



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A).

Who do you say I am?

This Sunday, Peter testifies to the identity of Jesus. It is natural to wonder whether the faith he proclaims has deepened, or if it is another demonstration of bravado. Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test, we realize that was all they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our need not be an obstacle to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realize that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

We are asked to open ourselves to God regardless of our limitations and weaknesses. The rest is in God's hands.

Urban Bulldogs Against Kids Abuse.

Urban Bulldogs Against Kids Abuse is a biker organization who advocate against child abuse. They support kids who have been sexually, physically and psychologically abused. They will join us on our **Parish Fun Day on September 13th** in the church grounds. More details on the group can be found on the charity boxes in the church. To date, we have collected **€1,204** for the group. This was raised from donations and the sale of books and CDs at the back of the church. We will collect for the group until the Fun Day on September 13th.



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Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Collectors.

The summer months, with people going on holidays etc., highlights the shortage of people in our parish who maintain the various ministers for our parish. Readers, Eucharistic ministers and collectors are always in short supply. This time of the year is an opportune time for members to appreciate that the invitation is extended to all parishioners to participate in these ministries for the good of the parish.

Eucharist Visit.

Some members are housebound. Some members of our parish are ready and willing to bring the Eucharist to our housebound members if requested. These ministers have been Garda vetted and have the approval of the church to undertake this ministry. Parishioners requesting a visit for the Eucharist should contact Fr. Michael or the parish office.

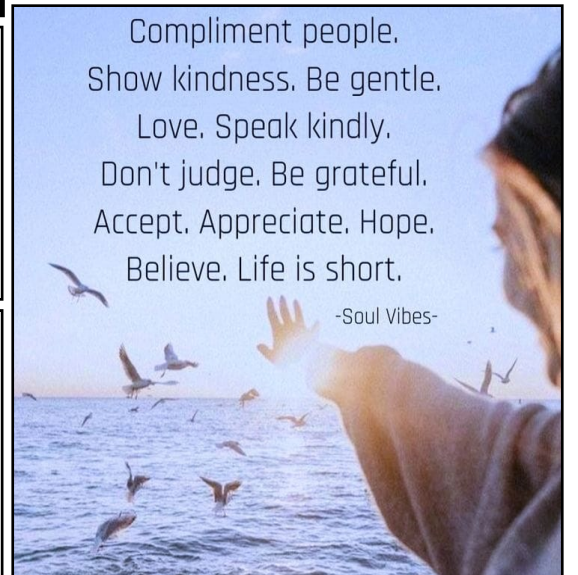
Parish Newsletter.

The weekly newsletter is an important tool of communication among parishioners. It contains the notices for the coming week and keeps people in the loop about what is going on. Many parishes print these notices on one side of a page with the Sunday readings printed on the reverse side. Therefore, the Word of God is taken home by people into their homes where it can be pondered again throughout the day and even seen by other family members who did not, for whatever reason, come to mass.

The parish newsletter is also a powerful symbol of mission and outreach. By giving one to the sick, the housebound, and those in nursing homes, we are keeping them connected to our faith community and reminding them that they have not been forgotten.

Compliment people.
Show kindness. Be gentle.
Love. Speak kindly.
Don't judge. Be grateful.
Accept. Appreciate. Hope.
Believe. Life is short.

-Soul Vibes-



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry
to you all the day long.

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen.
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

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

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you
command and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 22: 19 - 23

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah.



TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Christian life will call on us at times to make a decision for or against
Jesus, as for the apostles in today's gospel. We know with him we have
the message of the deepest human love we are capable of.

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Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna,
the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,

I remove you from your post,

and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim
son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe, gird him with your
sash, entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father

to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 137)

**R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R)**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R)**

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R)**

SECOND READING Romans 11: 33-36

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

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his
wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible
to penetrate his motives or understand his
methods! Who could ever know the mind of
the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor?
Who could ever give him anything or lend him
anything? All that exists comes from him; all is
by him and for him. To him be glory for ever!
Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You are
Peter and on this rock I will
build my Church.

And the gates of the
underworld can never hold
out against it. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13 - 20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea
Philippi he put this question to his disciples,
'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And
they said 'Some say he is John the Baptist,
some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the
prophets.'

But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then
Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,
'he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus
replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy
man! Because it was not flesh and blood that
revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.
So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this
rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the
underworld can never hold out against it. I will
give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven;
whatever you bind on earth shall be considered
bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth
shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he
gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone
that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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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 THE 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 Lord, who gained for yourself a people by
adoption through the one sacrifice offered
once for all, bestow graciously on us, we
pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your
Church. Through Christ our Lord.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and
profess your Resurrection until you come
again.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God.....

**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

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my
blood has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy and
graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in
all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.