



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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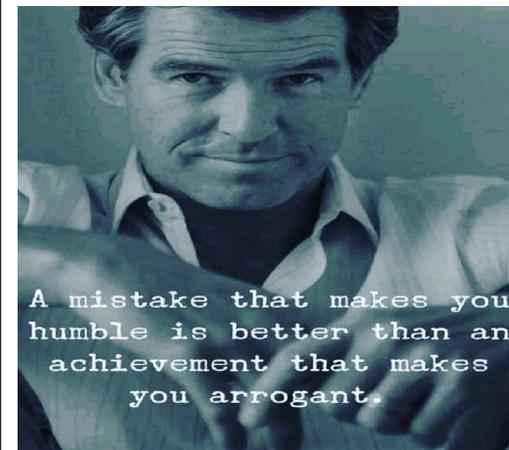
## DON'T DISTURB ME LORD I'M PRAYING!

What we pray about is important. But not only is it important, it's also revealing. The content of our prayers tells us more about us and our relationship with God than most people might imagine. What we pray for reflects what we believe about God. If most of our prayers are for ourselves" or "what matters to us", then the content of our prayers communicates that we believe, deep down, that *God exists primarily for us.*

So take a moment and do a prayer audit. Think about everything you prayed for recently – not your whole lifetime, just the past seven days. Consider writing on a notepad and listing all the different things you petitioned God to do in the last week. Take a moment and give it some thought. Do you remember? What did you pray about? What did you ask God to do?

**Now answer honestly. If God said yes to every prayer you prayed in the last seven days, how would the world be different?**

For years, if I did a prayer audit, the results would have been dismal. If God had done everything that I had asked him to do, the world wouldn't have been much different at all. Honestly, some weeks I wouldn't have prayed for anything. Other weeks, I might have prayed, but the prayers were all about me. All I asked him to do was keep me safe and help me have a good day.



**CHRISTMAS READING:** In the Mass Office is a selection of reading material which could provide one with some reflective material for yourself or a friend over the Christmas period. This is a good time to consider young people who might be estranged from the church. You never know, if they were given something to read at this time of the year, something of the Christian meaning of Christmas might be appreciated and have a consequence for their lives.

There is no point in complaining about the secular world at Christmas. As the saying goes – "Put Christ back into Christmas".

### Trocaire special appeal.

Early in the month we took up a special collection in the parish for the needs of people in Ethiopia and South Sudan. Our appeal to date amounts to €2,177

*We are supporting this cause for the month of November as our Parish Monthly Charity.*

Our Christmas Dues envelopes are available for collection and distribution in the parish. We thank those members who faithfully help in distributing them to the various areas in the parish. Each household will also receive a Parish Calendar for 2022.

### *Bishopstown 2041 - Time Capsule*

We wish to acknowledge the depth and variety of responses to our request for a contribution to the Time Capsule 2041. It was nice to see that many of the positive things happening in the parish were noted and the wish is that they might be sustained until 2041.

What was submitted was a collection of photos recalling many of the parish events that took place in our parish over the past few years. A copy of these photos can be viewed on the Notice Board at the back of the church. We have a lot to be proud of as a parish, and long may it continue, till 2041 and beyond!

**Adoration is available in the church – Monday to Saturday 10.45am - 12.30 pm;**

**The timing of the Quiet Prayer for the winter months will be 6 pm to 8pm every Wednesday evening.**

**TAXBACK 2022.:** We will soon be calling on members who pay tax and who can join us in our Tax Back program for 2022 to consider joining and supporting the program if they have not already done so. The procedure is simple: if you are paying tax and have registered with the parish you will be provided with a box of envelopes to use for your church offerings during the coming year.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put  
to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over  
me; and let none who hope in you be put  
to shame.

## GREETING

In the name of the Father ..... Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us  
to one another and to the Father:

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

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and  
division:

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

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your  
Father:

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 is omitted awaiting its  
Christmas Proclamation.)*

## OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray,  
almighty God, the resolve to run  
forth to meet your Christ with  
righteous deeds at his coming, so that,  
gathered at his right hand, they may be  
worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....



## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

See, the days are coming –  
it is the Lord who speaks –  
when I am going to fulfil the promise I made  
to the House of Israel and the House of  
Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will  
make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who  
shall practise honesty and integrity in the  
land. In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.'

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



## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 28th November 2021

Advent is a reminder that our life on earth is a  
preparation for the life of eternity in heaven; and that  
we wait for the coming of Christ to take us home.



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 24:4-5. 8-10.14

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. [R]

2. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. [R]

3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those  
who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere  
him; to them he reveals his covenant. [R]

### SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4:2

*A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the  
Thessalonians.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your  
love and make you love one another and the  
whole human race as much as we love you.  
And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness  
that you may be blameless in the sight of our  
God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ  
comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to  
you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more  
progress in the kind of life that you are meant to  
live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from  
us, and as you are already living it. You have not  
forgotten the instructions we gave you on the  
authority of the Lord Jesus.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Luke 21:25-28.34-36

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs  
in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations  
in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the



ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they  
await what menaces the world, for the powers  
of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see  
the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power  
and great glory. When these things begin to  
take place, stand erect, hold your heads high,  
because your liberation is near at hand.  
'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be  
coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness  
and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung  
on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come  
down on every living man on the face of the  
earth. Stay awake praying at all times for the  
strength to survive all that is going to happen,  
and to stand with confidence before the Son of  
Man.

*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

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we  
make, gathered from among your gifts to  
us, and may what you grant us to celebrate  
devoutly here below gain for us the prize of  
eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

### SANCTUS

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....**

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

*The mystery of faith.*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this  
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should  
enter under my roof, but only say the  
word and my soul shall be healed.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our  
earth shall yield its increase.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we  
have participated, profit us, we pray, for  
even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them to love the things  
of heaven and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

