



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL - John 14:15-21.

POINTERS FOR PRAYER

1. The identity of Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the Son of God, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how our God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you?
2. "If you love me you will keep my commandments", and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13.34). How have you experienced the love of God and love of those around you?
3. Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not 'leave them orphans' but send an 'Advocate' to 'be with (them) for ever'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?
4. Perhaps you have also experienced the challenge of preparing another (a child, a friend) for a time when you would no longer be physically together. Recall how you gave the message of your ongoing support.
5. How have you experienced the presence and support of a loved one (parent, spouse, friend) when circumstances have separated you from them?
6. The proof of the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples is that "I live and you will live". Discipleship is about much more than rules and regulations. It is about being alive. How has discipleship helped you to be more fully alive?



"LAUDATO SI" WEEK.

The Church is marking the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis's popular, but challenging, document *Laudato Si* this week. As we reflect upon what might be **THE NEW NORMAL**, not just for our Church, but our Society as a whole this is an impressive document to use as a vision for a new future for all of us. As an aid to grasp some of the content of the document there is available on our Parish Web site a collection of short videos that can be viewed at the following times each day for the next couple of weeks. - 4 pm, 8 pm and 12pm.

MAY DEVOTIONS.

The rosary will be recited each evening – Monday to Friday – at 5.10pm in the church. People are welcome to join on our web cam www.smawilton.ie

On Wednesday, May 20th Ber Mulcahy will lead us in a reflection at 6 pm. To access - please go to www.smawilton.ie and click live. Her talk is being recorded and can be viewed by going to www.smawilton.ie and click on the recordings tab over the Church Screen.

OPENING OF CHURCHES FOR PERSONAL PRAYER.

Bishop Fintan has consented that our church may be open to the public for periods of Personal Prayer from Mon 18th May. **This is conditional on the Church community maintaining all the appropriate conditions of sanitising and social distancing etc.** A number of members have committed to a roster of sanitising each day at 9am. Additional volunteers are welcome. Volunteers can email the parish or phone the office.

An additional requirement, especially at the beginning, is the stewarding of this policy while the church is open. This is important and for this **we need volunteers.** At present we are setting the challenge of opening the church from 10.30 am to 12 noon from Mon to Sat and having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. If people could commit to a period of 30 minutes or more we could complete this roster, and **even extend it if there is sufficient support.** It would be nice to be able to keep our doors open for a longer period. Names of volunteers – specifying a time - can be emailed to the parish info@wiltonparishcentre.ie. Tel: 0214341362.

Before Mass on Weekdays you can listen to CD's which will help people to come to an understanding of the practice and meaning of meditation.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CHURCH.

People wishing to make a financial contribution to the church can do so by clicking on the DONATE button found on our Parish Web site and following the prompts provided.