

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 14:1-12 14 May 2017

1. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.' Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.
2. Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know exactly the destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?
3. Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?
4. Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.' Jesus put a human face on the love of God. He gives us a glimpse of the divine. We are Jesus in the world today, called to follow Jesus and to put a human face on the love of God for those who meet us. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?

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MUSINGS; The Centre Holds

The Gospel presents Jesus as the guide in life, the 'way, truth and life.' The Christian

centre is the person of Christ. Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life, flow from this. Mother Teresa was once asked why she did what she did, and she simply said 'for Jesus.' This centre always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship: we are led by Jesus 'one by one', known by name, not as one of a group.

Prayer is the way of keeping our centre of conviction and motivation strong.

The Eastern approach to Jesus is very much the 'way'; while the African is the 'life'. The European stress is the 'truth'. In Europe we need to rediscover also the joy and vibrancy of the African and Latin American expressions of faith, and also the presence of God in all life's moods and journeys of the Indian and Eastern traditions.

We can get so caught up in small or even big truths and doctrines that we miss other centres of faith. All faith needs the balanced approach to Jesus – way, truth and life.

Recall people who guided you well in your life. Pray for them.

Jesus, our way, guide me in life; Jesus our truth, teach me your meaning of life; Jesus, our life, love me always.

Youth Group Cake sale for Lourdes 28th May

"The youth group travelling to Lourdes in June, are holding a cake sale after 11.30 Mass on [Sunday](#) 28th May in the Parish Centre. There will be tea/coffee and cakes for sale and all donations of cakes will be most welcome. (They can be dropped off at Parish centre before Mass)"

Family Mass: Our monthly Family Mass is today, Sunday 11.30 am

May the Month for Mary, Rosary recited every evening at 8pm at Salesians Grotto. Saturday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima

Eight Reasons to Protect the 8th Amendment from www.Loveboth.ie

Reason 3: Ireland's safety record for women in pregnancy: Ireland is a world leader when it comes to looking after women in pregnancy. Ireland's medical profession remains among the best in the world. Ireland without abortion, has consistently ranked in the top league in the world in terms of safety for women in pregnancy. Irish law guarantees that pregnant women are never denied life-saving medical treatment. The 2015 Maternal mortality Estimates by the W.H.O places Ireland ahead of England and the US in terms of safety for pregnant women. England & US both have abortion on demand.

Reason 4: 90% of babies diagnosed with Down Syndrome in Britain are aborted. Abortion is legal in Britain for any detectable disability through all nine months of pregnancy. This is exactly what happens when abortion is allowed. Abortion allows discrimination and the repeal of the Eighth Amendment would be the see devastation that abortion wreaks on disabled children. We value people with disabilities and we're working every day to make the country a better place for them. Guaranteeing the rights of people with disabilities begins with protecting their first right, the most fundamental right of all – **the right to life.** **Rally For Life Saturday 1st July 2pm Dublin** All welcome. www.rallyforlife.net

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES: Weekday Evening Mass will only be held on Mondays and First Friday.

First Communion Masses Sat 13th May & Sat 20th No Saturday Mass 9.45am

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Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays	
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	
Friday	10:30-17:30
Baptisms:	
Saturday	17:00
Sunday	12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 13 th	18:00	Michael & Margaret Shearin (A) Nancy Shanahan 1 st A Philip & Una Barker (A) Phylis Murphy (M/Mind)
Sun 14 th	10:00 11:30	Tom Costello (A) Lena & John Coady (A) Shane O'Donovan (A)
Mon 15 th	10:00	Anne & Frank Davis (A)
Mon 15 th	17:45	Jack Keane (A)
Tues 16 th	10:00	Glesson rec Dec
Wed 17 th	10:00	Tom & Bridget Callinan (A)
Thurs 18 th	10:00	
Fri 19 th	10:00	Michael & Patricia Carroll (A)
Sat 20 th	09:45 18:00	No Mass 11am Girls First Communion David Bourke (A) Bernie McMahon (A)
Sun 21 th	10:00 11:30	Peggy Kelly (Rec Dec) Joe O'Leary (A)