

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

### LUKE 12:32-48

1. The opening verses of this gospel reading invite us to ask ourselves what we see as our purpose in life. What are our priorities? Is our heart set on material progress and advance, or do we have other priorities? What has helped you appreciate that there is more to your life than earthly possessions and success?

2. At times one can sense in Jesus an urgency, as if he wanted to shake people and wake them up to take his word seriously. The parable has that tone: 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit.' When have you found that being alert enabled you to grasp a moment of opportunity that you might easily have missed? Perhaps when a child or friend gave a hint that they would like to talk, and a very meaningful conversation ensued?

3. Another consideration that adds to the sense of urgency in the words of Jesus is that we only have one life, and we do not know how long it will last. So Jesus calls on us to live in the now and to treasure our time. Sometimes we drift aimlessly through a day, and on other occasions use a day purposefully. What difference does that make, if any, to how you experience the day?

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**THE DEEP END**  
**Ever Ready**

monitored,

24hrs a day, to make sure they are safe. The really advanced systems even allow us to tap into the cameras from our mobile phones. We don't have to stay awake all night in case someone tries to burgle our home – the system takes care of everything. There are so many technologies available whose focus is to help us be prepared for all eventualities; we have apps for everything from predicting the weather to alerting us to traffic delays. There are no such luxuries in the parables. The men who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast cannot afford to sleep. They won't receive an alert to their phone when their master arrives home. They have no option but to wait up. In the short parable of the householder and the burglar, Jesus again emphasises the importance of 'standing ready'. Of course, Jesus is not really talking about watchmen and burglars, or being physically prepared; he is talking rather, about spiritual alertness. It might seem morbid, but ask yourself this: if you were to die tonight, would you be ready? Your answer might tell you something about the areas of your life that need work.

Another way in which we can be 'ever-ready' is to be open to the Holy Spirit. When our hearts are alert and open, we are more likely to see God's goodness in those we meet, and be ready to welcome his grace into our lives.

We could not imagine being without our gadgets and apps and all of the things that

ity make our lives easier. Valuable though they are, there is something more valuable – indeed priceless – at stake.

**ADAPT SHOP** based on Sarsfield St. are looking for donations of preloved furniture, clothes or bric-a-brac. Proceeds from the shop benefit ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services who address the needs of women survivors of domestic abuse and their children and challenge the silent tolerance of domestic abuse in society.

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION 15<sup>th</sup> August

Mass will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019, Thursday at 7.30 p.m. at the Grotto in Cratloe to bring together the three parishes in our Pastoral Unit Area. Each Parish is doing a task at the Mass and all are welcome to this the first event of the Parish Pastoral Unit. The Unit consists of Cratloe Parish, Caherdavin Parish and Our Lady of the Rosary.

**VISITING THE SICK:** If you are aware of someone who is housebound or in hospital and would like a visit from Fr. McAuliffe or Fr. Ryan, please contact Margaret in the sacristy.

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive weekly Holy Communion please contact Margaret in the Sacristy.

**MILFORD HOSPICE HARVEST FAIR** celebrates its 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at the University of Limerick. For further details, please contact the Fundraising Office on: 061 485859/485860

**RECENT DEATHS:** We remember our parishioners who died during the month of May and express our sympathy to their

families: Peter Sweeney, Florence McGovern, Tom McGarry, Enda Kiely.

**REFLECTION: The best portion of a good man's life, his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love. (William Wordsworth)**

### PARISH WEBSITE

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09:00 - 12.30 Sunday

### MASS TIMES: Weekends and Holy Days

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

### Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45 : Prayer Service

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	09.45 18:00	Prayer Service Sean & May Morrissey (A) Tony McDonald (A)
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 11:30	Jim & Rose Hurley (A) Tony McDonald (A) Peggy McCarthy (A) John McCrory (1 <sup>st</sup> A)
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Purgatorial Wil-Van-Der Plas (A)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 18:00	Michael McCoole (A)
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 11.30	Mary Fortune (A) Mary Murphy (Rec.Dec.)
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Patrick O'Connor (Rec.Dec)
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	09:45	Prayer Service

	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Neil Murphy (A)</b> <b>Neil McNellis (A)</b> <b>Brendan Fitzgerald (1<sup>st</sup> A)</b> <b>Bridget Sheehan (A)</b>
<b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Tom Bracken (A)</b>
	<b>11.30</b>	<b>Eileen Quill (A)</b>

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