



# 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

## Confession/Reconciliation before Easter.

Are we ready and willing to welcome Christ into our lives this Easter? Before we say "YES" let us take time to observe what are the **unacknowledged obstructions** in our lives.

The response to our appeal for people to share "*What the Cross means to me*" was wonderful and a positive gesture. By responding people did themselves a personal favour – *they named it for themselves.*

The Lockdown gives us a chance to look again at new meanings to our important rituals. Confession can become so routine and shallow that this year the parish is inviting people to enter into it in a deeper way by another ritual – the ritual of naming one or two obstructions in their lives.

We are not free to kiss the Cross on Good Friday but we can place before the Cross something genuine which we feel we need God's help in overcoming.

## PALM SUNDAY – 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

We are inviting people to take a Palm Cross in anticipation of Palm Sunday. The wish is that people would join us for service on that day on the Web Cam for the blessing of Palms.

Just like for Ash Wednesday we invite people on the Web who join us to send a stamped addressed envelope and we will forward them a Palm Cross.

The Palm should then be kept in a prominent place in the home for the coming year and, as is indicated on the Palm, we hope that it will be returned to the church next Ash Wednesday for burning to become the Ash for Ash Wednesday 2022.

**The exercise is a reminder that we will never become perfect by our own efforts, it's only through the Grace of God.**

**Bringing back our Palm branches should remind us of this!!**

Your diet is not only what you eat.

It is what you watch, what you listen to, what you read, and the people you hang around.

Pay attention to what you feed your soul, not just your stomach.

## POST EASTER ONLINE RETREAT.

On Wednesday of Easter week (7<sup>th</sup> April) 7 pm - 9pm the parish is inviting people to join in a two-hour Post Easter online retreat with Ber Mulcahy. Ber will reflect on our Easter book "Trellis of the soul" and also the many contributions of our members to "The Meaning of the Cross". People wishing to join should forward their email address to the parish at [stjosephschurchwilton@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephschurchwilton@yahoo.com) to be included in the retreat.

# Trocaire

Trocaire is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. At the back of the Church, and in the Mass Office, are Lenten packages containing "Money Boxes" which people can collect and over the period of Lent use them to collect money in support of the work of Trocaire. Every little bit counts.

We have always been generous in our support of Trocaire, let's keep up the tradition.

To date we have collected €1,097

- ⇒ Easter dues envelopes are now available for collection in the Sacristy. These envelopes will also be available at the back of the Church for anyone who does not get one delivered, which we hope parishioners will use in financially supporting the Parish. The Easter dues envelopes will be distributed to everyone in the Parish.
- ⇒ During Lent Monday to Friday at 12 noon, (if we do not have a funeral) we will have a version of the Stations of The Cross on the Webcam.



Individual confession, in the room by the sacristy, is possible Monday to Saturday from 11 am to 12 noon – check with Fr. Michael. Some questions worth considering:

1. Have I ignored God? Have I neglected God's gifts?
2. Have I found God in the quiet?
3. What do you regret doing or not having done?
4. What are your dreams saying?

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that  
is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue  
me, for you, O God, are my strength.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have  
failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault; therefore  
I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.  
*May almighty God have mercy on us, .....*

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

## OPENING PRAYER

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our  
God, may we walk eagerly in that same  
charity with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ .....

## FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*  
See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who  
speaks - when I will make a new covenant  
with the House of Israel and the House of  
Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made  
with their ancestors on the day I took them  
by the hand to bring them out of the land of  
Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so  
I had to show them who was master. It is the  
Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I  
will make with the House of Israel when those  
days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep  
within them I will plant my Law, writing it on  
their hearts. Then I will be their God and they  
shall be my people. There will be no further  
need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour,  
or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know  
the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least  
no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who  
speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus was destined to die so that we would have life.  
We must die to sin, die to our selfish ways,  
if we are to be alive to Christ and alive for his kingdom.  
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never call their sin to mind.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 50

**R. A pure heart create for me, O God.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. [R]

2. A pure heart create for me, O God,

put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,

nor deprive me of your holy spirit. [R]

3. Give me again the joy of your help;

with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

that I may teach transgressors your ways

and sinners may return to you. [R]

## SECOND READING Hebrews 5: 7-9

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer  
and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one  
who had the power to save him out of death,  
and he submitted so humbly that his prayer  
was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to  
obey through suffering; but having been made  
perfect, he became for all who obey him the  
source of eternal salvation.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of  
God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he  
must follow me; wherever I am, my servant  
will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you  
are the Word of God!**

## GOSPEL John 12:20 - 30

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

Among those who went up to worship at the  
festival were some Greeks. These approached  
Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and  
put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see  
Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew  
and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus  
replied to them:

'Now the hour has come

for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly,

unless a wheat grain falls on the ground

and dies, it remains only a single grain;

but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;

anyone who hates his life in this world

will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,

wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that

I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it,

and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it

was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an

angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered,

'It was not for my sake that this voice

came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;

now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the

earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death

he would die.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

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 ✠

*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

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled  
in your servants the teachings of the Christian  
faith, graciously purify them by the working of  
this sacrifice. 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

**Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain  
of wheat falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains a single grain.**

**But if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God, that we may always  
be counted among the members of Christ,  
in whose Body and Blood we have  
communion.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.