

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Mark 4:26-34

1. If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunities to pause in wonder at the whole process of growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests.

2. Jesus uses this as a parable about the growth of the kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages of such development in your life and relationships, and give thanks.

3. In the second parable Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance and significance of relationships in our lives as they grow and mature. This is true both of our relationship with God and with others around us. When have you found a relationship in which you could 'make nests in its shade'? John Byrne OSA Email jbyrneosa@gmail.com

MUSINGS:

Although Jesus' words may strike us as poetic, they clearly run counter to the way things are usually done in our world. Even if we find Jesus' message attractive, the world pushes us towards another way of living. The

Beatitudes are in no way trite or undemanding, quite the opposite. We can only practise them if the Holy Spirit fills us with his power and frees us from our weakness, our selfishness, our complacency and our pride.

Let us listen once more to Jesus, with all the love and respect that the Master deserves. Let us allow his words to unsettle us, to challenge us and to demand a real change in the way we live. Otherwise, holiness will remain no more than an empty word.

Gaudete et Exsultate

WMOF PRAY-A-THON:

The Pray-a-Thon is an initiative for children in particular as Ireland prepares to host WMOF2018 in August. It is an invitation to reach out to family members/friends and pray for them and any special intentions they might have.

Similar to the aim of reada-thons of fostering the habit of regular reading, the Pray-a-Thon encourages children in the practice of praying within the family home. Children are invited to pray using the words "please, thank you and I am sorry" that Pope Francis encourages us to use within our family life. The Pray-a-Thon is not only for children: it is for everyone!

JUNE RETREAT DAYS AT GLENSTAL ABBEY:

Tuesday 26 June – One Day Silent Retreat for Women

Wednesday 27 June – Annual One Day Retreat for Women (not silent)

Thursday 28 June- Day Retreat for Men Reflect, relax and pray in the peaceful and beautiful surrounds of the Abbey. Guided by monks of the monastery, the day will include a number of talks, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Meals and Refreshments are included. Cost €45. For more information: 061 62115 events@glenstal.com

OFFICIAL PRAYER OF THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES:

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord,

Amen

PARISH WEBSITE

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17:00-17:30 Monday & Tuesday
09:00-12.30 Sunday

MASS TIMES: Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 16 th	18:00	Emmet Ryan (M/Mind)
Sun 17 th	10.00 11.30	Bernard Murphy (M/Mind) Jim McCarthy (A) Joan Murphy (Rec. Deceased)
Mon 11 th	10.00	Liam Frelhaly (A)
Tue 19 th	10:00	Debbie Brosnan (A)
Wed 20 th	10.00	Moira Coffey (Rec. Deceased)
Thur 21 st	10:00	
Fri 22 nd	10.00	Sean Brosnan
Sat 23rd	09.45 18.00	Michael, Ann, Catherine and Peg Russell (A) Vincent Lucey (A) Pat and Nora Traynor (A)
Sun 24 th	10.00 11.30	Maura & Randal Howlett (A)