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The Gospel 22nd 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.

Season of Creation 2026.

The **Season of Creation 2026** will be celebrated from **September 1st to October 4th**. The theme for the Season of Creation 2026 is "Living Water," inspired by Ezekiel 47:9-12, emphasizing ecological restoration and spiritual renewal. As we prepare to enter the **Season of Creation**, Pope Leo XIV offers us a powerful message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This year, as we follow the theme **Living Water**, his words feel especially meaningful. Scripture reminds us to guard our hearts, because **from them flows everything we do** (cf. Prov 4:23). So perhaps this Season of Creation begins with a personal question: **What is flowing from my heart into the world?** Is it care or indifference? Hope or discouragement? A desire for justice, peace, and communion? Pope Leo reminds us that ecological conversion begins within us—but it is meant to **flow outward**, transforming how we live, how we relate to others, and how we care for our common home.

Wilton SMA Family Fun Day 2026.

As we make the final preparations for our Family Day on the 13th of September, we wish to express our gratitude to all the sponsors who responded to our appeal. With current financial expectations to host such an event, we really appreciate how so many businesses and companies responded so generously. The response makes clear to the parish how much the presence of our church and community centre is acknowledged and appreciated in our area of Cork.



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. To date, we have collected **€1,398** for the group.

For people who have yet to attend our Fun Days, the action takes place in the field behind the main SMA House. Entrance to the field is via the entrance of the Parish Centre. Below you can see a list of the sponsors who generously supported us for our Family Day.

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Here's Health

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

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 might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Through our Lord Jesus Christ

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Jeremiah 20: 7 - 9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.



TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All the laws, customs and regulations of religion have only one end: to love God and our neighbour. Jesus is adamant that love is at the heart of true religion.

30th August 2026



I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 62)

**R. For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R)**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R)**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R)**

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R)**

SECOND READING Romans 12: 1-2

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

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia !

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 21 - 27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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

May this sacred offering, O Lord,
confer on us always the blessing of
salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery
it may accomplish in power. Through Christ
our Lord.

SANCTUS

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

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

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

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

**How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly
table, we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity, it may confirm
our hearts and stir us to serve you in our
neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.