



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

SEVEN GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE

The wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, but you can do even better. The gifts that Jesus would love to receive from you this Christmas are:

1. Your heart as a place in which to dwell, and as a temple to flood with his love.
2. Your mind for him to fill with noble and positive thoughts.
3. Your dreams and ambitions so that he can fill them with his vision for the world.
4. Your voice so that he can use it to speak words of love, and to share with others how their lives can too be filled with joy.
5. Your hands to reach out to others with his love, and to work to make this world a better place.
6. Your feet to bring the Good News wherever you go.
7. Your suffering, so that he can unite it with his own, and release countless blessings into the world.

Christmas Charity

For our Christmas charity we are supporting— Aid to the church in Need.

We have to date collected €4,259. This is a deserving charity; we support people who do not have the freedom we have to practice their faith as we do. We are restricted by the virus and hopefully in time all will be well again. But for these people this will not be so.

To show your support we ask people to place a red ribbon on our Christmas Tree and place your donation in the box. The red covering the church's external lights is a statement of support to this cause.

Thank you, this is a great effort for our Christmas charity. We will continue our appeal until the end of the Christmas season. – 10th January 2021.



**THE PARISH CENTRE WILL RE-OPEN ON
Monday 4th JANUARY 2021.**

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.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling **0818 222 024**, and will remain open over the Christmas period.



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"

TAX BACK 2021

The Tax Back Scheme has been a great benefit to the parish during these difficult financial times. Parishioners should be grateful to people who sustained their contributions during 2020. Unless people reach the figure of €250 by the end of the year their names cannot be submitted for tax relief. So far this year we have received € 11570.45 from the scheme. Thanks again to all who are participating.

Envelopes for 2021 have been slow in arriving due to postal delays but are now ready for collection. As we begin a new year we again ask members paying tax to register, if they have not done so yet. 2021 could be as difficult a year as 2020 was financially for the parish. This program does not cost people anything; just a commitment to use envelopes in making their financial payments to the church.

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

Christmas Arrangements 2020

Sunday 27th December
Masses at 9 am, 10.30 am and 12 noon
Monday 28th - Thursday 31st December
Friday Jan 1st 2021 New Year's Day
10 am and 5.35 pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:

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

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:

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

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:

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 were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practising the virtues of family life and
in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy
of your house, delight one day in eternal
rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram
in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your
shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied, 'what do you
intend to give me? I go childless . . . ' Then
Abram said, 'See, you have given me no
descendants; some man of my household will
be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord
was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir;
your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'.

Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

A day to pray with and for our family; to give thanks to God for them; to pray for healing of divisions and bitterness. We pray that we may grow in respect and love for our extended family throughout the world.
27th. December 2020



to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 104)

R. He, the Lord, is our God.

He remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works! **[R]**
2. Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face. **[R]**
3. Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose. **[R]**
4. He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac. **[R]**

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:8.11-12.17-19.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that

your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:22 - 40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been

married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

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 ✠

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

