

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

LUKE 21:5-19

1. Luke presents Jesus as a prophet, capable of reading the signs of the times, and one who offered wise and insightful advice on how to cope with difficult times. Who are the people you see who act like this in the troubled times we live in today? Maybe you yourself have been a calming influence in the face of turmoil within your family, parish, church, workplace or elsewhere. Can you claim that gift and give thanks for being such a person?

2. Jesus alerts his listeners to the transitory nature of human grandeur and splendour. How have you been reminded of this truth? What lessons has this given you about life?

3. In any walk of life troubles will come. Jesus encourages his listeners to stand firm in such circumstances, telling them 'your endurance will win you your lives' When you are in the midst of inner turmoil and /or outer trouble or opposition what have you found gives you the strength and ability to endure?

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MUSINGS: 'Endurance'

At some point we have all seen someone shouting on the street or on the internet about the end of the world. You'd be forgiven for thinking that today's Gospel is trying to achieve the same thing. We are reading the final chapters of Luke's Gospel for year C. Jesus is in Jerusalem and the

passages we hear are talking about end times. The people gathered are obviously excited having seen how magnificent the Temple is, having come 'up from the country' and Jesus is trying to calm them down. The time for excitement might not be just yet. Jesus reminds them, and us, that these things are short-lived and we should not be too bothered about 'fine stonework' and 'votive offerings'. These things do not last.

Jesus tries to comfort the people regarding various crises that will happen; the call is to take perspective, to look at the bigger picture. Endurance is the message of today's Gospel. The people of Jerusalem will witness the destruction of the Temple, the disciples will face persecution, people of faith will face persecution, people of faith will have tough times ahead. Whatever crisis may come, Jesus is affirming people to keep going, to stay focused and not be afraid.

'Lord, when we are young we think that we become great through our achievements. Life has taught us the truth of Jesus' words: it is by endurance that we win our lives' Michel de Verteuil

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FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MASS:

Saturday 19 November at 6.00 pm - Boys and their families from the JFK school.

Sunday 20 November at 10.00 am - girls and their families from the Salesian Primary School.

THE LITURGY GROUP will meet on 22 November at 7 pm in the Parish Centre.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday 15 November at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre.

MATERNITY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: The University Maternity Hospital Limerick holds its annual remembrance service at Our Lady of the Rosary church, today, 13 November, at 3pm. Parents who have experienced the death of their baby or pregnancy loss at any stage, together with their family friends and hospital staff are invited to this service. All are welcome to stay after the service for a chat and cup of tea.

MERCY IN ACTION IN LIMERICK!

A special Year of Mercy celebration will take place in St John's Cathedral on Sunday next 20 November at 4.00pm.

A number of local and national organisations have agreed to be part of the story of the liturgy and it promises to be a reflective and meaningful experience for young and old alike.

Please spread the word so we have a full Cathedral with representatives from every parish to bring the works of Mercy to every home, parish, community and workplace across Limerick in a meaningful way.

OPENING THE DOOR OF THE BIBLE

The November workshop on Opening a door on the Bible takes place on Saturday 19 November from 10.00am to 12.30pm in Blessed Terence Albert Hall beside St Saviours Church, Dominic St. It will be led by Fr Martin Hunter – a Dominican working in South America for over 20 years.

REFLECTION:

'Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage'

St John XXIII

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Office Hours:	09:00-09:45	Weekdays
	17:00-17:30	Mon & Tue
	09:00-12.30	Sunday
Mass Times: Weekends:		
Saturday Vigil	18:00	
Sunday	10:00; 11:30	
Weekdays:		
Mon. to Fri.	10:00 ;	
Mon. to Fri.	17:45 (for November)	
Saturday	09:45	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
Monday	18:15-19:00	
Friday	10:30-17:30	
Meditation:	Monday	19:00
Baptisms:	Saturday	17:00
	Sunday	12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12th	18:00	Donal Hanrahan (A) Breda Murphy (A)
Sun 13th	10:00	Paul Condon (A)
	11:30	Gerry Power (A) Brendan & Mary Ryan (A) Tom Hegarty (A)
Mon 14th	10:00	Purgatorial Society
	17:45	John Clifford (Rem)
Tues 15th	10:00	Elizabeth, Martin & Terence Warren(A)
	17:45	Purgatorial Society
Wed 16th	10:00	The Hennessy Family (A)
	17:45	Brian, Sadie & Brian Anthony Leavy (A)
Thur 17th	10:00	Mai & John O'Meara (A)
	17:45	Purgatorial Society
Fri 18th	10:00	Jim, Mary & Dan Power Conway(A)
	17:45	Purgatorial Society
Sat 19th	09:45	Ailbe O'Carroll (A)
	18:00	Liam & Mary Garahy (A)
Sun 20th	10:00	John & Christine Guirey (A)
	11:30	Eddie & Patsy Hogan (A) Elsie & Michael Greene (A) Pat & Emer Ryan (A)

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