



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## A PLACE I CALL HOME

I write on behalf of my family, on behalf of my country and the 31 million residents currently living in a place I call my home, Peru.

A place where my family had to be woken up in the middle of the night to evacuate their home because of the earthquakes that are affecting their lives. A place where the people with the least money are the ones that suffer the most.

And yet, a big part of **our** society continues to turn a blind eye, as climate change isn't 'affecting us' – or even completely denies the fact that climate change is a thing. The sad thing is that most of the time the people and the businesses who contribute to the global warming the most aren't the ones suffering right now – and as they aren't the ones suffering right now climate change must not exist, *right?*

Tell me how can we turn a blind eye to climate change when it is responsible for 150,000 deaths each year around the world?

As if my native and indigenous people from the Amazon are just obstacles or burdens, not people, like you and me.

Whose homes are being taken away from them by major corporations that believe deforestation is just about cutting trees and do not dare to think about the consequences that it has on the hundreds of species of plants, insects, birds and mammals that vanish each day, for ever.

Because somehow, making money from businesses and properties has become more valuable than life itself.

Therefore, I apologise to you, earth, and to the millions of people suffering currently because of the 'controversial' topic we call climate change.

*Daniela Torres Perez, 17*

*(Extract from a book "Letters to the Earth") On sale in the Mass Office*

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

**Christmas Arrangements 2019**

Sunday 29th December

Masses at 9 am, 10.30 am and 12 noon

Monday 30th December—Mass at 10 am Only

**Tuesday 31st December 2019 - New Year's Eve**

One Mass only - 10 am

**Wednesday Jan 1st 2020 New Year's Day**

10 am and 5.35 pm

## A New Year's Blessing

*May God* make your year a happy one,  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

*God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.*

- Unknown

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**CHRISTMAS CHARITY 2019.** This year we are supporting MSF – **Doctors without Borders.** This charity consists of doctors and medics who go to disaster areas in the world. Sadly, our world today has too many countries needing their support. We support it by putting a red ribbon on the Christmas Tree and making a donation in one of the buckets or in the charity boxes in the wall of the church.

Our initial response is encouraging. To date we have collected **€2,481.83.** This includes €120 donated by the Gael Scoil children from the proceeds of their carol singing in the Shopping Centre.

**At the back of the Church are some reading material which explains the workings of the MSF. Feel free to take and read.**

A selection of Videos can also be viewed on our website, [www.smawilton.ie](http://www.smawilton.ie) - click live. Daily: 16.00 to 18.55.

You don't have to attend every argument you're invited to.

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**THE PARISH CENTRE WILL RE-OPEN ON**

**Thursday 2ND JANUARY 2020.**

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

## GREETING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## 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

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

A day to pray with and for our family; to give thanks to God for them; to pray for healing of divisions and bitterness. We pray that we may grow in respect and love for our extended family throughout the world.

29th December 2019



## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14

*A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,

he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life.

Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 127: 1 - 5

**R. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. [R]
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. [R]
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life. [R]

### SECOND READING Colossians 3:12-17 (Alternative shorter form)

*A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians*  
You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a

quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom.

With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Matthew 2: 13-15.19-23

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew*  
After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:  
I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*All bow for following two lines:*  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

## AFTER THE CONSECRATION

*The mystery of faith.*

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

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever.

Through Christ our Lord.