



St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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Presence

Presence isn't just something to think about; it's a practice that brings us into the only place where God is fully present—the NOW. By focusing on our breath, we enter a state of calm that quiets the mind and opens a doorway to divine peace and clarity. The simplicity of being present reveals God's love as close as our next breath, inviting us to let go of anxieties and find deep healing in each moment. Imagine living each day grounded—always able to return to a sense of inner peace!

Monthly Charity

Our Monthly Charity for November was **Cork Missing Persons Search and Recovery (CCMPSAR)**. This is a non-profit voluntary registered charity which relies solely on donations. They conduct land, river and sea searches. Our support for this charity now stands at **€2,281. Excellent!** Great to see such a positive response to a local charity especially one that is totally dependent on charity for it to function. Thank you for your support.

Bishopstown Seniors

The parish has received a request from Bishopstown Seniors at Wilton Parish House for some financial assistance to enable them to purchase an electronic piano for their centre. They badly need to replace their existing piano which is used for entertainment for the seniors in the afternoons for singing and dancing. As we are in the Christmas season, we will support their request with €300 from funds raised from the sale of second hand books in the parish.

Advent Week 1

"Be vigilant at all times" (Luke 21)

The only way to secure the future is to care about the present. We are all responsible for the world we live in; we are not passive victims of the inevitable. If we do nothing, we can hardly accuse the world of conspiring against us. Peace never comes because people are not bothered. There's nothing automatic about peace. It is not caring and not bothering that gives permission to the fanatic to blow us all up. Because we care for the world the Lord has given us, we stay awake to what is happening in it, good and evil.

What does the Advent wreath symbolise?

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God, the immortality, of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. The wreath itself, which is made of various kinds of evergreens, signifies continuous life.



Choir Seeking New Members

We are looking for new members to join our choir to sing at the 6 pm mass on Saturdays. This may suit anyone who is interested in singing in a very informal setting. For further information, please contact Niamh at: 086 373 9232.

Blackrock Road Parish Christmas Concert

St Joseph's SMA Parish, Blackrock Rd are holding a Christmas concert on Sunday December 8th at 5pm. Admission is free but there will be a collection for Pieta House. The Cork City Male Voice choir and Passage West Church choir will be in attendance.

Tax Back 2025

As one comes to the end of another year, we look forward to the next. It is time to first of all thank those parish members who participated in our Tax Back Program for 2024. These are difficult financial times for everyone, church included, and I would like to acknowledge, and thank, the effort made by those members who participated in our Tax Back program for 2024.

We are a small parish and yet during 2023, at no cost to ourselves, we received back from the tax man **€16,633.65**. It makes a big difference to our overall income and gives us the freedom to consider possible development options for the parish.

So now we are getting ready for 2025. We are appealing to new members paying tax to consider joining our Tax Back program for 2025. It will not in any way inconvenience a person or draw any attention to a person's financial story.

All that is required is for a person paying tax: they register their name and consent to being part of the program. The person receives a box of envelopes for each Sunday of the year; all that is required is that by the end of 2025 the total amount of contributions received by the church exceeds €250.

The more a person contributes, the more the church receives back from the tax man, if the person does not exceed the €250, that person's name cannot be submitted.

Parish Calendar 2025

Our parish calendar for 2025 is available at the church entrance. The cost of printing is covered from the proceeds from our Pastoral Fund collections taken up in church. Feel free to take a copy.

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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



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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.

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**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,
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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.