

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

JOHN 1:29 – 34

1. John is one who directs people to Jesus as the one who had a life-giving message for them. Who have been the people in your life whose example or advice pointed you in the direction of a fuller life? Who has helped you to appreciate the importance of Jesus and his message?

2. In the narrative, John recognised that Jesus had more to offer people than he himself. He had the humility not to need to be the star of the show. Whom have you known with that grounded sense of their own place?

3. John proclaims Jesus as one who takes away the sin of the world. Who have been the people who, for you, continued this mission of Jesus and led you from sin and guilt to forgiveness and freedom? For whom have you done this?

4. It was not just on the cross that Jesus gave his life as the Lamb of God. His public ministry was a constant struggle against injustice and oppression. When have you shared in this mission of Jesus? Who have been models of this for you?

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MUSINGS: Lamb of God

Say a prayer today for the Church in Syria which is being decimated by five years of war. It was the Syrian Church in the seventh century that gave us the prayer Lamb of God which we recite three times at Sunday Mass.

A timely prayer for mercy and peace to prevail in face of the pervasive warring 'sin of the world'.

Not the Lamb, 'meek and mild' of Blake's poem of Innocence, in Mass today, but the 'Lamb who was slain', mentioned thirty times in the Apocalypse, and identified by Philip in Acts 8 as Suffering Servant for the benefit of the open minded and enquiring Ethiopian.

John the Baptist was the first to say Jesus is the Lamb of God, the first to say in a universalist way that Christ would take away not only Israel's sin but the sin of the whole world. His weapons are mercy and peace. Spread them widely.

Fr David O'Riordan

FAMILY MASS: Our monthly Family Mass is today, Sunday 15 January at 11.30am.

MASS TIMES: Evening Mass will be held on Monday and Tuesday at 5.45pm

FRIDAY ADORATION will resume on Friday 20 January 2017 after the Christmas break. The commitment of the regular volunteers is much appreciated. More volunteers for 2017 would be very welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting of the PPC will be held on Tuesday 17 January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. If anyone is interested in joining this group please contact the sacristy and leave your name.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MASS:

Saturday 22 January at 6.00 pm - Boys and their families from the JFK school.

Sunday 23 January at 10.00 am - girls and their families from the Salesian Primary School.

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a computer, can you type and send an e-mail? The preparation of the Parish Newsletter involves collecting information/news and a list of Mass Intentions by Wednesday from the Sacristy. Typing it up and emailing it to St Johns Parish office by Thursday morning, collecting the printed version and bringing it to the Church by Saturday morning. Training will be provided. Please contact the Sacristy.

THE HOSPITALITY GROUP would like to thank you for your support in making 2016 a very successful year. Congratulations to Kay Holmes on winning the Nativity Crib in our raffle. A special thanks to SANTA for taking time off from his busy schedule to come and join us for a Cuppa.

Please note that the **Cuppa and Chat** resumes this Wednesday 18 January after 10.00 Mass.

The **Monday Social Get-together** also resumes on Monday 12 January in the Parish Centre from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. **Ramble in to share your interests and hobbies, have a chat and a cuppa.**

TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS: There can be no true peace if everyone claims always and exclusively his or her own rights, without caring for the good of others.

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09:00-12.30 Sunday

Mass Times: Weekends

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Mon. & Tues. 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 14 th	18:00	Michael, Willie & Bridie Ryan (A) Special Intention
Sun 15 th	10:00	Paddy Quilligan (A) Liam O'Leary (Rem)
	11:30	Liam O'Shanahan & Family (A) Christy Hallissey (A) Nuala McElligott (A) Anne O'Sullivan (M.M.) Brenda Fitzgerald (A) Kathy & Michael McNamara (A)
Mon 16 th	10:00	Dan & Rita Ryan (A)
	17:45	Anne O'Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)
Tues 17 th	10:00	Purgatorial Society
	17:45	Mary Kenny (A)
Wed 18 th	10:00	Sean & Rose Deegan (A)
Thurs 19 th	10:00	Nóra & Pat Gallagher (A)
Fri 20 th	10:00	Special Intention
Sat 21 st	09:45	Gordon Holmes (A)
	18:00	Sean Chambers (A)
Sun 22 nd	10:00	Birdie & Paddy Fitzpatrick (A)
	11:30	Robert & Nuala Holmes (A)

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