

St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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Sunday Gospel.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

All three readings today make the same point: ultimate victory is assured. God who implants hope in the human heart, will see to its fulfilment, and see to it in a way that will exceed anything we could imagine.

Lord, I am fearful about saying yes to you; where will you lead me? I am scared of giving you a blank cheque. I am fearful of the ***yes*** that will call for another ***yes***…. Say ***yes***, my beloved. I need your ***yes*** as I needed Mary's ***yes*** in order to come into the world. I long to be involved in your work and in your family, to be with you in your space. It is my gaze that penetrates, not yours. It is my word that bears fruit Lord, I'm fearful about saying ***yes*** to you; where will you lead me? I'm scared of giving you a blank ***yes.*** It is my life that transforms, not yours. Give me your all, surrender all to me…. Lord, in order that your kingdom come, in order that your will and not mine be done, help me say ***yes.***

Mission Sunday Collection: October 18TH.

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated over the weekend of Sunday the 18th of October.

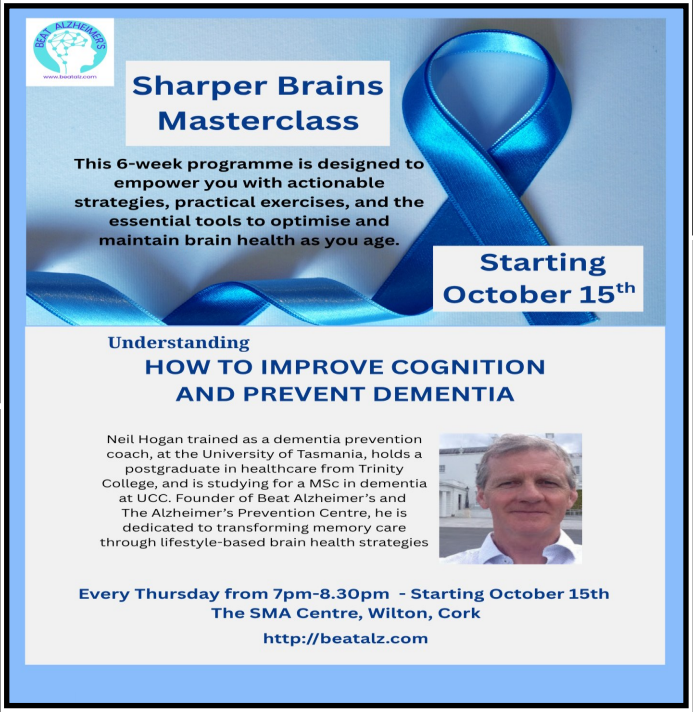
Including the collection on the 18th October, we will include all donations in our charity boxes in our church until the 18th of October and money received from the sale of books at the back of the church. So far, our support for this cause amounts to **€400.**

"Many a time I have wanted to stop talking and find out what I really believed," *Walter Lippmann wrote*.

Don't be afraid to question your own beliefs. That's when God is most surely active in us. That's when we become spiritual adults.

Spiritual Books.

We once again thank those people who donate spiritual books to our parish. The sale of these books, at €2 a book, is offering our parish a great opportunity to mature in our understanding of our faith. Let's keep the project going. All donations received are being given to the current charity being supported in the parish.



Sharper Brains Masterclass.

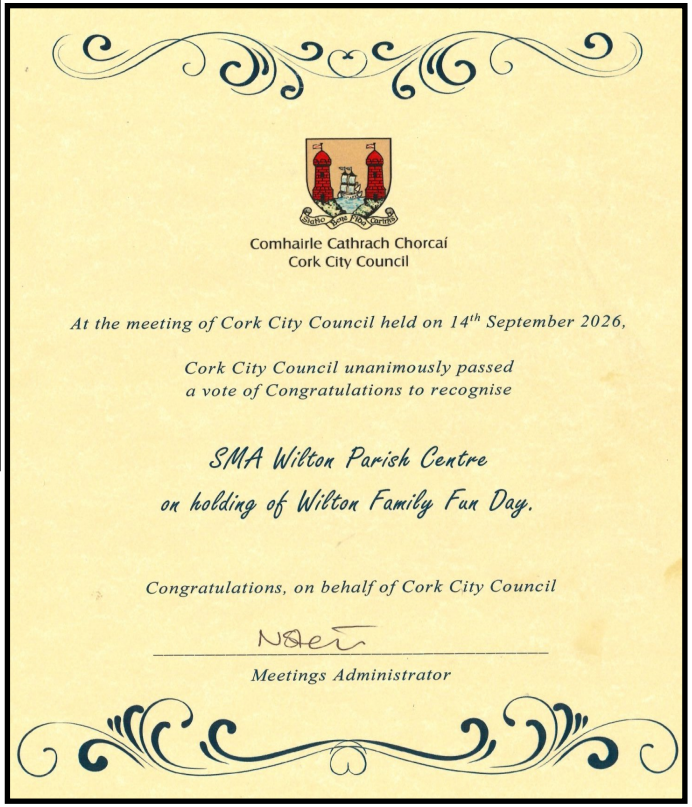
If you have begun to notice changes in memory or your ability to think clearly and stay focused, don't wait to take action. Protect your brain health now by enrolling in the Sharper Brains Masterclass. This 6-week programme, starting Thursday October 15th from 7pm-8.30pm in the SMA Parish Centre, is designed to slow cognitive decline and build a resilience to dementia.

Contact 085-7492311 or email: info@beatalz.com

Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

A new charity we are offering our members this Christmas is to participate in the Christmas Shoebox appeal. Get a standard shoebox. You will be provided with details of either a boy or a girl, and the child's age and fill the box as you see fit. Returned shoeboxes are sent to children affected by poverty in countries in Africa and Eastern Europe. Details of how one can participate can be found in the leaflets at the altar. This charity is sponsored by **Team Hope.**

We ask that boxes be returned between Nov. 1st and Nov 10th, so that children can enjoy their gifts for Christmas.



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council

At the meeting of Cork City Council held on 14th September 2026,

Cork City Council unanimously passed a vote of Congratulations to recognise

SMA Wilton Parish Centre on holding of Wilton Family Fun Day.

Congratulations, on behalf of Cork City Council

Meetings Administrator

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prisoners Sunday **11th October 2026**

God is generous to his people; his is the gift of life and love, of reconciliation and of justice, he expects us to be generous in return.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
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

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Isaiah 25: 6 - 10

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy,
of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said:
See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.
The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.22

R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

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

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.
The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22: 1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. *Shorter form italics*

"Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests."
When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'
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 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

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly,
O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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