



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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Mass Times LIVE via the webcam
Monday - Friday 10am and 5.35 pm
Saturday: 10 am Vigil Mass: 6 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 10.30 am and 12 noon

Christmas on our Web Cam

- ⇒ This Sunday 20th at 7.30pm we invite you to join with the worldwide SMA community in a service of carols from places like Zambia, Kenya, Tanzania, England, Ireland and our own Wilton Parish.
- ⇒ On Christmas Eve at 7.30pm we invite you again to join with us for our own Parish program in support of persecuted Christians and our ceremony of the lighting of Christmas candle in our church and our homes. During this Service Fr. Pierluigi Maccalli will share some thoughts on his recent captivity.

All our Masses during Christmas can be viewed on the Web Cam.

Our Christmas Charity is **"Aid the Church in Need"**. This charity highlights the plight of persecuted Christians throughout the world. To date €2,122 has been collected.

Thank you, this is a great effort for our Christmas charity.



During the Advent period we will have the **rosary at 5.10 pm** on weekdays as a prayer support for persecuted Christians.

CHURCH DUES.

The Church Dues envelope is being distributed to homes within the parish. It is hoped that people attending our church who might not have an envelope delivered to their house would take an envelope which can be found attached to our Parish 2021 Parish Calendar in the church. We thank you for your generosity. Please return envelopes to the Mass Office or Sacristy.

Christmas and New Year Reading.

Two new publications might help people face 2021 with new meaning and energy are:

1. **Let us Dream by Pope Francis** - €12.99

"How we must – and how we can – make the world safer, fairer and healthier for all people now".

2. **Trellis for the Soul by Martina Lehane Sheehan** - €14.99.

"A vision of hope for challenging times"

On sale in the Mass Office.

MASS TIMES IN OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

The times for Mass in our church for Christmas are as follows:

Christmas Eve: 6 pm and 9 pm

Christmas Day: 9 am, 10.30 am and 12 noon

St. Stephen's Day: One mass only at 12 noon

Sunday December 27th: 9 am, 10.30am and 12 noon

Monday 28th - Thursday 31st December: 10am and 5.35 pm

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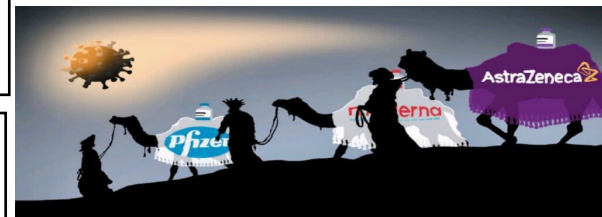
The numbers who can attend are limited. We regret that we cannot accommodate more people.

What we can accommodate is guided by government restrictions.

The Syro-Malabar Community will hold their Christmas Mass at 3 pm on Christmas Eve.



PARISH CALENDAR 2021 - People are invited to take a copy of the Parish Calendar 2021. The cost of the calendar is met from the proceeds of our Parish Pastoral Fund collections.



THE PARISH CENTRE WILL RE-OPEN ON

Monday 4th JANUARY 2021.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Fergus

would like to wish all our Parishioners and friends who view us on the webcam a happy and peaceful Christmas.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just
One; let the earth be opened and bring
forth a Saviour.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us:

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

May almighty God have mercy on us..Amen.

(The Gloria is omitted during Advent)

OPENING PRAYER

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom
the Incarnation of Christ your Son was
made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross be brought to
the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

A reading from the second book of Samuel

Once David had settled into his house and the
Lord had given him rest from all the enemies
surrounding him, the king said to the prophet
Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar
while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan
said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your
mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord
came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the
Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a
house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture,
from following the sheep, to be leader of my
people Israel; I have been with you on all your
expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies
before you. I will give you fame as great
as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will
provide a place for my people Israel; I will
plant them there and they shall dwell in that
place and never be disturbed again; nor shall
the wicked continue to oppress them as they
did, in the days when I appointed judges over
my people Israel; I will give them rest from
all their enemies. The Lord will make you



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mary accepted the life of God into her womb through the
power of the Holy Spirit thus bringing God's salvation into the
world. Let us open our hearts to welcoming Jesus into our
lives this Christmas.



great; the Lord will make you a House. And when
your days are ended and you are laid to rest with
your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of
your body after you and make his sovereignty
secure. I will be a father to him and he a son
to me. Your House and your sovereignty will
always stand secure before me and your throne
be established for ever."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 88)

R. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will
proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts
for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as
the heavens. **[R]**

2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen
one;

I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' **[R]**

3. He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 16:25-27

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength
to live according to the Good News I preach, and
in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation
of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but
now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans
everywhere to bring them to the obedience of
faith. This is only what scripture has predicted,
and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants
things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory
therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever
and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in
Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a
man named Joseph, of the House of David; and
the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said
to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is
with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these
words and asked herself what this greeting could
mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be
afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You
are to conceive and bear a son, and you must
name him Jesus. He will be great and will be
called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will
give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will
rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his
reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel,
'But how can this come about, since I am a
virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the
angel answered 'and the power of the Most High
will cover you with its shadow. And so the child
will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know
this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her
old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom
people called barren is now in her sixth month,
for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I
am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what
you have said be done to me.' And the angel
left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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I believe in one God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

*All bow for following three lines:
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified



under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of
sins and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead and the life of the world to come.
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

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these
gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled
with his power the womb of the Blessed
Virgin Mary. 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.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and
bear a son; and his name will be called
Emmanuel.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge
of eternal redemption, we
pray, almighty God,
that, as the feast day of
our salvation draws ever
nearer, so we may press forward all the
more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the
mystery of your Son's Nativity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

