



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

PARISH FRONTLINE WORKERS to be honoured in our parish on Holy Thursday

1. **Sanitizers** - Have diligently sanitised our church during the pandemic.
2. **Readers** - Have faithfully undertaken the task of reading God's Word.
3. **Parish Centre** - Our Centre staff accommodated classes for the CUH and managed the Mass Office and Book Shop.
4. **Adoration** – Members monitored daily adoration for the parish
5. **Parish Charity** - Our Monthly charities continued and were generously supported by our community.
6. **Finance** – We thank those members who remembered the church financially during the past year.
7. **Musicians** – We were grateful for their contribution to our liturgies.
8. **S.M.A. House staff** – Thanks to the Staff of our house for their loyalty to the community since the start of the virus.
9. **Bulletin/Web Cam** - We relied very much on our Web Cam and bulletin to communicate, not just to the parish but to the world.
10. **Florists** - The visual effect on the web cam owed a lot to them.
11. **Sacristans** - The people behind the scene every day. Thanks
12. **Priests** – Thanks to those who ministered for us during the past year.

CONFESSION FOR EASTER:

Individual confession, in the room by the sacristy, is possible Monday to Saturday from 11 to 12 noon – check with Fr. Michael. During Mass on Wednesday (31st) there will be an extended reconciliation service.

Easter Vigil at the Cathedral - Holy Saturday: 3rd April at 9pm

Bishop Fintan has urged that for the Easter Vigil all Catholics of the diocese should join with him in the celebration of the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral. www.corkcathedral.ie. It's a nice gesture of diocesan solidarity. Because of this we will not be having a parish vigil service on the parish web cam that evening.

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 collected €1,102.**

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, S.M.A. WILTON

The times of our Easter Parish Services are as follows:

THURSDAY: 1st April:

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.00pm
with adoration until 10.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY: 2nd April:

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm
Stations of the Cross and Tenebrae Service: 7.30pm
Quiet reflection in front of the cross till 10pm

HOLY SATURDAY: 3rd April: Vigil 9 pm from Cathedral

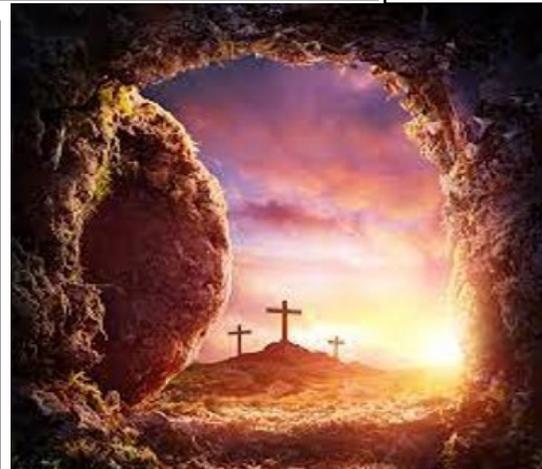
EASTER SUNDAY: 4th April:

Mass 9.00am, 10.30 am & 12 noon

EASTER MONDAY: 5th April:

Mass 12 noon & 5.35pm

You are welcome to join with us in all our Easter ceremonies via our Web Camera. www.smawilton.ie Choose website option and click on the icon "LIVE"



LIVING FAITH: Copies of the Living Faith (April to June) is on sale in the Mass Office. The Living Faith is a good companion for anyone during the Easter Season.
Cost: €1 copy.

POST EASTER ONLINE RETREAT

On Wednesday of Easter week (7th April) 7pm to 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 for 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 to be included in the retreat.

GETTING MORE OUT OF THE EASTER READINGS: In a desire to help members benefit from the various readings which will be part of the various liturgies on the coming weekend copies of the Easter Triduum booklets can be borrowed from the parish office during the coming week. ***We are trusting people that if they borrow they will return!!!***

GOOD FRIDAY/EASTER SPECIAL APPEAL

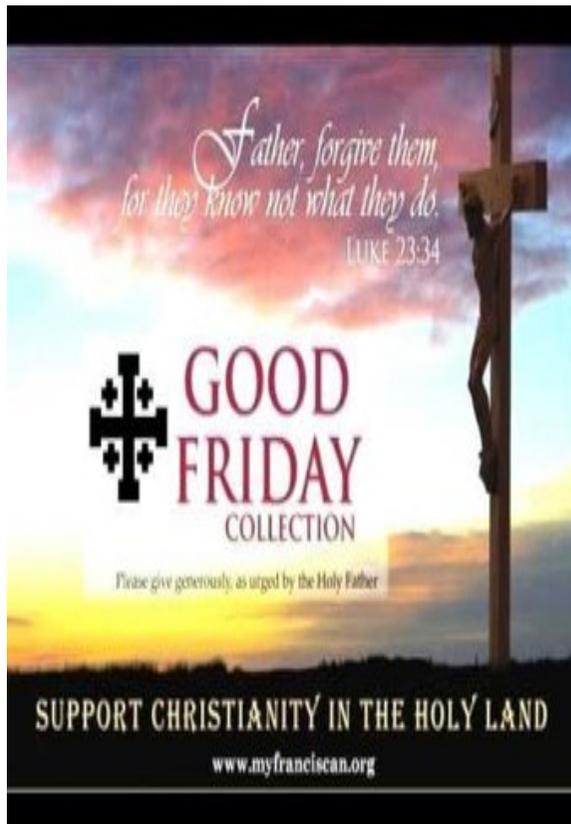
The tradition of a special collection on Good Friday, which is taken up throughout the world, is an important invitation for Catholics to support the upkeep and maintenance of the shrines and institutions in the Holy Land.

As the accompanying note suggests it's an opportunity for Catholics to rally in support of a cause that should bind us all together. All our churches have been affected financially and we can hide behind the slogan "*charity begins at home*" but we can also demonstrate through a token gesture that we can show the bigger side of our character as a Church and set a positive example in difficult times.

By doing a little we can achieve a lot.

Worry about your character
and not your reputation, because
your character is who you are, and
your reputation is only what
people think of you.

Lalah Della



Vatican renews appeal for Good Friday collection for Holy Land

The traditional Good Friday collection for the Holy Land is the main source of material support for Christian life in the Holy Land. "Every Holy Week, we spiritually become pilgrims to Jerusalem and contemplate the mystery of our Lord Jesus Christ, Dead and Risen" and "is the foundation of the new model of fraternity that derives from the work of reconciliation and pacification among all peoples carried out by the Crucified One," Cardinal Sandri said in his letter.

2020 was "a year of trials" due to necessary isolation, the loss of work on account of the lack of pilgrims, and the difficulties in living with dignity and providing for their children and that due to the pandemic, the economic aid normally provided by the Holy Land collection also fell short, Cardinal Sandri said.

Cardinal Sandri expresses his hope that this year's Holy Land collection will be "an opportunity for everyone not to ignore the difficult situation of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Places, but rather to lighten their burdens." "We must not give up on taking care of the Holy Places that are concrete proof of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God, and the offering of His life for us and for our salvation."

The territories that benefit in various forms of support from the collection are Jerusalem, Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Turkey, Iran and Iraq.