

**SEEING YOUR LIFE
THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS**

Mark 12:38-44

1. The scribes are presented as ostentatious and devious, acting more out of self-interest than the love of God or people. There can be an element of self-interest in each of us. Perhaps there have been times when you have been disturbed by glimpsing in yourself ‘other motives’ in your doing good. Recall when you were awakened to this fact.

2. In material terms, what the widow had to offer was very little. Recall when you felt yourself called to give, and gave even though you apparently had a very little. Perhaps you have had the experience of finding that what you thought was little and insignificant meant a great deal to another person. Recall some of those moments.

3. The widow ‘gave everything she had, all she had to live on’. In doing so she placed herself in a very vulnerable position, trusting that things would work out. Have you ever found that what seemed a generous but reckless giving of yourself proved life-giving for yourself and others?

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MUSINGS:

If Jesus draws our attention to the generosity of the poor widow captured forever in this splendid Gospel page, it is no doubt because it is an image of his own redemptive generosity. Everything has been given. There is nothing left to give. Jesus surrenders himself totally in his death on the

cross and in that act of redemptive generosity he opens up for us the way to salvation. If we are to share with him the glory of resurrection we will need, first of all, to share in the sacrificial generosity of his death. Our generosity, our surrender, needs to match his. This is the promise of our Baptism. What we commit ourselves to afresh every time we involve ourselves in the dynamic of the Mass.

*Fr. James O’Kane
Shortish Homilies for 2017/18*

DISTRIBUTION OF ENVELOPES: Thank you to all who distribute envelopes to parishioners. We are seeking someone to volunteer to distribute in the Mayorstone Drive and Mayorstone Gardens area. Please contact Margaret in the Sacristy.

MONTHLY FAMILY MASS: Our monthly Family Mass will be held this weekend, Sunday, 11 November at **11.30 am**.

HOPE FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER: Anna Christie from Ashbrook will fund raise for the Hope Foundation before and after Mass on Saturday and Sunday 17th/18th November. Anna, a fifth year student in Laurel Hill, will travel to India with a group of students from Laurel Hill and the Hope Foundation in April 2019. They will spend ten days working with the Hope Foundation. The Hope Foundation is dedicated to promoting the protection of street and slum children in Kolkata and the most underprivileged in India.

WEEKLY ADORATION

Adoration will take place each Friday including First Fridays after 10.00 am Mass from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

University Maternity Hospital Limerick holds its annual remembrance service at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Ennis Road, Limerick, on Sunday, **November 18th** (3pm).

We invite parents who have experienced the death of their baby/pregnancy loss at any stage, together with their family, friends and hospital staff to this service.

This service is organised by the Bereavement Support Department and Midwifery staff at UMHL. People are very welcome to stay after the service for a chat and a cup of tea.

To ensure sensitivity towards newly bereaved families, a quiet space will be available at the church for crying babies/young children

The service is an annual event which aims to acknowledge the pregnancies that were lost and the lives of babies who have died through ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth and neonatal death. We welcome parents and families whose babies may have died many years ago as well as those more recently bereaved

Feast of families in Knock Shrine - Come to Knock on the **17th of November** for a day filled with faith, food & fun! The celebration will include mass, individual talks for parents, young adults and children, games, adoration and individual blessing for each family. Knock is important for families as it is the place that Our Lady brought her family to bless the people of Ireland. The celebrant of the mass is Fr. Shane Sullivan & the speakers on the day are Fr. Mark Byrne (SOLT& Pure in Heart). Bring a packed lunch. For more info contact Michelle on [0852032711](tel:0852032711) or michelletherese3@gmail.com.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The next meeting of the PPC is on Tuesday, 13th November, 2018t 7:30 in the Parish Centre.

REFLECTION: Laughter is medicine for the heart.

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Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays
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MASS TIMES: Weekends and Holy Days
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 10th	18:00	Brenda Murphy (A) Patsy & Eddie Hogan (A) Marisa Fitzsimons (M.M.) Vera & Kevin Dynan (A) Dec. Mem of Dynan & Smyth families
Sun11th	10:00 11:30	Roger Hickey (A) Bernard & Mary Ryan (A) Gerry Bennis (A) Helen Keane Guerin (A) John & Patricia Nash (A) Paul & Kitty Condon (A)
Mon 12th	10:00	Purgatorial Society
Tue 13th	10:00	Michael Ryan (Rec. Dec.)
Wed 14th	10:00	Prayer Service
Thur15th	10:00	Prayer Service
Fri 16th	10:00	Prayer Service
Sat 17th	09:45 18:00	Purgatorail Society Martina Sheahan (1st A) Donal Hanrahan (A)
Sun18th	10:00 11:30	Purgatorial Society Emer Ryan (A) Kitty & Jim Gavin (A)