

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 12:20-30

1. The parable of the grain of wheat reminds us of a truth that any parent can testify to, namely that it is in dying to ourselves that we can give life to others. We will never be of benefit to others if we remain wrapped up in ourselves. In what ways has your dying to yourself brought life to another? How has the generous giving of another brought life to you?

2. Sometimes our emotions rebel at the thought of what lies ahead and we feel like praying Father, save me from this hour. Then a realisation may come for you as a parent, a teacher a spouse, a friend. No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Recall times when you have accepted pain or hassle and been a source of life to others for doing so.

3. The story presents the death of Jesus as a moment of his glorification by God. We are also glorified when the grace of God enables us to give generously of ourselves.. When have you experienced this in yourself or in another?

4. ‘This voice has come for your sake and not for mine.’ The angel spoke that we might recognise the love being shown to us by Jesus. Sometimes it requires the voice of another to draw our attention to love that is being offered to us. When was this your experience.

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THE LITURGY GROUP will meet on Tuesday 20 March at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre

PATRICK PRAYS

The Deer’s Cry (an extract)

I arise today through

God’s strength to pilot me, God’s might to uphold me,

God’s wisdom to guide me,

God’s eye to look before me,

God’s ear to hear me,

God’s word to speak for me,

Gods hand to guard me,

God’s way to lie before me,

God’s shield to protect me,

God’s host to secure me – Amen

TO APPLAUD OR NOT TO APPLAUD:

From the perspective of a worshipper.

To applaud for choir or musicians implies that they are performers and that we, the assembly, are audience. In reality, the primary musicians at Mass are the members of the assembly. The people in the choir are there to assist us, i.e. the assembly with our music. Would the assembly applaud the homilist, lector, communion minister when they do a good job? Clearly it is not appropriate to do so. Likewise we would not applaud the choir or musicians no matter how wonderful they are. On some occasions, when the liturgy as a whole has been exceptional it might be appropriate for the assembly to applaud for itself as an acclamation of joy and praise. However, a more liturgical response would be to sing another song if the joy is so pregnant it cannot be contained.

THE READINGS OF THE EASTER VIGIL AT GLENSTAL ABBEY:

Continue this Sunday 18 March at 4.30pm in the Abbey Library.

This week’s reading is: **Discovering the Way to Mysterious Nourishment (Isaiah 55:1-11)**

Columba McCann OSB

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: NCBI is looking for a female community-based volunteer to assist a visually impaired person in the Ennis Road area.

If you have 1–2 hours per week to spare we would love to hear from you. Training and support provided.

For further information please contact Aonghus Meaney at 061 310818 or email: aonghus.meaney@ncbi.ie

THE GARMENT OF SUFFERING:

Life is a journey that brings joy and happiness, but also pain, hurt, suffering and grief. Pain and hurt may come from the death of a loved one, broken relationship, living with an alcoholic, ill-health, abuse, unemployment etc. Each individual carries his/her own pain in life. For many pain, hurt and grief have never been healed. It is important to have an opportunity to OWN our own individual pain or hurt, and enter into a healing process.

Rituals provide healing. It is our hope that the ritual of the **GARMENT OF SUFFERING** will provide the opportunity for healing in our lives. Lent, when we reflect on the pain and suffering in the life of Jesus, gives us that opportunity to revisit our pain and grief.

Between now and Palm Sunday, we invite you to place a piece of cloth – about 4 inches square – in the basket at the foot of the altar, as a symbol of your suffering, pain, grief or hurt. During Holy Week, these patches will be sewn into the Garment of Suffering. This will be draped on the Cross on Good Friday – the symbol of grief being carried by the people of our Parish. It will be burned in the Paschal Fire on Holy Saturday night.

SALESIAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK on 24 March.

Theme: ‘SIR, GIVE ME THIS WATER’, Salesian Family Ireland, Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Bus Leaving: Milford Church Car Park at 7.30am and Ivan’s Caherdavin at 7.45 am.

Cost €10. Please bring a packed lunch.

For booking or more information contact John Campion SDB. Mobile 086 2632458 or email: john.campion@ul.ie

DESERT DAY IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK:

A Desert Day will take place in Westbourne, Ashbourne Avenue on Saturday, 24 March from 10.30 to 5.00. The day will give you an opportunity to enter more deeply into the spirit of Holy Week in the peaceful surroundings of Westbourne Convent.

Booking is essential as places are limited.

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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 17th	18:00	Catherine Phelan (A)
Sun 18th	10:00	
	11:30	Phil O’Brien (1 st A) Eugene O’Brien (A)
Mon 19th	10:00	
Tues 20th	10:00	Kathleen Condon (A)
Wed 21st	10:00	Derry Brosnan (A)
Thurs 22nd	10:00	Ian Cumisky (A)
Fri 23rd	10:00	Mary O’Connell (A)
Sat 24th	09:45	
	18:00	Kay Reynolds (A)
Sun 25th	10:00	Sheila Bruen (A)
	11:30	Sean Morrissey (A)

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