



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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Mass Times:

Monday - Friday: 7.25 am, 10am and 5.35 pm
Saturday: 10 am Vigil Masses: 6 pm and 7.30 pm
Sunday: 9am, 10.30 and 12 noon

Dear Earth,

I'm still in love with you. I'm still stunned into silence by the rolling hills, the endlessness of the ocean, and the ever changing sky. The birds that come and go, the insects busy about their business, running the show. The trees solid: Lives spread out so much longer than our own. They've seen it all, they've seen us come and they'll probably see us go.

We didn't deserve you and all your careful intricacies. Humanity, the spanner in the works. I'll do anything to fix this, but there is only so far reusable coffee cups and vegan sausage rolls can get you. I am small, I need bigger people, with bigger power to invest their energy in something worthy for once. The worthiest cause, the greatest of goods.

I am lucky, I can see all the good, I see how much there is worth fighting for. I can't imagine how anyone can sit on piles of money, causally ignoring the rising oceans, muddled seasons and marching children. I don't know how anything can be considered more important than protecting you. Without you we are nothing. But earth, if we can't save ourselves, if it takes too long, if the paperwork is too arduous and the debates inconclusive, please look after yourself. I hope in our absence you heal; I hope the animals thrive and the water is clean and the forests grow wild. But let's not let it to get to that point.

Earth, I'm still on love with you, and I can't be the only one.



Kerela Irwin

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

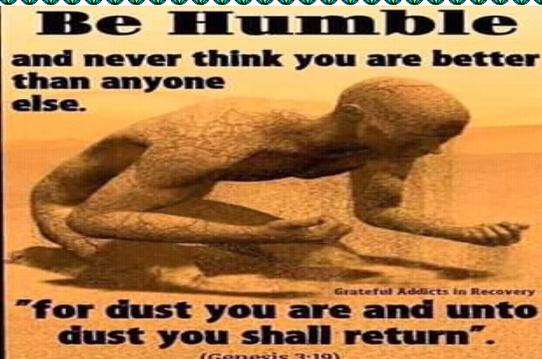
CHRISTMAS CHARITY 2019

This year we are supporting MSF - *Doctors without Borders*. This weekend we conclude our appeal. To date we have collected €4,223.09.

We thank all those who supported this appeal. It's a deserving cause and once again demonstrates our support as a parish for genuine causes in need of financial support.

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

During 2019 the total amount raised for all our Parish Charities came to the wonderful amount of €21,080.76. Well done and thanks to all who supported all our deserving charities. Any person wishing to nominate a charity for 2020 must provide information and material on the proposed charity.



St. Vincent de Paul

The local Conference would like to thank most sincerely parishioners who contributed so generously to our monthly collections during 2019. The total amount collected was €12,440.70. This money is put to very good use. We visit families and offer our help and support. We would like to thank our very dependable volunteer collectors without whom we couldn't maintain our service. If anyone would like to join us please contact 0873336459. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Our next Parish Monthly Charity will be in support of **The Mercy Hospital Cancer Appeal**. It's unfortunate but so many families today are being touched by cancer. Through the Cancer Appeal, the hope is to use our donations to fund projects that will improve outcomes and experiences for patients and their families. At the charity boxes in the church is further information on the purpose of the charity. Again we rely on our usual support for another genuine charity.

WILTON AND MINDFULNESS

2020 is going to be a busy year as we will have some new Mindfulness courses starting. Ber Mulcahy is hoping to run a four week programme for parents of young children aged between 6 & 11 yrs. It will be on a Thursday night starting on **Thursday 30th January**. Time: 7.30pm to 9pm in the SMA Parish Centre. It is hoped that the skills parents will learn can be passed onto their children & help them in the rearing of their children in today's very busy world

Cost per couple is €50 or €25 for one parent. Price is subsidised. If you know of anyone interested, please contact Pauline on 085/7353091 or 021/4341362. (Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 11am - 1 pm.)

We are also pleased to announce that Author **Alice Taylor** will be a guest speaker on our **'Mindful Thursday'** meeting on **Thursday 23rd January @ 7.30pm**. Admission is free, Donation only.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You bring light to those in darkness:

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, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is the feast of Jesus receiving from his Father the calling and mission which he followed through in his life, death and resurrection. We too are baptised into a similar relationship with God in Christ.



my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;

I have taken you by the hand and formed you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,

to free captives from prison,

and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 28:1 - 4. 9 - 10.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. [R]

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. [R]

3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. [R]

SECOND READING Acts 10: 34 - 38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of

peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

'This is my Son, the Beloved.

Listen to him.' Alleluia !

GOSPEL Matthew 3: 13 - 17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said, 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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 ✠

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

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

SANCTUS

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

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,

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

**Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and 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.**