

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL:

Luke 21:5-19

1. Luke presents Jesus as a prophet, capable of reading the signs of the times, and one who offered wise and insightful advice on how to cope with difficult times. Who are the people you see who act like this in the troubled times we live in today? Maybe you yourself have been a calming influence in the face of turmoil within your family, parish, church, workplace, or elsewhere. Can you claim that gift and give thanks for being such a person?

2. Jesus alerts his listeners to the transitory nature of human grandeur and splendour. How have you been reminded of this truth? What lessons has this given you about life?

3. In any walk of life, troubles will come. Jesus encourages his listeners to stand firm in such circumstances, telling them: 'your endurance will win you your lives'. When you are in the midst of inner turmoil and/or outer trouble or opposition, what has given you the strength and ability to endure?

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THE DEEP END 'Endurance'

We are reading the final chapters of Luke's Gospel for Year C. Jesus is in Jerusalem and the passages we hear are talking about end times. The people gathered are obviously excited, having seen how magnificent the Temple is, but the time for excitement might not be just yet. Jesus reminds them, and us, that these things are short-lived and we should not be too bothered about 'fine stonework' and 'votive offerings.' These things do not last. At some point, we have all

seen and heard someone shouting on the street or on the internet about the end of the world. You'd be forgiven for thinking that today's Gospel is trying to achieve the same thing.

Jesus tries to comfort the people regarding various crises that will happen; the call is to take perspective, to look at the bigger picture. Endurance is the message of today's gospel. The people of Jerusalem will witness the destruction of the Temple, the disciples will face persecution, people of faith will have tough times ahead. Whatever crises may come, Jesus is asking people to keep going, to stay focused and not be afraid.

'Lord, when we are young we think that we become great through our achievements. Life has taught us the truth of Jesus' words: 'it is by endurance that we win our lives.'

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PROGRAMME OF FORMATION FOR LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP:

You are invited to attend an information evening on the new 'Programme of Formation for Lay Pastoral Ministry and Leadership' which will be offered in the Diocese of Limerick next year. The programme is a direct response to the action from the Synod to train lay volunteer catechists / animators / co-ordinators to support faith development in our parishes and pastoral units. The information evening is at **7:30pm Tuesday 26 November** in Limerick Diocesan Centre at St Munchin's and in other areas in the county.

More information on the programme on www.limerickdiocese.org

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY WEBSITE:

<http://www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie>

If any of the church groups would like to update their contact details or any other information on the church website, please send details to Madge Young - E-Mail:madgeyoung@eircom.net (or leave details at sacristy)

The website is only useful if details are correct and up to date.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT INFORMATION

EVENING will take place in Milford Care Centre on Tue 26th November 2019 from 7pm-8.30pm. The Bereavement Information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. Bereavement Counsellors will be in attendance to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, Different experiences of Grief, Services available, Question Time. The Information Evening is Free

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

PROGRAM: JFK boys and families— Saturday Nov. 23rd 6.00pm Mass
Girls and families —Salesian Primary School Sunday 24th Nov. 10.00 am Mass

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: Limerick Lions Club annual Christmas church gate collection for the needy takes place this Saturday and Sunday 16th and 17th November.

THE CHILD OF HAITI CHARITY will hold a table quiz at Na Piersaigh GAA Club on Wednesday 20th November at 8.00 pm.

Teams of four at €40 per team. The charity helps poor and orphaned children in Haiti.

REFLECTION: 'The measure of love is to love without measure'. **St Augustine**

PARISH WEBSITE

www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

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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 & Mary Garrahy (A) Donal Hanrahan (A) Martina Sheehan (A)
Sun 17 th	10:00 11:30	Martin O'Brien (A) Bernard Ryan (A)
Mon 18 th	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 19 th	10:00	Anne & John McNamara (A)
Wed 20 th	10:00	Ailbe O'Carroll (A)
Thur 21 st	18:00	Tom Brosnan (A)
Fri 22 nd	10:00	Sr. Monica Power (A)
Sat 23 rd	09:45 18:00	Prayer Service Jack & Marie Frawley (A) Harry Leahy (A)
Sun 24 th	10:00 11:30	Eugene Francis O'Dea (Rec.Dec.) Emer & Patrick Ryan (A) Tina Ryan (M.M.) Jim Finucane (A)

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