

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 1:35-42

1. John pointed the disciples towards Jesus as the one they should follow. Remember the people in your life who have pointed you in a new and life-giving direction? Perhaps in some cases this may have involved directing you away from your association with them – e.g., leaving home, changing jobs, etc.
2. Jesus invited the disciples to come and see how he lived. How have you come to learn how Jesus lived, and what he was looking for in life? How has this attracted you to follow him?
3. What is your experience of gathering in small groups to learn to live like Jesus by listening to the gospel together? Where two or three are gathered in his name, Jesus is there in the midst of them.
4. Andrew did not keep the good news to himself but invited his brother to join him in following Jesus. What is your experience of receiving, or giving, an invitation to join in some worthwhile venture?

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THE DEEP END: Come and see

Today is the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, and this year's theme is 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees'.

In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility, as individuals, communities and Church, to welcome everyone, particularly those who have been forced to leave their home in search of a better future.

'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age ... This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.'

Pope Francis has spoken often of our 'brotherly responsibility' towards our fellow human beings, and how our welcome ought to be a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities. In today's gospel Jesus invites the disciples to 'come and see' where he lives. He welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day. The example of Jesus encourages us to be welcoming, to extend a warm invitation, and to spend time with others in friendship.

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IMMIGRANT SUNDAY

This weekend, Sunday, 14 January has been designated **Immigrant Sunday**. We celebrate it in our Parish on Sunday at 11:30 during our Family Mass.

We welcome **all immigrants** to our parish and invite them to attend and also to come for refreshments in our Parish Centre after Mass. Our immigrants are asked to provide a photo of a church from their native country or some other suitable item for display in our church. Contact Fr. Ryan at 087 299733.

TROCAIRE VOLUNTEERS: 'Are you interested in volunteering and becoming part of something really worthwhile?' Trocaire is looking for volunteers to bring social justice alive in parishes. Information leaflets available from the sacristy/back of the church. Also contact Noirin at the Pastoral Centre on 061 400133 or email: volunteering@trocaire.org

LANSDOWNE ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP reopens on Tuesday 16 January at 10:30 in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Centre. Looking forward to meeting all our friends, with an exciting programme for the New Year.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

You are invited to an **Ecumenical Service** in Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Tuesday 23 January from 12 noon to 12.50 pm. Students from ÁrdScoilRís, Villiers, JFK and Salesian Primary School will participate in the Service. The Theme is **'ONE BREAD ONE BODY'** Please join us if you can.

REFLECTION:

'To be good instruments of God's love we must avoid being over tired, burnt out, stressed, aggressive, dispersed or closed up. We need to be rested, centred, peaceful and aware of the needs of our body, our heart and our spirit.'

Jean Vanier

Parish Website

www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

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Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays

17:00-17:30 Mon

09:00-12.30 Sunday

Mass Times: Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00;

Mon. 17:45

Saturday 09:45

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 18:15-19:00

Baptisms: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 13 th	18:00	Joe Connolly (M.M.) Michael Bridie & Willie Ryan (A)
Sun 14 th	10:00	Nuala McElligot (A) Brenda Fitzgerald (A) Paddy Quilligan (A)
Mon 15 th	11:30 10:00	Marcus & Kieran McNerney (A) Dec. Mem. of the McNerney Family
Tues 16 th	17:45 10:00	Dec. Mem. Of the Lynch Family
Wed 17 th	10:00	
Thurs 18 th	10:00	Mary Kenny (A)
Fri 19 th	10:00	Sean & Rose Deegan (A)
Sat 20 th	09:45 18:00	Brid Gore (A) Gordon Holmes (A) Frank Crowe (A)
Sun 21 st	10:00 11:30	Bobby & Nuala Holmes (A) Paddie & Birdie Fitzpatrick (A)