

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS** Matthew 25:1-13

1. While the parable has clear end-of-time applications it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Recall times when you were alert for such a moment. What were the consequences for you?

2. Grace can also be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine in order to respond. Perhaps you can recall both moments when you were unprepared, and moments when you were able to respond. What lessons have you learned from such experiences?

3. We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching us that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves. What qualities in life do you see as the essential oil that you must provide for yourself?

*John Byrne OSA,*

**MUSINGS**

Each fresh meditation on the life of our Lord impresses on me more and more the necessity of conforming my life to his in every detail if I wish to please him and become holy. To do something great and heroic may never come, but I can make my

life heroic by faithfully and daily putting my best effort into each duty as it comes round.  
*Fr Willie Doyle, SJ [1873-1917]*

**THE FAMILY:**

We read in the Gospel: He went down with them then and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature and in favour with God's people.

*Luke 2:51-52*

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us the model of family life. He went down with Mary and Joseph and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man. Let us pray for God's blessing on this family.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, giver of life: give your strength and wisdom to the father of this family.

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit, bearer of love: give your compassion and understanding to the mother of this family.

Blessed are you, Son of God, eternal wisdom:

give your knowledge and truth to the children of this family.

(Blessed are you, Holy Trinity, eternal and almighty:

shadow with you protecting wings the absent/departed members of this family.)

Let us pray:

Father, we want to live as Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

**NOV15<sup>th</sup>: FREE TEST FOR COPD**

Limerick COPD support group  
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a disease that makes it hard to empty air out of your lungs. This is because the airways get smaller leading to airflow obstruction. This can result in shortness of breath or tiredness because you are working harder to breathe. COPD is a term used to include chronic bronchitis, emphysema or a combination of both conditions.

Free Spirometry COPD Lung Test (with the kind assistance of the HSE) will be available on Wed, Nov 15th (10:30 - 12:30) in the Library Building, Watchhouse Cross.

All welcome, tea & coffee will be served.

Contact: Carmel McCarthy, [carmeldenise@gmail.com](mailto:carmeldenise@gmail.com), 0872390099

**POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER**

War always causes serious damage to the environment. We must not mistreat our common home, but take care of it for future generations.

**FAMILY MASS**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 11.30am.

Our thanks to the Hurley family for the music and the volunteers who help and provide refreshments afterwards.

**CHANGES TO MASS TIMES**

**& ADORATION:** Evening Mass at 5.45 pm during November, Adoration Monday after 5.45pm Mass until 7pm. Adoration held after 10.00am Mass till 5 pm on **First Fridays** followed by Mass at 5.45pm

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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  
Mon (from 9 Oct) 10:00 and 17:45  
First Friday: 10:00 & 17:45  
Baptisms: Saturday 17:00  
Sunday 12:15

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm Breda Murphy (A)
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Gerry Bennis (1 <sup>st</sup> A)
	11.30 Helen Keane-Guerin (A)
	11.30 Jerry Power (A)
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Bernard & Mary Ryan (A)
	10:00 Dec-Mem's Legion of Mary
	10:00 Catherine McNamara (A)
	10:00 John Clifford (Rem)
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	5:45pm Martin, Elizabeth & Terrance
	10:00 Warren (A)
	Special Intention
	5:45pm Purgatorial
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Purgatorial
	5:45pm O'Brien family (Intentions)
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Purgatorial
	5:45pm Brian, Sadie & Brian
	5:45pm Anthony Leavy (A)
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Purgatorial
	5:45pm Josephine Ryan
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 Paul Condon (A)
	6:00pm Donal Hanrahan (A)
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Liam Davison (Rec Dec)
	11:30 Emer & Patrick Ryan (A)
	11:30 Patsy & Eddie Hogan (A)

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