



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

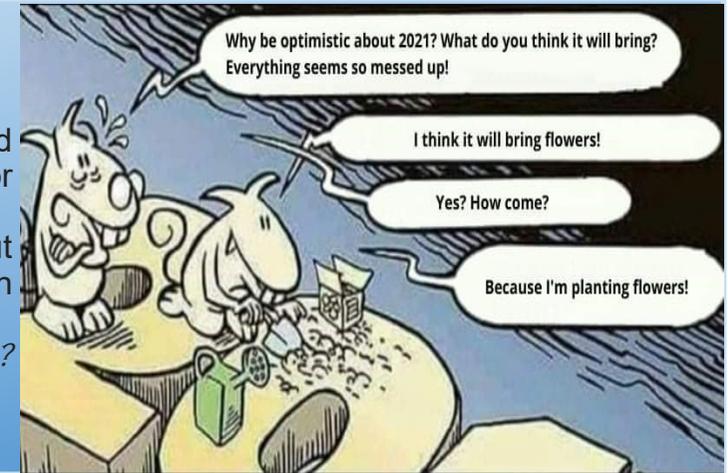
TIME TO GROW UP.

*"When I was a child, I thought like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways."
" (1 Cor. 13:11)*

Many middle-aged Catholics who go to confession say exactly the same things they confessed when they were children. They have not grown more sophisticated in their self-understanding – or in their understanding of God, for that matter. Childhood conditions still reigns.

How is it that so many of us obtained major education and experience in our fields of interest, but we hang on to infantile notions of God, sin, salvation, forgiveness, church and love? As we begin a new year let's try and become adult Christians with an adult religion.

*LET'S ASK HOW HAS MY UNDERSTANDING OF MYSELF CHANGED OVER THE YEARS, IF AT ALL?
HOW HAS MY UNDERSTANDING OF GOD CHANGED, OR HAS IT?*



PARISH FINANCES AND 3RD LOCKDOWN.

The parish was in a position to financially handle the previous lockdowns but now the current lockdown might begin to put a financial strain on the parish. We can only appeal to parishioners to be sensitive to the needs of the parish in what are difficult financial times for everyone. As long as the church is allowed to be open for quiet prayer the cost of sanitising the church has to be met and ongoing expenses need to be met.

Christmas Charity.

We conclude our Christmas charity this weekend in support of– Aid to the church in Need. We have to date collected €6,543. This is a deserving charity; we support people who do not have the freedom we have to practice their faith as we do. I would like to thank everyone who supported our effort. What we have achieved is a strong statement by our church. Well done and thank you. For the period of the lockdown we will continue with our Parish Charity appeals. During the coming month we will support – Bishopstown Meals on Wheels. It's a local and deserving charity and an expression that we are part of this local community.

A special word of thanks to the group of volunteers who have undertaken the task of sanitising the church after each Mass and who see to it that materials for sanitising are available. Our proximity to the hospital is a great source of encouragement to many people who are coming and going from the hospital at this critical time.



Christmas and New Year Reading.

A new publication might help people face 2021 with new meaning and energy are:

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 €1,500 from the scheme. A number of participants have done well but are shy of the magic figure of €250. If you are a participant and would like to check on your status you can contact the Parish Office or Fr. Michael.

New participants are welcome to join the tax back scheme. All that is required is that a person is paying tax and that they take a box from the back of the church and indicate their name and address against the number on the sheet on the table.

CHURCH DUES.

Thanks to all those who have returned their Christmas Dues. We thank you for your generosity. Please return envelopes to the Mass Office or Sacristy.

SUNDAY BULLETIN.

Copies of the Sunday bulletin can now be collected at the **Information Desk in the Shopping Centre each week.** It is hoped that the bulletin would be available in both the church and Shopping Centre by the Thursday of each week. We are encouraging the practice of people reading the Sunday readings in advance of the coming Sunday. If we could all undertake this practice, I think it would make a difference to our participation in the Sunday Liturgy.