



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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My First Christmas In Heaven

I see countless Christmas trees around the world below
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars reflecting in the snow.

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear.
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring.
For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart;
But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.

So be happy for me, dear ones, you know I hold you dear
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above,
I sent you each a memory of my undying love.

After all, love is a precious gift more precious than pure gold;
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do.
For I can't count the blessings or love he has for each of you.

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away the tear
Remember I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

By Wanda Bencke

Wanda Bencke had a thirteen-year-old handicapped daughter named Lysandra Kay. On Christmas day 1997, Lysandra had a seizure and was in a coma for five days before she passed away. During those five days, Wanda wrote "My First Christmas in Heaven"

TAX BACK ENVELOPES 2019.

We thank those people who participated in the Tax Back during 2018.

New boxes are ready for collection. Money received from this program is a very important source of income for the parish. New members who pay tax are welcome to participate. Register your personal details and a box will be prepared.

May Christmas help you to discover the spiritual value of vulnerability, which will lead to a deeper trust in God and His Providence and thereby peace and joy.

I wish you all many blessings, peace, joy and contentment. May Jesus become more and more incarnate in each one of us. We cannot appreciate enough that we are his followers, whom He shows the way in a confused world. Best wishes for a grace-filled New Year 2019 from all who work in our Parish.

Fr. Michael



St. Joseph's S.M.A. Parish, Wilton, Cork

Christmas Arrangements 2018

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve
10 am and Mass of Christmas Night at 10 pm
(No Vigil Masses at 6 pm and 7.30 pm)

Tuesday 25th December—Christmas Day
Masses at 9 am, 10.30 am and 12 noon

Wednesday 26th December - St. Stephen's Day (Public Holiday)

Mass at 12 noon

Thursday 27th December to Friday 28th December
Mass at 10 am Only

Saturday 29th December

Masses at 10 am and Vigil Masses at 6 pm and 7.30 pm

Sunday 30th December

Masses at 9 am, 10.30 am and 12 noon

Monday 31st January 2018 - New Year's Eve
7.25am, 10 am and 5.35 pm

Jan 1st 2019 New Year's Day - Mass at 10 am



The S.M.A. Parish Centre will close on

Monday 24th December at 1 pm and will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January.

There will be no bingo Monday 24th / 31st December 2018.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CHARITY.

For the Christmas period we are soliciting funds for the *Simon Community*. As a way of recognising that the Parish Centre is part of our 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 have purchased two Christmas trees, one for the church and one for the Centre. The response so far is encouraging, **We have collected €1,634. Place a donation in the bucket and put a red ribbon on the tree.**