxically however, from the lips of this "doubting Thomas" comes the highest confession of faith in all the Gospels: "My Lord and my God". The Gospel began with the Prologue's affirmation (1:1), "The Word was God". Now human beings have come to recognise that.

Believing in God is relatively easy. Believing in Jesus – which includes believing in his mission – is difficult.

Before Jesus and Spirit came to the Apostles – after the resurrection – the Apostles had formed themselves into a religious ghetto for fear of the Jews. We could be tempted to do the same today, for fear of the modern secular world. Can we see the wounds of Jesus today?

### 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.**

### Easter Dues.

Around the church are Easter Dues envelopes. Please take one, and at your convenience, return your Easter Dues envelopes.

ST JOSEPH'S SMA PARISH WILTON

## FROM UPPER ROOM TO PARISH COMMUNITY IN THE SPIRIT

**SAT 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**11.00AM TO 4.00PM**



Wilton Parish welcomes back Fr. Tom McNamara SMA who has been working in Knock for the past 6 years.

Before the Risen Christ came to the Apostles they had formed themselves into a religious ghetto for fear of the Jews. We too can isolate ourselves in our churches and be comfortable with our Catholic practices and pieties. We will encounter the resurrected Jesus today to the extent that we get involved in healing the wounds of the poor and downtrodden.

Please register in the Mass Office in advance of the event

Fee: €20



### SMA Mass Office.

We now stock a large range of books, christening candles, rosary beads and grave ornaments.

### Support For Trócaire.

During Lent we joined with all churches in Ireland in supporting Trócaire. Our Trócaire contribution to date amounts to **€8,478**.

We ask that anyone 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. There are other charities in the wings who have heard our commitment to supporting various causes and they wish to avail of that generosity.

### 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 2pm and includes the Rosary, several Priests hearing confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Stations of the Cross. Mass is celebrated at 3.30pm.

### SMA PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK.

Our annual pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday 23rd May.

Bus departs outside the front door of the church at 8.00am, returning at 10.00pm approx.

Bus will stop at Tracy's Hotel, Ennis on outward and return journeys.

**COST: €30 (BUS ONLY).** Payable at times of booking. Book in the Mass Office.



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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: 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

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, .....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING Acts 2:42 - 47

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Divine Mercy Sunday

12th April 2026

Easter for Thomas was a rediscovery of his faith in Jesus.  
The risen power of the Lord is the basis for his people's faith.



their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple everyday but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps117: 2-4.13-15.22-24

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

(R)



2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. (R)

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R)

### SECOND READING 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9

*A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears

testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL John 20:19-31

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,

'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

*All bow for following two lines:*

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

## ✠ LITURGY OF EUCHARIST ✠

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

### 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

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.