

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL Luke 22:14-23:56

This passage is a very rich one and it would be a mistake to attempt to pray each and every part of it. Almost every phrase has something new: actions, images, symbols, words. When you read the passage, stay with whatever part of it resonates with your own life, but make sure when you pray it that you stay with the passage until you get beyond the violence and the horror to find a good news lesson for you. A few specific points taken at random are:

1. In this scene of great tragedy, there are people helping others, either reluctantly or with compassion: Simon, the women of Jerusalem, the criminal on the cross, and Jesus himself. Note the differences in the manner in which the help is given (as a burden, with sympathy, etc.) What has been your experience of helping and being helped?
2. Despite the persecution by the leaders Jesus still shows forgiveness. When have you seen that spirit of forgiveness in yourself or others? In your experience, what is the effect of a forgiving spirit, or of its absence?
3. Towards the end, there is a ray of light. Jesus says 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit'. His relationship with his Father was one of trust, even at a moment like this. What difference has it made to you in times of difficulty or pain to have a relationship of trust with God, or with someone else?

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MASS of CHRISM: On **Wednesday April 17th**, our Bishop will celebrate the Mass of Chrism in St. John's Cathedral at 7.30pm. The Chrism mass is the great annual gathering of the Diocese – lay faithful, religious, priests and Bishop, all gathered in one Eucharist. Everyone renews their baptismal promises and the priests renew the promises made at Ordination. The sacred oils are blessed. It is always a joyful, moving ceremony of the People of God united with one another around the Bishop. **ALL are invited** to this celebration.

INVITATION: One of the elements of the Liturgy of **Holy Thursday** is the **Washing of the Feet**. This ceremony reminds us that Jesus washed His disciples' feet as an example of the love and service we are asked to give to others in our families, our work place, etc. If you would like to be one of those taking part in this ceremony, **please leave your name and a contact number in the Sacristy before Monday April 15th**.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS in the form of a walk from St. Mary's Church of Ireland Cathedral to St. John's Cathedral, beginning at 12 noon. The walk should last approximately an hour, stopping at significant sights for the Stations.

EASTER DUES: The Easter dues envelopes for the Parish Clergy and the Sacristan are being distributed at present. If you are contributing by cheque please make the cheques payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish' and in relation to the Sacristan to 'Margaret Clifford'. These may be returned

during next week or at the weekend. Thank you for your generosity to these and other collections during the year.

CONRADH NA GAELIGE: Many thanks for your support and that of your parishioners towards our recent Churchgate collection raising €312

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Monday-Wednesday: 10am Mass

Morning prayer of the Church on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 10.00am

HOLY THURSDAY: 6.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY: 11.00am: Stations of the Cross – Parish Centre
3.00 pm: The Lord's Passion
7.30 pm: Stations of the Cross – Church

HOLY SATURDAY 9.00pm EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY 10.00am Easter Sunday Mass, 11.30am Easter Sunday Mass.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE after 10.00am Mass (Mon- Wed) and after the 3.00pm Service on Good Friday.

Special Limerick / Clare Pilgrimage (last remaining seats) based in Fatima 9th – 14th June 2019 will be in Lisbon for Feast Day of Saint Anthony. Mass in Santarem where the bleeding host took place and Prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Contact James Treacy 086-0572216

Reflection: Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that

suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. (Romans 5:3-4)

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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 : Prayer Service

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00
Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 13 th	18:00	John & Kathleen Tierney (A) Joe McGrath (M.M)
Sun 14 th	10:00	Willie, Bridie, Michael & Sarah Ryan (A)
	11:30	Moirá Gallagher (A) Tom Corbett (A) Catherine O'Leary (1 st A)
Mon 15 th	10:00	Purgatorial
Tues 16 th	10:00	Michael Savage (A) Carmel Custy (Rem)
Wed 17 th	10:00	Billie Walsh (A) Marie Downey (Rec. Dec)
Thurs 18 th	18:00	Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm
Fri 19 th	11:00	Stations of the Cross – Parish Centre
	15:00	The Lord's Passion
	19.30	Stations of the Cross – Church
Sat 20 th	21:00	Easter Vigil

Sun 21st

10:00

Thomas Kenny (A)

11:30

Eddie Grimes (1stA)