



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: 10.30 am and 12 noon

THE GOLDEN BUDDHA



Many years ago in Thailand there was a temple with a huge Golden Buddha in a certain village. Word came to this village that an army was about to invade, so they covered the Golden Buddha with mud and concrete so that it would look like a stone Buddha and the invading army would perceive no value in it. Sure enough, the army rolled in and passed by the stone Buddha and had no reason to plunder it. For many years, the army occupied the village with the temple and Buddha. And there was a time when nobody remembered that the Buddha was golden. And then one day, a young monk was meditating at the base of the Buddha, and a little piece of plaster fell off and he saw gold. The monk excitedly told the other monks and they started chipping at the statue and realized it was a Golden Buddha.

The Golden Buddha, made of 5,500 kg of solid gold, is located in the temple Wat Traimit in Bangkok, Thailand.

HERITAGE WEEK 2021.

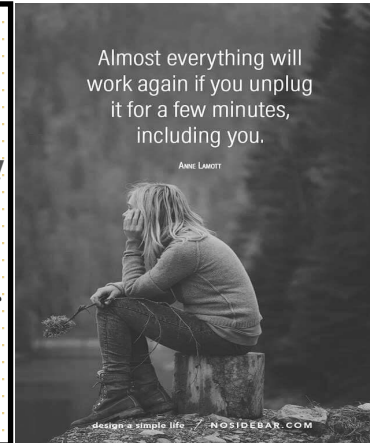
In support of Heritage week, we are putting on a display of old pictures of Cork in the Parish Centre. It might provide memories of the "Good old days in Cork" for people.

This effort might inspire us to create a display of photos of *"Wilton in the good old days"*. We are asking people to share with us pictures they might have of days gone by and we will create our own memories of "Wilton in the Good old days". Drop pictures at Parish Office. We promise to return all pictures to owners.

Let's see can we relive and share memories of *"Wilton in the good old days"*. If you have a picture which might be of local interest or perhaps an event associated with the parish we'd love if you could share it with us. It's a nice idea as we celebrate Heritage Week. We have a heritage that we can be proud of.

Almost everything will
work again if you unplug
it for a few minutes,
including you.

ANNE LAMOT



ADORATION IN OUR PARISH

In addition to the regular periods of Adoration, Monday to Saturday, 10.45 am - 12.30 pm – we are inviting people to come and join in a period of Adoration on Wednesday's from 6 pm to 9pm.

During the long evenings it might be a nice opportunity to spend some time in Quiet Prayer.



Our charity for August is called PRES LINK. We are having a very positive response. So far we have collected €1,173.

This is a charity founded by students of Presentation Brothers College, Cork. It consists of students who have links to other Presentation communities in the developing world. They used to collect their money from concerts and sleep overs etc. but Covid 19 has put an end to that. So they have turned to us for help. *Let's see what we can do.*

A letter of introduction is on the Notice Board at back of the church.

CLIMATE APPEAL.

Last Week an appeal was made for volunteers to assist in the formation of a group who would help the parish in assessing what we can do to highlight our concern about the plight of the world as it faces the much publicised concerns about World Climate issues. The response was positive and once again we extend the invitation for more people to consider joining this group.

This issue should be of concern to our parish. If you feel you could offer something please speak to Fr. Michael or give us your contact details via the parish email stjosephschurchwilton@yahoo.com

TAX BACK SCHEME.

Once again the parish would like to acknowledge and thank those members who support the parish through the Tax Back scheme. During the current attendance restrictions income from this scheme is our main source of income.

The real benefit from this program will be evident at the end of the year when we receive the money from the Scheme. There is major work to be done on the roof of the church and this money will be greatly appreciated.

NEW BOOK WORTH READING.

A new book worth reading is "UNHEARD VOICES"
Reflections of a Prison Chaplain.

Sr. Imelda Wickham has written a very challenging book about life in our prisons. On sale in the Mass Office - €10.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the
nations into the peace of God's kingdom:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation
for your people:
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 cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose, grant your people
to love what you command and to desire what
you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of
this world, our hearts may be fixed on that
place where true gladness is found.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-2; 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel
together at Shechem; then he called the
elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel,
and they presented themselves before God.

Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you



TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God gives us the freedom of choice. He forces no one to obey
him. He leaves us free. Our world is full of contradictory voices
and false prophets. May we not be led astray. Only Jesus can
give us eternal life.
22nd August 2021



will not serve the Lord, choose today whom
you wish to serve, whether the gods that your
ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods
of the Amorites in whose land you are now
living. As for me and my House, we will serve
the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention
of deserting the Lord and serving other gods!
Was it not the Lord our God who brought us
and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt,
the house of slavery, who worked those great
wonders before our eyes and preserved us all
along the way we travelled and among all the
peoples through whom we journeyed? We too
will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S. 33:2-3.16-23

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. [R]
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. [R]
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues
them in all their distress. The Lord is close
to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is
crushed he will save. [R]
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. [R]
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who
hate the good are doomed. The Lord
ransoms the souls of his servants. Those
who hide in him shall not be condemned. [R]

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:21-32

(Shorter version only)

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

Husbands should love their wives just as Christ
loved the Church and sacrificed himself for

her to make her holy. He made her clean by
washing her in water with a form of words, so
that when he took her to himself she would be
glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything
like that, but holy and faultless. In the same
way, husbands must love their wives as they
love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife
is for him to love himself. A man never hates
his own body, but he feeds it and looks after
it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church,
because it is his body - and we are its living
parts. For this reason, a man must leave his
father and mother and be joined to his wife, and
the two will become one body. This mystery has
many implications; but I am saying it applies to
Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit,
Lord, and they are life: you have the
message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers
of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language.
How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware
that his followers were complaining about it and
said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should
see the Son of Man ascend to where he was
before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has
nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to
you are spirit and they are life.
'But there are some of you who do not believe.'
For Jesus knew from the outset those who did
not believe, and who it was that would betray
him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no
one could come to me unless the Father allows
him.' After this, many of his disciples left him
and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about
you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter
answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have
the message of eternal life, and we believe; we

know that you are the Holy One of God.
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 ✠

**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

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by
adoption through the one sacrifice offered
once for all, bestow graciously on us, we
pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your
Church. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my
blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I
will raise him up on the last day.**

