

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 1:12-15

1. Jesus is about to start his public ministry. Mark tells us this was preceded by a deep inner struggle when his resolve to take on his God-given mission was tested. Recall important decisions in your own life. Were they accompanied by struggle and doubt? Who were the angels who supported you at that time? Give thanks for them.

2. Such periods of anxiety may seem, like wilderness experiences at the time. Later, with hindsight, we may see them as being good for us. Perhaps, like Jesus, you recall a time when the Spirit of God led you into the wilderness to be tested and after the experience you had a clearer sense of your own identity or your purpose in life?

Repent and believe the good news was the heart of the message of Jesus. It was not a call to penance but to a change of heart, a change of attitude, leading to a change in behaviour. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of right relationships: with God, with one another, with creation, with ourselves. It is a change that leads to a fuller life. When have you found that a change in your attitude towards God, others, yourself, or the world around you, has led you to a more fulfilled or more fruitful life?

There is immediacy about the call of Jesus: 'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near'. Recall when you had a realisation that NOW was the moment of opportunity – for a change in your life, for a spiritual renewal or a time to give a

wholehearted yes to life. At this moment to what do you believe you are invited to say 'yes'?

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MASS TIMES: Please note during Lent there will be morning Mass each day at 10.00 am Monday to Friday and at 9.45 am on Saturday. There is no evening Mass on weekdays during Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held after morning Mass on Tuesday and Thursday during Lent.

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

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,
Especially those for whom we now pray:
(We pause and remember family members and others by name)

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

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.*

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In Preparation for Easter
In a relaxed atmosphere,
Each Monday morning for 6 weeks
Starting **Monday 12th February**
Time: 10.30 to 12.00
Includes tea/coffee/ refreshments
Where: **Salesian Convent, Fernbank**
If you are interested please contact:
Elizabeth Mulvin (087-2546492)
Sr. Margo (086-3795654)

THANK YOU: The St Vincent De Paul Society would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to the Christmas Appeal. Your generous support is greatly appreciated and will go a long way in allowing us to help those who need it, particularly at this time of year when we have so many demands on our funds. You are remembered in our prayers.

THE READINGS OF THE EASTER VIGIL AT GLENSTAL ABBEY: Begin on Sunday 18 February at 4.30pm in the Abbey Library and will continue on each Sunday of Lent.

This week's reading is:

A New Beginning (Genesis 1:1-22)

Fr Terence Crotty O.P

This is followed by refreshments. Suggested donation: €5.

SALESIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL In association with HOLMAN LEE AGENCY

Inaugural FASHION SHOW

Venue: THE STRAND HOTEL

22nd February at 7.30pm

Tickets: €20

available from: Centra, O'Connell St; Loraine at 087 2701680 or email, salesianstickets@gmail.com

Please support our local school.

DESERT DAY FOR LENT: A Desert Day will take place in Westbourne, Ashbourne Avenue on Saturday, 24 February from 10.30 to 5.00. Booking is essential as places are limited. Contact Sr. Phyllis Moynihan at 087 9636893. Email: phymoy@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Website

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Office Hours: 09:00-10:30 Weekdays

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 17 th	18:00	Claire Kelly (A) Mollie O'Carroll (M.M.) Joan & Larry Coyle (A) Michael Herbert (A)
Sun 18 th	10:00	Bernard & Mary Ryan (A) Bill & Phyllis Looby (A)
	11:30	
Mon 19 th	10:00	Eileen Webster (A)
Tues 20 th	10:00	Frank & May Bruen (A)
Wed 21 st	10:00	Bridie Cuffe (Rec. Dec.) Marie Mangan (Rec. Dec)
Thu 22 nd	10:00	Kitty O'Mahony (A)
Fri 23 rd	10:00	
Sat 24 th	09:45	
	18:00	Michael Cleary (A) Peggy Flanagan (A) Noel Fitzgerald (A)
Sun 25 th	10:00	Christy Glynn (M.M.) Brendan (Snr) & Brendan Murphy (A) Maureen Fitzgibbon (A)
	11:30	Gertrude & Thomas Begley (A)

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