

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

LUKE 6:17, 20-16

1. We are told that Jesus 'fixed his eyes on the disciples' before speaking. This suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised the truth in what St. Augustine said: 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.'

2. 'Blessed are you who weep' is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet it is not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?

3. Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him, and that they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it maybe, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

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THE DEEP END: How Happy

What's so great about being poor, or hungry, or sad? On the surface, these Beatitudes of Jesus seem very strange; 'How happy are you who are poor'. Surely it is better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times – or to at least be comfortable and content? But Jesus is not interested in

comfort, or in maintaining the status quo, The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head; last becomes first and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised.

Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away. Sadly, as we hear on the news every day, inequalities in our world with regard to wealth, education, health and opportunities remain as stark as ever. Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered six 'new Beatitudes' for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society.

Pope Francis' 'new Beatitudes' include:

Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.

Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness.

Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR HOME WITH A CHILD WITH DISABILITIES?

Have-a-Break is a Home Based Respite Service which facilitates children with disabilities going to the home of a Carer for Short Breaks. This could be for a day, a night or even a few hours depending on your availability; there may be an opportunity to

increase your involvement over time if it suits your lifestyle.

Experience of caring is not essential but can be beneficial – Training and Support is provided.

For more information please contact Catherine O'Sullivan, Have-a-Break Coordinator, Daughters of Charity, Lisnagry, on 087-4132888 or 061-501438 or email catherine.osullivan@lim-docservice.ie

FAITH & LIFE: In a Culture of Death – What can we do?

The role of the Laity in a secular Irish Society now emphasises individual and collective responsibility to protect and promote Faith and Life. Our commitment to restore a culture of Life prioritises the protection of and respect for life at all stages and promotes Christian Doctrine and Action in that regard. Please join us to learn what we can do.

The Parish Centre at 7.30 pm., Thursday 28th February 2019.

Presentations by Christian Agencies who promote/provide an alternative to the abortion legislation

ECUMENICAL SERVICE:

You are invited to an Ecumenical Service in Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Monday 11th March from 12 noon to 12.50 pm. Students from ÁrdScoilRís, Villiers, JFK and Salesian Primary School will participate in the Service. The Theme is 'SOCIAL JUSTICE'. Please join us, if you can

LITURGY GROUP will meet in the Parish Centre at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 19th February

CATHOLIC PAPERS: The Irish Catholic newspaper is available at the back of the church. Please put your payment in the box.

REFLECTION:

Take time to pray
It is the greatest power on earth
Take time to love and be loved
It is a God-given privilege
Take time to be friendly
It is the road to happiness

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 16 th	18:00	Liam Cleary (A) Peggy Flanagan (A) Phyllis Looby (A) Rosemary O'Brien (M.M.) Mary Úna Grimes (M.M.)
Sun 17 th	10:00	Michael Herbert (A)
	11:30	Tony O' Sullivan (1 st A)
Mon 18 th	10:00	Bid O'Brien (A)
Tues 19 th	10:00	Mary & Frank Bruen (A) Tony O'Sullivan (1 st A)
Wed 20 th	10:00	Dec. Mem. of the Egan Family
Thurs 21 st	10:00	
Fri 22 nd	10:00	Robert Sheahan (Rec. Dec.)
Sat 23 rd	09:45	Prayer Service
	18:00	Michael Cleary (A) Claire Kelly (A)
Sun 24 th	10:00	Brendan Murphy (A)
	11:30	Liam Aherne (A) Aidan Larkin (A)

