



# 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

God doesn't throw away broken people but He fix them for the same purpose but with a new design



## Are you a victim of ASSUMICIDE?

I often unknowingly committed **assumicide**, which is my word for damaging a relationship by assuming I know someone's thoughts, feelings, and motivations. I incorrectly guess why someone is behaving a particular way and respond (sometimes with disastrous results) without asking clarifying questions to confirm my assumptions or to find out what actually is going on. I've made many wrong and hurtful assumptions about people I dearly loved, as well as destructive presumptions about myself.

To compound the problem, I then go and share my assumptions with others and it all becomes **GOSSIP!**

Before we invite the Church to apply the Ash on our forehead this Ash Wednesday let us examine ourselves – our thoughts, our feelings our actions. If we can do so we can look at ourselves with new understanding. Then we can depend on God in new ways to reshape us.

## Lent begins February 26th

In anticipation of Lent we ask that people would return their Palm branches taken from the church last Palm Sunday. The branches will be burnt and become the ashes of the community for distribution on Ash Wednesday. It is a token reminder that we all contribute to the sin of the community and the society in which we live.

The Wilton **JUSTICE GROUP** has organised a talk on **Human Trafficking** which will take place on **Friday 28th February at 7pm in the S.M.A. Parish Centre, Wilton.**

We welcome all people who are interested in this subject that is affecting Cork City. There will be a talk, discussion and cup of tea.

## TAX BACK 2019.

We are grateful for the support we received during 2019 for the effort people made in supporting the Tax Back program. We will soon be processing our request for the funds and we remind people who participated that we will only receive funding in their name if that person has met the stipulated amount of €250 in donations to the church in a full calendar year.

Sometimes people might be at €220 or €240 and after all the effort we are not in a position to gain from their effort. If a person is unsure of their status they can ring the Parish Office and they can speak to the person who administered the scheme on our behalf.

## PARISH WEB CAMERA

It's good to know, and appreciate, the extent to which people are availing of our Parish Web Camera Service. It's a way of encouraging all of us to participate more fully in what is going on in the church as it appears many people out there are joining us and hopefully being encouraged by what they experience.



During the month of January, viewers from the following countries took the time to connect: **In all the number of hits to our site for January is reckoned at 9989. A sizable congregation by any account!**

Ireland: United States: United Kingdom: Australia: South Africa: Netherlands: Germany: Canada: Nigeria: Kenya: France: Tanzania: Romania: New Zealand: Spain: Italy: Poland: India: Sweden: Philippines: Vietnam: Malaysia: Guernsey: Japan: Rwanda: Singapore: Saudi Arabia: Zambia: Malta: Denmark: Portugal:

## Parish Monthly Charity.

Our charity for support this month is **The Mercy Hospital Cancer Appeal**. We all know people who have been affected by cancer and we long for developments that might help some people to benefit from research. The aims of the appeal are posted on notice boards around the church and beside our donation boxes in the front of the church. Again we thank you for your support. Amount collected to date **€1,129.05**.

New Playlists on TROCAIRE can now be viewed between 16.00- 18.55 daily.

[www.wiltonsma.ie](http://www.wiltonsma.ie) - Click live

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:

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

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

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

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, .....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

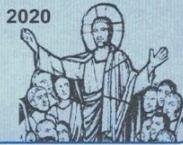
### FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.*  
If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear



## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th February 2020

The gospel of Christ will often force difficult decisions in our lives. The gospel offers a fullness of life which in turn offers us joy and a meaning of life which promises a hope and love that is eternal.



him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34

#### R. They are happy who follow God's law!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. [R]

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. [R]

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. [R]

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. [R]

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2: 6 - 10

*A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant**

**is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Matthew 5: 17 - 37 ( or \*5:20-22.27-28.33-34.37) (Shorter form in italics)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

*\*For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.*

*\*You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court,\* if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.*

*\*You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.\* If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.*

*It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.*

*\*Again, you have learnt how it was said to our*

*ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all,\* either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. \*All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.\**

*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 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 this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord.

## AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live.

Through Christ our Lord.