

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

1. Jesus tells us that we can rely on his relationship with us. Think of the relationships you have in which you feel safe and secure because there is mutual understanding and the relationship has stood the test of time.
2. Jesus says that the disciple is one who listens. What is your experience of listening to the word of God in the Scriptures? To what other voices have you listened, and in that way found guidance?
3. The faithful disciple is also one who follows the path of love that Jesus preached and practiced. Although it may be difficult at times, it is in following Jesus' path that we find life. Where have you had the experience of listening, responding, loving, and finding life?

## The Deep End – I know them

John's Gospel is sometimes referred to as the 'spiritual Gospel,' as it has beautiful, reflective passages. During the Easter season, we read and hear mostly from John. It is a lovely opportunity to meditate more deeply on the Word. Today, we are given the image of Jesus as the Shepherd and of his people as the flock. We hear the words 'I know them.' Jesus knows each person intimately. He knows our deepest desires, our worries and fears, our insecurities and pain. Jesus is as close to us as our own

breathing. Nobody can interfere with this intimate friendship, even though at times we may feel differently. We may experience discrimination because of our faith, or be attacked in some way. When things are not going so well, we may feel as if Jesus has abandoned us; sometimes we simply want to give up on the whole thing. We become distant. Let this passage be a reminder to us that Jesus is always very close to us and knows our struggles. We simply need to share those struggles and fears with Him, for 'no one will snatch them [you] out of my hand.' We may forget this from time to time. This week, can you spend five minutes each day meditating on this passage? Focus on the breath. A phrase to repeat might be: 'Jesus, I know that you are as close to me as my own breathing.'

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## RECENTLY DECEASED IN APRIL

Martin Ryan, Noel Clancy, Breda Long and Claire Burns O'Keeffe. RIP.

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Annual general meeting of the parish pastoral council on 8pm, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at the parish centre.

Please make the effort to attend as in this new era for the church it is imperative that we participate in the parish community

## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Once again we have young people travelling to Lourdes with the diocesan pilgrimage.

They will be speaking at all masses on the weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup>.

## ROSARY

Rosary at 8pm every night at The Grotto of Our Lady

## HOSPITALITY GROUP

The Hospitality Group would like to thank you all, for your support. The Wednesday and Monday groups are now closed for the Summer months until September 2019. Enjoy your summer.

## EASTER ENVELOPES DISTRIBUTION

I would like to pay a special thanks to all who assisted in assembling and distributing the Easter envelopes for the parish during April 2019 – Marion Fayne.

## REFLECTION

Mother Teresa, we ask you to intercede with Jesus, that we too may obtain the grace to be attentive to the cry of the poor, the sick, the outcast and the least of our brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis (Twitter)

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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 11 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Margaret & Michael Sheapin David Burke (A) Bernie McMahon (A) Richard & Patricia Curtis
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Tim Frawley (A) Fitzgibbon Family (Dec Mem)
	11:30	Mary Hogan (A) Tom Costelloe (A) Nancy & Gussie Shanahan (A)
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Dermot Barron (A)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Tom Fox (A)
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Carmel Custy Kay Sexton
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Sloane & Toomey Family (Dec Mem)
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 18:00	Prayer Service Patricia Irwin (A) Joe O'Leary (A)
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 11:30	Shane O'Donovan (A) Philomena Dunworth (A) Martin Ryan (M/M)