



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## Write your own epitaph!

Generally, epitaphs are written by the next of kin, not by the person who has died, but there are exceptions.

This light-hearted piece written by Benjamin Franklin is one such.

The body of Benjamin Franklin, printer,

(Like the cover of an old book,

It's content worn out,

and stripped of its lettering and gilding)

Lies here, food for worms!

Yet the work itself *shall* not be lost,

For it will, as he believed, appear once more,

In a new and more beautiful edition,

Corrected and amended by it Author!

**Questions that can help us write a private epitaph for ourselves include:**

*What was I put on earth for? \* What mark would I like to leave on it?*

*What longing, quality or calling is deepest in me? \* How would I like people to remember me?*



## CHURCH RESTORATION FUND-RAISING RAFFLE

A big thank you to all who supported our recent Fundraising raffle. It was a huge success and a total amount of €15,660 was raised.

### **Congratulations to the winners of the draw:**

Mary O Shea (Wilton) - First Prize

Finn McEniry (Togher) - Second Prize

Fr. Tom Kearney (SMA) - Third Prize

Marie O Mahony (Donscourt) - Fourth Prize

### SUNDAY 20th November 2016

**Bazaar in aid of Down Syndrome Cork takes place in the S.M.A. Hall, Wilton**

**Time: 2 pm - 5 pm - €2 entry - Kids free**

**Christmas Dues envelopes/Calendars** are now available in the Sacristy after weekend Masses and in the Mass Card Office during the week.

Thanks in advance for your contributions and thanks to the collectors.

### TAX BACK 2017

The project to restore the Church exterior was a great success. During 2017 we hope to redecorate the interior. In order not to be making excessive demands on people we appeal to all who can support us through the Tax Back scheme to register. If you are eligible to pay any tax you can help. Every little counts. We are preparing envelopes now; so we ask those who can help to register their name to please do so, and place them in the box at the altar or drop it at the Mass Office.

### Events taking place in Our Parish in November

**Annual Mass for Deceased members of An Garda Síochana** - Tuesday, 22nd November at 7.30 pm.

**Annual Parish Bereavement Service** Wednesday, 23rd November at 7.30 pm.

**ESB Memorial Service** Saturday, 26th November at 11 am.

**Christmas Market "Rehoming Cork Pets"** Sunday, 27th November at 12 noon.

Further details on above events [www.smawilton.ie](http://www.smawilton.ie)

There will be a special Mass here in St. Joseph's Church Wilton on Wednesday, 23rd November at 7.30 pm to remember all who have died in our community, especially those who have passed away since this time last year. All of you are cordially invited to come and pray for your loved ones.



### Monthly Charity – Focus Ireland

With the winter approaching we are seeking to help Focus Ireland, an organisation that helps the homeless. To date we have collected €212. Thanks for your support.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** The Society would like to thank those who subscribe so generously every month and we are truly grateful for your continued support. The total amount collected at St. Joseph's Church in 2015 was €17,347 and so far this year €13,156 has been collected. A sincere thank you to our dedicated collectors without whom these collections would not be possible. However, we are finding it hard to fill gaps in our rota and we appeal for extra volunteers for the five Masses on the first weekend of each month. If anyone is willing to help, please contact the Parish Priest, Fr. Michael O'Leary.