

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL (I)

1. There are three figures in the story of the Prodigal Son. The father is a symbol of an unconditional love. Perhaps you can recall someone showing love to you in a way that showed great forgiveness and acceptance. Have there been times when you have also loved in this way?

2. You may be able to identify with the younger son at different stages of his journey. Be sure to follow it to the point where it becomes a good news story for you – when you ‘came to yourself.’ Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation?

3. Do not neglect the older son. In contrast to his father he was very judgemental and resentful towards his younger brother. Perhaps you have experienced these attitudes in others towards you, or in yourself towards others. What were those experiences like for you? What did they teach you?

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## THE DEEP END CALLED TO ‘COME TO OUR SENSES’

The three parables of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God, and God’s rejoicing for those who return. In each of the situations there is a frantic search for that which is lost and a huge

celebration when the lost is found. In the parable of the Lost Son there is much to reflect on. We hear that the younger brother eventually ‘came to his senses.’ We might pray today that God show us the aspects of our lives in which we also need to come to our senses.

In this Season of Creation, we lament the destruction of God’s creation, we reflect on the loss of bio-diversity and the loss of human life caused by climate change. We pray that as a global community we might, like the lost son, ‘come to our senses’ and take the actions that are necessary to change course. It all seems so huge and perhaps we feel there is nothing significant we can do. That is not the case. As parishes, we can lead by example and show our commitment to care for the earth. The future of our environment depends on the action we take now as a society. As with all significant change, it begins with the grassroots.

‘I wish to address every person living on this planet...to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home...The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all.’ (Laudato Si’ 3,23)

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## LANSDOWNE ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Lansdowne Active Retirement Association will meet on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the Holy Rosary Pastoral Centre. Looking forward to meeting all our friends with an exciting itinerary for the new term.

## MILFORD HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

Every cup counts. Come along and donate whatever you can and help make a life a little brighter for someone in the hospice.

Date: Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> of September.

Place: Parish Centre.

Time: After 10 am mass.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Meditation will resume on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the Church and every Monday thereafter. All are welcome. Enquiries to Joan at 061-454632.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH DEVELOPMENT CLASSES

The Diocese of Limerick offer Religious Education & Faith Development classes for children who do not attend Catholic schools. The classes are held in the Limerick School Project, O Connell Ave on Wednesday evenings, 6.30pm—7.30pm. The fee is €150 per year and classes run from October—May. This year classes will begin on Wed. October 2nd. Children wishing to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation are required to complete two years of religious education prior to receiving each sacrament.

Registration for this year will take place on Wednesday, September 25th, 2019, 6:00 - 7:00pm in The Limerick School Project Hall, O Connell Ave. Attendance of one parent /guardian is required.

For further information please email [RE@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:RE@limerickdiocese.org)

## POPE FRANCIS COMMENTS

Christ is the hope of the world: His Gospel is the most powerful leaven of brotherhood, freedom, justice and peace for all peoples.

## PARISH WEBSITE

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Office Hours: 09:00 - 09:45 Weekdays  
09:00 - 12.30 Sunday

## 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 14 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Don Commisky (A) Alger O'Connor (A)
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 11:30	Phil Ryan (Rec Dec) Rosaleen Casey (Rec Dec)
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Michael Brosnan (Bir Rem) Kitty Dennehy (A)
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Fr. Antoin O'Tuathaigh (1 <sup>st</sup> A)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Kathleen Nordon
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	09:45 18:00	Prayer Service Breda Carmody (A) Billy Hurley (A) Terry McGowan (A)
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 11.30	Jack & Peg Kirby (A) Jim Condon (A) Tom & Eithne Burke (A) Joan Daly (A) Brian Corbett (A)

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