

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS JOHN 3:16-18

1. The reading evokes contrasting images of God, a God who judges and a God who saves. We might reflect on how our image of God has changed with the years. What has helped you to believe in a God whose will is that you should have eternal life?
2. God sent his Son into the world for this purpose, that we might have eternal life. How has the story of Jesus helped you to have that kind of faith?
3. The eternal life promised is life that survives all forms of death, failure, defeat and humiliation. What has helped you to have that sense of being alive, even in painful and disappointing circumstances?

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## MUSINGS: Dynamic Activity of Love

All sorts of people are fond of repeating the Christian statement that 'God is love.' But they seem not to notice that the words 'God is love' have no real meaning unless God contains at least two Persons. Love is something that one person has for another person. If God was a single person, then before the world was made, he was not love. Of course, what these people mean when they say that God is love is often something quite different: they really mean 'Love is God.' They really mean that our feelings of love, however and wherever they arise, and whatever results they produce, are to be treated with great respect. Perhaps they are: but that is something quite different from what Christians mean by the statement 'God

is love.' They believe that the living, dynamic activity of love has been going on in God forever and has created everything else.

If you think of the Father as something 'out there', in front of you, and of the Son as someone standing at your side, helping you to pray, trying to turn you into another son, then you have to think of the third Person as something inside you, or behind you. Perhaps some people might find it easier to begin with the third Person and work backwards. God is love, and that love works through human beings – especially through the whole community of Christians. But this spirit of love is, from all eternity, a love going on between the Father and the Son.

From *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis

## Prayer for Exams:

Let us pray for all students doing exams:  
**Lord, pour out your Spirit of Wisdom on these students:**

Help them to remain calm  
To attend carefully to the questions asked,  
To think clearly, to remember accurately,  
and to express themselves well.  
Grant that they may reflect the best of the work they have done, and the best of the teaching they have received.  
Accept their best efforts in these exams and in the great test of life on earth.  
May your love be upon them, O Lord, as they place all their trust in you.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed to help with alter flowers.

Names can be left in the sacristy.

## Limerick Youth's trip to Lourdes

Well done to the Youth travelling to Lourdes this year.

They held a cake sale in the Parish Centre after 11.30 Mass on Sunday 28th May and raised €629.

Thank you to all who baked and had tea/coffee on the beautiful sunny Sunday.

## June 16-24th: Redemptorist Novena 2017

Over 100,000 people are expected to attend the annual 9 day Novena with the Redemptorist's this June. Come along - especially if you haven't been for a while - and join in the joyful, accessible, prayerful gathering in Mt St Alphonsus church.

The Solemn Novena is held every year in the Redemptorist Church. These nine days of community prayer are celebrated in honour of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. No matter how strong or weak your faith may be, you will be most welcome to come and be part of it.

Preachers for this year's Novena are: Fr. Laurence Gallagher, Fr. Ciaran O'Callaghan, Fr. Brendan O'Rourke, and Fr. Tadhg Herbert.

## Concert @ St John's Cathedral: June 17<sup>th</sup>

A programme of choral works from both sides of the Atlantic, at 12 noon on Sat June 17th in the Cathedral

Free Entrance with a voluntary retiring collection in support of Active Retirement in Limerick.

All welcome.

## Summer Junior Tennis Camps

Limerick Lawn Tennis club are running two junior tennis camps during the first two weeks in July.

For more details ring LLTC on 452316 or view their website (<http://www.lltc.ie/>).

## Pope Francis on Twitter:

I thank God for parents who strive to live in love and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way.

## Changes to Masses Times:

**No 5.45pm** weekday Mass until Autumn

**No Adoration** Mondays or Fridays after May.

## Parish Website

[www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie](http://www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie)

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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. 10:00

Saturday 09:45

Baptisms: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Bill Campbell (A)
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Fr. Charles O'Grady (A)
	11.30	Phylis & Jim Dempsey (A)
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Fr. Michael Goslin (A)
		Anthony Moylan (A)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	John & Nancy Phelan (A)
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Purgatorial
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Jim Coffey (A)
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	09:45	
	18.00	Joan O'Connell (Rec Dec)
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Pat & Nora Traynor (A)
	11:30	Jimmy McCarthy (A)

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