



## St. Joseph's Church Wilton

Telephone: 021- 4341362 Website: [www.smawilton.ie](http://www.smawilton.ie) email: [stjosephschurchwilton@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephschurchwilton@yahoo.com)

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

### CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

I realize how unconscious I have become in my daily use of water. I can no longer take fresh water for granted. I now think more carefully about how I use this precious life-sustaining gift of Earth. This simple demonstration illustrates the reality of fresh drinking water available for life.

Pope Francis says, "Water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and all other life forms." (LS 28)

Here's how you can demonstrate how little of the earth's water is actually available to sustain life:

2 litre bottle = all the water on Earth

50 ml jar = fresh water on Earth

35 ml= water trapped in glaciers

Eye dropper = 1% of water supply left for agriculture, drinking and washing as well as for lakes, rivers and fresh water ecosystems.

**Water = life.**

### THE SEASON OF CREATION

To mark the Season of Creation we are inviting people to join from the comfort of your homes on the web cam for two special programs.

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September Ber Mulcahy will lead us in a meditation on theme of the Season of Creation at (7 pm).

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October we will mark the end of the program for the Season of Creation with a service on the Web Cam at 7.30pm.

### Scoil Ui Riada Confirmation and First Communions

All going well it's planned to have the Confirmations and First Communions for Scoil Ui Riada during the Saturdays of October.

They will take place at 10 am so the public Mass on these Saturdays will be cancelled.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Confirmation, Time: 10 am

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> - First Communion (two sessions) 10 am & 11.30 am.

Adult evening classes are running at Bishopstown Community School with all the necessary measures in place. Sign up now for keep fit, Pilates, computers, Irish, guitar, ukulele and more. Ring 4869310 or text 087 1719801 or email [aded@bishopstown-cs.ie](mailto:aded@bishopstown-cs.ie) for more details.

### LESSONS COVID-19 HAS TAUGHT ME

When covid-19 struck, the whole world came to a halt, in the face of this invisible virus. Before the world was able to understand what was happening, the virus had already circled the globe, with numbers infected and those dying rising exponentially.

My initial feelings were shock and panic. Slowly and gradually I discovered the power of taking deep breaths to calm my body and soul. In the many uncertainties surrounding the virus, including the uncertainties of life itself, I met a God who was inviting me to be present to the jumble of feelings going on inside me. I turned my aching heart to this God, speaking my anxiety and fear as to a friend.

While there are still many uncertainties ahead, our faith in God and in each other will continue to sustain us on this scary and sacred journey.

(Franca Onyibar)



### Monthly Charity

As a parish during September we are supporting work of the SMA Fathers in the Diocese of Lodwar, Kenya. Lodwar is a desert area in Northern Kenya and the people are struggling to afford the necessary sanitary materials to protect themselves against the Covid Virus. Thank you for your support. So far we have collected €1,414.

### OCTOBER DEVOTIONS.

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS A MONTH TRADITIONALLY SET ASIDE BY CATHOLICS TO HONOUR OUR LADY. TO MARK THE MONTH, THE ROSARY WILL BE RECITED ON WEEKDAYS AT 5.15PM, BEFORE THE 5.35 MASS. PEOPLE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND OR JOIN US ON THE WEB CAM.