

St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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Sunday Gospel.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A).

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.

It is only when we know that God has demonstrated his life giving love for us in his Son, that we will want to love God in return with all our heart, soul, and mind. The opening words of Jesus' was not a commandment, but a proclamation of the Good News – "the kingdom of God is at hand", "the reign of God's life giving, merciful love is at hand". Perhaps in the past, we were introduced to the commandments without first hearing the Gospel. The commandments alone won't bring us to the Gospel, but hearing the Gospel as Good News for me personally, will lead us to taking the commandments seriously.

Mission Sunday Collection.

THANK YOU for your generous support of our Mission Sunday appeal last week. What we collected last weekend during our Second Collection, amounted to €1,260 and will be forwarded as our parish contribution, together with money collected over the past few weeks from the sale of second hand books and private donations. That amount comes to €750.

Together with our Sunday collection, the total amount being forwarded to Missio Ireland in support of mission work throughout the world comes to €2,010.

We thank those people donating books to keep our spiritual reading going in the parish.

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November Memorial Masses.

During the month of November, the parish will conduct the usual Masses in memory of those who died in our parish during the past year and for the various groups who use our church to remember their dead. Any group yet to confirm a date with the parish should do so this week.

The list of November memorial services confirmed are as follows:

Blessing of the Graves - St Finbarr's Cemetery
Sunday 8th November at 2.30 pm

Annual Remembrance Mass for members of PNT, Telecom, Eircom and Eir
Saturday 14th November at 11 am

E.S.B. - Annual Mass in memory of Deceased Staff (Cork)
Saturday 28th November at 11 am

Annual Mass for Deceased Members of An Garda Síochána
Thursday 12th November at 7.30 pm

Féileacáin (Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Association of Ireland).
Saturday 12th December at 3 pm

A special Mass to remember all who have died in our community, especially those who have passed away during the last year.
Tuesday 10th November at 7.30 pm



Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

The response to our Christmas Shoebox appeal has been very encouraging. Information sheets are available around the church and in the Parish Centre with details of a child (boy/girl) and the child's age for whom the shoebox will be assigned.

Please keep your shoebox as close as possible to the following dimensions: L: 12 inches, W: 7.5 inches, H: 4 inches. If wrapping your shoebox, please wrap the lid and box separately so the box can be opened to be checked while going through Customs.

The parish will pay for the cost of sending the shoeboxes to their destination. Please return your shoebox to the parish by Nov 10th to ensure that boxes will reach their intended locations for the children to enjoy their gifts for Christmas.

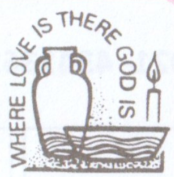
Scan the QR code to view a video on how the shoebox appeal is bringing hope to children affected by poverty worldwide.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The commandment of God is to love him and love people: both are so interlinked that in loving people we love God.

25th October 2026



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
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

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Exodus 22: 20 - 26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity." '

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 17: 2-4. 47.51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1: 5 - 10

A reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22: 34 - 40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

SANCTUS

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

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

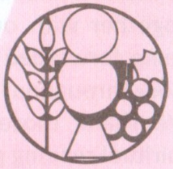
The mystery of faith.
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate
in signs we may one day
possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.



CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

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