



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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Gospel.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A).

Matthew says that Jesus felt compassion for the people because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Their religious leaders had failed them, and the people were flattened under a burden of taxes and laws. Matthew is worried that the Church might be tempted to go down the same road in his community. In fact, the Church is always in danger of falling under the spell of powerful elite groups and organizations.

What is the Mission of the Church today?

The Gospel of Matthew.

For the rest of the year until Advent, we will generally use Matthew's Gospel. Matthew used Mark's Gospel as his primary source. He also had access to a written collection of the sayings of Jesus and to oral tradition. From that material he sought to write a Gospel that would address the needs of those to whom he was writing. It is the Gospel most frequently cited by Church writers in the centuries immediately following its writing. Matthew was very conscious of Church life. He allowed his own experience of the Church to shape what he wrote.

Matthew makes frequent and explicit appeals to the Old Testament as he tells the story of Jesus. It was important to show that Jesus was the fulfillment of the promises contained in the Jewish Scriptures. Matthew insists that Jesus, not the Law, is the authentic interpreter of God's will. This should be an important consideration for us to reflect upon as we listen to the Gospel of Matthew in the coming weeks.

Confessions.

TUESDAY and THURSDAY

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

Best Advice!

Save money every week! Doesn't matter how much. just save!

Listen to your parent's advice... at the end of the day they are the only ones who want the best for you.

Choose your friends wisely, you are the product of your environment.

Learn to be alone and independent. It's a skill few master.

Educate yourself - read, read, read. Be healthy & look after your body. Don't wait for someone to love you; learn to love YOURSELF first.

You'll be ok.

Blackrock Road, Church Roof, and Ceiling Renovation Project.

Thanks to all who attended our concert last Friday night in St. Joseph's Church, Wilton. We raised a fabulous **€4532.55** for St. Joseph's SMA Parish, Blackrock Road, Church Roof, and Ceiling Renovation Project. Thank you. Scan the QR code to enjoy some of the music.



The Communion procession at Mass (Something to think about).

For many, the Communion procession can become familiar, even routine. Yet when we pause and reflect, we realise how much is contained in this simple act.

The next time you rise to go forward, do so with intention:

- Walk slowly and prayerfully.
- Speak to the Lord in your heart.
- Become aware of what you are about to receive.

Let each step be filled with meaning.

THINK ABOUT IT!

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.

The Comboni Fathers.

Fr. Manuel of the Comboni Fathers would like to express his gratitude for the generous support he received from our parish last week. It's inspiring to see a priest of 80 plus years, who in the course of his missionary life has mastered various languages in order to enable him to communicate with the various peoples that he worked with. An amount of **€2000** was collected and will be forwarded to the Comboni Fathers. Thanks for your support.

CORK SLANG!!

In the Parish Centre, is a display of the many, taken for granted expressions we Cork people love to use without thinking! A pamphlet containing many of these expressions has been compiled by the SMA Folklore Project. It is available for people to take.

The cost of producing this booklet comes from funds taken up during our second Sunday collections.

Scan the QR code to view a humorous video about our wonderful accent!



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

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.

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.

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus.



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are called to be members of God's own holy people. Today God is sending us out as witnesses for him.

14th June 2026



From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 99: 2-3.5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R)
2. Know that he, the Lord is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age (R)

SECOND READING Romans 5 :6-11

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ,

through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 9:36 – 10.8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.

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 ✠

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

O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit.

Through Christ our Lord

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

