



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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World Watch List 2021.

According to World Watch List more than 360 million Christians now suffer high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith – a rise of 20 million on the previous year. The number represents one in seven Christians worldwide, indicating the highest level of persecution since the list was first published 29 years ago.

Afghanistan is the most dangerous place to be Christian after the Taliban takeover. The country has replaced North Korea.

The report warns of signs of escalating violence in countries such as Nigeria (7th), Mali (24th), CAR (31st), Burkina Faso (32nd). In Nigeria 4,650 Christians were recorded as killed.

Do we know how lucky we are to be living in Ireland!

Confessions have resumed on Saturdays after the 10am Mass in the Church.

PARISH MONTHLY CHARITY.

This month we are supporting a Cork-based charity "Irish Community Air Ambulance". During the past year they were called out 512 times to offer their services. It was their busiest year ever. They rely on voluntary contributions. To date we have collected €1,589. Donations can be given in the charity boxes at the front of the church or in the collection box located in the foyer of the Parish Centre.

Jesus looked across the table at God and asked "Where have you been these last months?"

God replied "I've been in Cork"

Jesus, with a shocked look, said "So there's been a pandemic raging this last year and you've been in Cork. What have you been doing?"

God leaned over and whispered "Working from home son, working from home."

PARISH INFANT BAPTISM POLICY.

Baptism can mean different things to different people. This year we wish to highlight the communal nature of baptism – by baptism one becomes a member of a Christian community, *our Christian community*.

In this regard infant baptism will take place only once every three months. The next date will be in March on a date agreed by parents requesting for March. Consideration can be given to parents who are active in our parish, or can confirm their active participation in another parish.

**Annual Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes,
St. Joseph's Church, Wilton
Thursday 3rd February to Friday 11th February,
at the 10 a.m. Mass daily
and the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday.**



There will be two new four week courses in Mindfulness with Ber Mulcahy starting shortly. Refresher Course (only suitable for people who have done mindfulness before)

Refresher Course: February 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th

Beginners Course: March 22nd, 29th, April 5th, 12th

Times: Both courses will be from 6.45pm to 8.15pm. Cost €40

There are limited places available. If you are interested, please email stjosephschurchwilton@yahoo.com or ring the parish office on 021/4341362

PARISH TAX BACK SCHEME. Only charities can claim Tax Back, not individuals. Our Church as a charity can claim the refund on donations on behalf of all PAYE and Self-Assessed supporters.

It won't affect a person's finances or tax status in any way.

Any details you supply will be kept in the strictest of confidence.

When a person's donations exceed €250 a year –either as a once off donation or as an accumulation of contributions in the year the parish can claim a further €112 which will be a great help to parish finances.

When your contributions exceed €500 we can claim €224; if your contributions exceed €1,000, we can claim a further €448.

This money is available and it won't cost those who participate anything.

Hearing Loop System.

The parish has a hearing loop system. To benefit from it people need to be seated in the main body of the church as it is not installed in both wings of the church.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

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

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

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

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:

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

May almighty God have mercy on us..... **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Glorify 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

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unflinching care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God in Christ chooses his apostles, men whom the world would think weak, maybe unsuitable, these are the ones he wants for himself. We are all called by God even though we may feel unworthy in his sight. That in itself is a sign of God's grace: it is the way to his kingdom. 6th February 2022

I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 137: 1-5.7-8

R. Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **[R]**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **[R]**

3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **[R]**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **[R]**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians *Shorter form (italics) 15:3-8. 11.**

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, **in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was*

*raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.**

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me have worked harder than any of the others; **but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed*.*

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were

completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I 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. Amen.

✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world.