

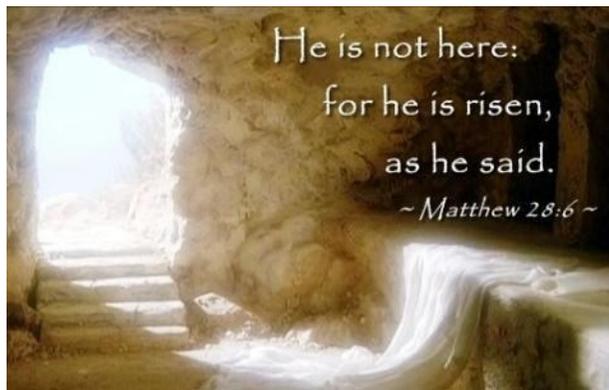


St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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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

CHRIST SATISFIES THOMAS' DOUBTS



Jesus said, ***“Thomas, let me have your finger, put it here in my hands! And now let me have your hand. Place it here in my side!” “And do not be incredulous but believe!”***

This message tells us that it is far better to relate to the risen Christ on the basis of pure faith that rests not on appearances, feelings, external evidence, or what other people say, but on our personal experience of the Christ-life rising up and manifesting its fruits within us.

This is the living faith that empowers us to act under the influence of the Spirit – the same Spirit that Jesus breathed upon the apostles on the evening of his Resurrection.

individual confession, in the room by the sacristy, is possible Monday to Saturday from 11am to 12 noon – check with Fr. Michael.

EASTER IS THE CLIMAX, BUT NOT THE END.

People can feel that after the Easter ceremonies they can relax. They have done the work of Lent. They can feel that they have accomplished their target of not eating sweets or drinking and now things can get back to normal!!!!

We are now in the Easter season and the main question we should be asking ourselves is – **SO WHAT?** If Easter meant what it should to us, we should be reflecting on the question of **“what are we going to do about it?”** – as individuals and as a community?

It's just like hoping the virus would be over so that we can carry on with our lives. But did we learn anything from the experience of the virus and the lockdowns? What did I notice about myself? Did I undertake any new commitments to help ease the burden on anyone else? Am I now better able to be at peace with myself? Have I got a better idea of why God could love me?

GOOD FRIDAY/HOLY SHRINES DONATIONS.

Thanks to all who responded to our appeal in support of the holy places in the Holy Land. There are many many places suffering financially as a result of the Virus. Our appeal is just a token gesture of Catholic solidarity. The shrines have an international appeal and our audience on the web is an International audience.

It was a nice gesture to see our local members and people from various countries joining with us in this appeal. When going to print *we had collected €600.*

PARISH LENTEN BOTTLE.

Our Lenten Bottle (Befriending our Demons) is on sale in the Mass Office. €5 a bottle, proceeds of sale go towards our Parish Trocaire collection.

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 €1,742

You can't reach for anything new if your hands are still full of yesterday's junk.

– Louise Smith
www.stjosephschurchwilton.ie

POST EASTER ONLINE RETREAT. On Wednesday of Easter week (7th April) 7 pm - 8pm the parish is inviting people to join in an 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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **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 on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Acts 10:34. 37-43.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had



EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

A day of hope: of flowers and candles, new colour and new light. A day of smiles and of friendship, new joy and new companionship in Christ. A day of hope for those who suffer and who are sad. 4th April 2021



anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.117:

R. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R)

SECOND READING Colossians 3: 1-4

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be

revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20: 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life.

And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

- P. Do you renounce Satan?
P. And all his works?

**C. I do.
C. I do.**

P. And all his empty show? **C. I do.**

P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth? **C. I do.**

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? **C. I do**

P. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? **C. I do**

P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. **C. Amen.**

The Priest sprinkles the people with the blessed water, while all sing:

Antiphon: I saw water flowing from the Temple, from its right-hand side, alleluia; and all to whom this water came were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.

✠ 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. Blessed be God for ever.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God, with unflinching love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.