



**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL:
Luke 24:35-48**

1. When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?

2. Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent, teacher friend or guide have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you?

3. Jesus opened their minds to 'understand the scriptures' and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you.

4. The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc.?

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REPORT ON THE RECENT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The PPC met on 9 April. The painting of the church both inside and outside is almost complete. The Parish Centre will be painted over the next few weeks. Plenty of notice will be given to all those who use it as the centre will be out of use for approx. 5 days. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is to continue on First Fridays after 10 am Mass. There was further discussion on the 60th Anniversary Celebrations of our Parish. The PPC AGM is to be held on Tuesday 21 May. The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14 May.

EASTER DUES & PARISH CLERK COLLECTION

Thank you to all who distributed the Easter Dues envelopes to our parishioners. We also wish to thank all who have returned the Offering Envelopes to the Church over Easter and others who will drop them in as soon as possible. Please note that cheques should be made

payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish' for the Priests, and to 'Margaret Clifford' for the Sacristan.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The AGM of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 21 May. Further details will follow over the next few weeks.

HOSPITALITY ON WEDNESDAYS: Please come for tea/coffee and a chat in the Parish Centre after the 10:00 am Mass on Wednesdays. It is a great opportunity to meet up with your friends and neighbours. We look forward to seeing you there. Our thanks to Anne and her team.

FAMILY MASS: Our April Family Mass is this Sunday 14 April at 11.30am. Please come to the Parish Centre for Tea and chat afterwards.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME: We welcome the children and their families this weekend as part of their First Communion Preparation. JFK boys and families – 13 April: 6.00 pm Mass. Salesian girls and families – 14 April: 10 am Mass

RETURN OF YOUR TROCAIRE BOX: The 2024 Trocaire Campaign tells the story of Mallita and her children in Malawi where fetching water is a daily struggle. **Please return your Lenten Trocaire Box to the Church.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 13th	18:00	Tom Noonan (A)
Sun 14th	10:00 11:30	Willie, Sarah, Bridie & Michael Ryan (A) Veronica O'Kelly (A) Pat O'Callaghan (1 st A) John & Sheila Doherty (A)
Mon 15th	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 16th	10:00	Terry & Joe McNamara (A) Kay Sexton (A)
Wed 17th	10:00	
Thurs 18th	10:00	
Fri 19th	10:00	John & Helen Higgins (A) Tony Ryan (A)
Sat 20th	18:00	Margaret O'Connor (A)
Sun 21st	10:00 11:30	Mary Casserly (A) Thomas Kenny (A) Mary Hogan (A)