

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Mark 3:20-35

1. Looking on at what Jesus was doing, some of his family thought he was out of his mind. When you think of successful initiatives that you took in your life, were there times when people thought you were a little crazy? Perhaps some regard your interest in faith, or church, in the same way? What sustained you in those circumstances?

2. Successful ventures can arouse jealousy as well as admiration. Jesus was often the target of the jealousy of religious leaders. They questioned his motivation. When have you seen your good efforts, or the good efforts of others, spoiled by the jealousy or hostility of some? Did it help when there were people prepared to stand together in face of the criticism?

3. For many people their blood family provides an enduring, reliable and supportive network. Jesus had another family: those of one mind and heart with him in seeking to do God's will. When and where have you experienced encouragement from people of shared vision and faith?

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MUSINGS:

Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self.

To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognise our great dignity.

Do not be afraid to set your sights higher, to allow yourself to be loved and liberated by God.

Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace. For in the words of León Bloy, when all is said and done, 'the only great tragedy in life is not to become a saint.'

Gaudete et Escultate

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THANK YOU to all who helped and attended the Corpus Christi procession last Sunday.

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NOVENA: Fr Gallagher C.Ss.R., spoke at Masses last weekend to promote the Novena which runs from Friday 15 June to Sunday 23 June. The theme of this year's Novena is *Celebrating Family*. He praised our Liturgies and said that Our Lady of the Rosary Parish had very good Readers and very reverent Ministers of the Eucharist.

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INFORMATION EVENING FOR BEREAVED

PARENTS: Milford Care Centre & Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on **Thursday, 14 June at 7.00pm in Milford Care Centre, Castletroy**. This is a free event and open to all bereaved

parents. As Milford Care Centre & Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc., please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Wednesday 13 June or call the Information Line on 085 2888888

WMOF PRAY-A-THON:

The Pray-a-Thon is an initiative for children in particular as Ireland prepares to host WMOF2018 in August. It is an invitation to reach out to family members/friends and pray for them and any special intentions they might have. Similar to the aim of read-a-thons of fostering the habit of regular reading, the Pray-a-Thon encourages children in the practice of praying within the family home.

Children are invited to pray using the words "please, thank you and I am sorry" that Pope Francis encourages us to use within our family life.

The Pray-a-Thon is not only for children: it is for everyone!

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JUNE RETREAT DAYS AT GLENSTAL ABBEY

Tuesday 26 June – One Day Silent Retreat for Women.

Wednesday 27 June – Annual One Day Retreat for Women (not silent)

Thursday 28 June- Day Retreat for Men
Reflect, relax and pray in the peaceful and beautiful surrounds of the Abbey. Guided by monks of the monastery, the day will include a number of talks, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Meals and Refreshment are included. Cost €45. For more information: 061 621005/events@glenstal.com

REFLECTION

If you can't get through the mountain, go around it. If you can't go around it, go over it. If you can't go over it, sit down and ask yourself if getting to the other side is all that important. If it is, set about digging a tunnel.

PARISH WEBSITE

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**Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays
09:00-12.30 Sunday**

MASS TIMES: Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45

**BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00
Sunday 12:15**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 9th	18:00	John Clifford (A) Sean Canny (A)
Sun 10th	10:00	John Moloney (A) Catherine O'Leary (M.M)
	11:30	Lena & John Coady (A) Jerry McCabe (A) Michael Cotter (M.M)
Mon 11th	10:00	Jack & Peg Kirby (A)
Tue 12th	10:00	Michael Cotter (Rec. Dec.)
Wed 13th	10:00	Debbie Brosnan (A)
Thur 14th	10:00	Purgatorial Society Grainne Hinchey (A)
Fri 15th	10:00	Michael Cotter (Rec. Dec.)
Sat 16th	09:45	
	18:00	Emmet Ryan (M.M.)
Sun 17th	10:00	Bernard Murphy (M.M.)
	11:30	Jim McCarthy (A) Joan Murphy (Rec. Dec.)