



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

DAY OF PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION.

On Wednesday, 18th December the parish will hold a day of prayer and reconciliation in preparation for Christmas. There will be adoration from 10.30am to 5.30pm. During the day there will be confession available. As a way of giving meaning to confession, and Christmas, people are invited to write down on a slip of paper a word that names something that is keeping them from getting closer to God. It might be a fear, a resentment, or an attitude that shuts them off from the love God so wants to give. Once a person is finished confession they will be invited to place their slip of paper in a box in front of the crib. Our slips of paper will be our gifts to God for Christmas.

Advent is a time when we realize that we need to let go of any and all spiritual impediments we are hanging onto that block God's grace from having an effect on our lives.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR ADVENT:

1. **Invite the Holy Spirit** to help you see the day as the new-born baby Jesus sees it. What joy have you found today? Where have you felt God's love?
2. **Now think about your day** as if looking at it through the eyes of a child; what do you see? Did something surprise you? Was it something someone said to you or something you are grateful for?
3. **Take a moment to reflect on the times today** when God was especially present to you. Recognize your feelings in those moments. How did you prepare your heart for God's presence in the coming of Jesus?
4. **Now take a moment to think about the times** when God seemed to be hidden. Where did you struggle to see the Messiah in your life—the way some failed to recognize the birth of the Messiah when Jesus was born?

Christmas Mindfulness Program will take place on Thursday 19th December at 7.30 pm, in the Church.

EXPECT NOTHING



APPRECIATE everything

Om Namah Shivaya



St. Joseph's S.M.A. Parish, Wilton, Cork Christmas Arrangements 2019

Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve
10 am and Mass of Christmas Night at 10 pm
(No Vigil Masses at 6 pm and 7.30 pm)
Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day
Masses at 9 am, 10.30 am and 12 noon
Thursday 26th December - St. Stephen's Day (Public Holiday)
Mass at 12 noon
Friday 27th December - Mass at 10 am Only
Saturday 28th December
Masses at 10 am and Vigil Masses at 6 pm and 7.30 pm
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
Jan 1st 2020 New Year's Day
10 am and 5.35 pm

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 €586.13



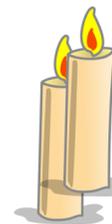
PARISH CALENDAR 2020.

People are invited to take a copy of the Parish Calendar 2020. The cost of the calendar is met from the proceeds of our Parish Pastoral Fund collections.

Christmas is a good opportunity to introduce children to the story of Christmas. In the Mass Office are various books on sale that could be appropriate gifts to give to children at this time of the year. We will know about the Christmas story if someone takes the time to share it with us.

Carols by Candlelight.

The Parish will host a concert in aid of *Cork Homeless & Support group* in the church on the 22nd Dec at 7pm. The singing will feature *Highfield Choir* and other artists.



Tickets are on sale at the door or in the Parish Office. This is a deserving charity lets support it. Tickets €10.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **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..... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
(The Gloria is omitted during Advent)

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ **LITURGY OF THE WORD** ✠

FIRST READING Isaiah 35: 1 - 6.10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God;



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)

The coming of Christ is a message of joy: a joy founded and rooted in God's love and care for his people, and his promise of an eternal companionship.



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he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them, and sorrow and lament be ended. *The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 145: 7 -10
R. Come, Lord, and save us. or Alleluia!

- 1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. [R]
- 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. [R]
- 3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. [R]

SECOND READING James 5: 7 - 10
A reading from the letter of St. James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to

me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia !

GOSPEL Matthew 11: 2 -11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

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 sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.
AFTER THE CONSECRATION
The mystery of faith.
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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
Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord.