



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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C S Lewis on SIN.

The sins of the flesh are bad, but they are the least bad of all sins. All the worst pleasures are purely spiritual: the pleasure of putting other people in the wrong, of bossing and patronizing and spoiling sport, and back-biting; the pleasures of power, of hatred.

For there are two things inside me, competing with the human self which I must try to become. They are the Animal self, and the Diabolical self. The Diabolical self is the worse of the two. That is why a cold, self-righteous prig who regularly goes to church may be far nearer to hell than a prostitute. But, of course, it is better to be neither.

A gift for Christmas.

We still have a few copies of a book which is very popular and could be of great spiritual benefit to people during 2019. It is **SACREDSpace The Prayer Book 2019**.

The cost is still only €5, it represents a big saving on the cost of the book. On sale in the Mass Office. It's a publication by the Jesuits and gives ideas from the Gospels for each day of the year.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CHARITY.



In our Parish Survey it is evident that there is a genuine concern in the parish and a desire to identify again with the cause of homelessness. So for the Christmas period we will solicit funds for the *Simon Community*. As a way of recognising that the Parish Centre is part of the parish and we hope people using the centre will identify with and support the cause of the Simon Community over the Christmas period. In this regard we are purchasing two Christmas trees, one for the church and one for the Centre.

In the survey many genuine charities were nominated and some of these will be invited to be the designated charities during the months of 2019. During the past month, November, we collected €1,000 for *The Irish Pilgrimage Trust*. Excellent response to a worthy charity.

Penitential Service

By way of preparation for the coming of Christ into our lives at Christmas, a Penitential Service will be held in the Parish Church on Thursday, 20th December at 7.30 pm. All are invited to participate.



Advent Talks with Fr. Sylvester Flynn.

Once again Fr. Sylvester will be visiting our parish and giving a retreat to the SMA community. Fr. Sylvester is a popular spiritual author and retreat giver and so again we are opening up the morning talk to all parishioners after the 10am Mass on **Tuesday 11th December**. He will continue on the 18th at the same time. The talk will take place in the Library of the SMA house; entrance is via the front door.

All welcome.

PARISH PROGRAM OF MINDFULNESS.

The parish is offering a 6 week program on Mindfulness conducted by Ber Mulcahy beginning on the 17th January @ 7.30pm. At a cost of just €50 a person will be given an insight into the importance and practice of mindfulness. This is the first program being offered by the parish and spaces are limited.

With the priority we give to the Quiet Prayer and Contemplation this program should be of benefit to people to exercise this form of prayer. Registration can be done at the parish Office or ring 085 7353091.

Christmas Dues and 2019 Parish Calendar

Christmas Dues envelope and 2019 Parish Calendar are available at the church entrance. We urge all members to take a Christmas Dues envelope; it's a personal way of showing support for your parish.

The practice of delivering envelopes to people's house has been discontinued. If any person is aware of a member who is housebound we ask that you bring them both an envelope and a calendar.