



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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The Gospel.

Third Sunday of Easter.

We listen to an important story. It reflects the general structure of the Mass we know today. Luke tells us that there were two disciples on the road from Jerusalem, back to their old way of life. They were downcast as they discussed what had happened in Jerusalem. They knew about the earthly life of Jesus. They knew about the cross. They had heard of the empty tomb, but their faith was too weak to grasp that Jesus might be risen.

Luke is writing, first of all, for his community who are unable to recognise the risen Christ in the midst of their problems and persecutions. When we gather each week to celebrate the Eucharist, we too listen to the word of God and break bread together.

Jesus comes among us not as the stranger; rather he comes to us in word and sacrament to give us new hope to face the future with faith in him. Can we, do we wish to, interpret our lives in the light of the great truth that Jesus is risen and is Lord?

Listen to the important words of the Gospel and do they resonate with you: *"We had hoped" Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer" "Did not our hearts burn within us" ... "the breaking of bread".*

Tax Back 2026.

We thank our parishioners who are participating in our Tax Back 2026 program. Reports from the Parish Finance Office are that so far this year, **€10,000 plus** has been received from Revenue based on 2025 contributions, into our parish funds at no expense to anyone, only at the *"inconvenience of members"* participating in the program. This is only the beginning and there is more to come from 2025. We thank those members who participated.

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FROM UPPER ROOM TO PARISH COMMUNITY IN THE SPIRIT

SAT 25TH APRIL
11.00AM TO 4.00PM

Wilton Parish welcomes back Fr. Tom McNamara SMA who has been working in Knock for the past 7 years.

Before the Risen Christ came to the Apostles they had formed themselves into a religious ghetto. We too can isolate ourselves in our churches and be comfortable with our Catholic practices and pieties. Come for a day of reflection, receiving new insights and hopefully, with heart uplifted, eager to follow Christ and live the Gospel today

Please register in the Mass Office in advance of the event Fee: €20



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 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.

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.

Caring For Our Wellbeing Course.

For people who have an interest in their own health and well-being, people who experience emotional distress at times (that's all of us) and who would like to work together with others to explore ways to enhance their well-being.

Starting date: Wednesday 29th April - Wednesday 17th June.

Duration: 8 Weeks. **Time:** 10am - 12.30pm.

Cost: Free of charge (CETB funded).

Please contact Social and Health Education Project to register interest.

Phone: (021) 4666180.

Email: info@socialandhealth.com

Venue Address: The Social and Health Education Project (SHEP), Ardfoyle, Ballintemple, Cork, T12 XDH242.

Support For Trócaire.

During Lent, we joined with all churches in Ireland in supporting Trócaire. Our Trócaire contribution to date amounts to **€10,400**. This is the highest amount we have collected for Trócaire. As priest of our parish, I am proud that we can make such a contribution to a deserving cause. We can talk about decline in church attendance and all, but this really is an important statement by our community. Well done and thanks!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

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

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that,
rejoicing now in the restored glory of
our adoption, we may look forward in
confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of
resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:14.22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

"I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus assures his disciples that he is risen from the dead and sends them to preach the gospel in his name. He assures us of this too, and we are sent to be his people in our family, among our friends, in all parts of the world.

to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence".

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps15: 1-2, 5-7, 7-11.

R. Show us, Lord, the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize'. (R)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead nor let your beloved know decay. (R)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R)

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1: 17-21

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave

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him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24: 13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took

the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

*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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of
your exultant Church, and, as you have given
her cause for such great gladness, grant
also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in
perpetual 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O
Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were
pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may
attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of
the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.