

**SEEING YOUR LIFE
THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS
LUKE 3:1-6**

1. 'What should we do?' The common thread in John's answers was to encourage his questioners to be other-centred rather than self-centred, each in the context of their own circumstances. In your experience, what difference has it made for you when you changed your attitude in this way?

2. John told the people in a direct and honest way what they should do. Perhaps you have had friends who did not beat about the bush but have told you honestly what they thought about your behaviour when you asked them? In gratitude, recall such friends

3. The humility of John comes out in this passage, happy to acknowledge that he only had a minor role to play in relation to the Messiah. At the same time he was enthused by his mission to 'proclaim the good news to the people' What difference has it made for you when you were able to see the good in yourself, and use your gifts without having to score by portraying yourself as greater than someone else?

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PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

To mark the final step of our preparation for Christmas, our Priests will be available for a short Penitential Service which will include the opportunity for Confession each morning after 10.00 am Mass from Monday 17th December until Christmas Eve.

*O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

BENEMERENTI MEDAL AWARDS: Thank You

We, two, have a very sincere message to our Parish Community. It must have been the best-kept secret since the foundation of our Parish. Thanks for all the plotting and planning. Fr. Des McAuliffe expressed it better than we could. He said that we 'exemplify so many in our parish who give generously of their service and talents'. Thanks to all who help us when we ask for assistance. Our sincerest and heartfelt message is: Thank you one and all for honouring us and with us, all of you, members of our Parish.

Maud & Sr. Mary Bridget

THE JESSE TREE: The Jesse Tree is the 'Family Tree' of Jesus. It represents the ancestors of Jesus and tells the history of His family. Jesse was the father of King David and St Matthew in his Gospel traces the descent of Jesus from David right down to St Joseph.

When you look at our Jesse Tree at the back of the Church, you will notice familiar symbols – the Garden of Eden symbolised by the apple in the grip of a snake; Noah's Ark, Abraham, Isaiah and Moses represented by the pair of sandals he removed when he realised that he was in God's presence; the

Ten Commandments and many other symbols.

ADVENT SUNDAYS AT GLENSTAL ABBEY:

December 2nd, 9th & 16th at 4.30; why not come and join us in exploring the great themes of Advent and our lives therein - 'Tuning into Real Time' www.glenstal.org / 061-621005

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MASS:

Saturday 16th December at 6.00 pm - Boys and their families from the JFK school.
Sunday 17th December at 10.00 am - Girls and their families from the Salesian Primary School.

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE will hold a blood donor clinic in the **Greenhills Hotel** on **Wednesday 19th December from 5 pm – 8 pm**

3,000 units of blood are required every week. 1,000 people receive blood or a blood product every week. 1 in 4 of our population require blood at some point in their life.

CHRISTMAS DUES: The Christmas dues envelopes for the Parish Clergy and the Sacristan will be distributed to houses during the week. If you are contributing by cheque please make the cheques payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish' and in relation to the Sacristan to 'Margaret Clifford'.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The following are members of the Parish Pastoral Council for 2018/2019

Martin Duffy, Chairperson; Fr. Des McAuliffe PP; Fr. Tom Ryan CC; Anne Kennedy, Secretary; Bridie Burke; John Paul Cronin, Treasurer; Roger Daly; Fergal Deegan; Dermot Maloney; Brian McCarthy; Elizabeth Mulvin; Margaret Naughton; Melanie O'Shea; Sarah Phillips; Majella Sutton.

HEALING SERVICE in Corpus Christi Church, Moyross with the Friars of the Renewal on **Wednesday 19th December** at 7:30 pm. There is no Mass at this service.

PARISH WEBSITE

www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

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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 : Praayer Service

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 15 th	18:00	Carmel Custy (A) Hartnett, Murphy & Carroll Famillies, Christmas Rem. Peter Phelan (A) Jacqueline Staunton (A)
Sun 16 th	10:00 11:30	Joe Connolly (1 st A) Patrick Quane (A) Tom Clohessy (A)
Mon 17 th	10:00	Michael Gleeson (A)
Tue 18 th	10:00	Zena & Michael Gilbourne (A)
Wed 19 th	10:00	John Tobin (Rec. Dec.)
Thur 20 th	10:00	Paddy Rea (A)
Fri 21 st	10:00	Bob & Eamon Keane (A)
Sat 22 rd	09:45 18:00	Prayer Service Paddy Hartnett (Christmas Rem.) Gerry McKeon (A)
Sun 23 rd	10:00 11:30	Dec. Mem. of the Legion of Mary James Cantillon (A)

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