

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 13:24-32

1. Jesus speaks of the established order falling apart, but the collapse of the old order opened the way for new possibilities. When have you seen something new and hopeful emerge after the collapse of something that you had expected to endure much longer, perhaps even for ever?
2. The parable of the fig tree. Even in winter, it begins to put forth leaves which give a hint of the fruit to come. Where have you found signs of hope in a wintry situation – in your own life, in the life of some group, in the life of the Church?
3. Jesus proposes no clear time-scale for the events being foretold, so the final sentence (v.32) is a call to alertness, to live the present to the full. What difference does it make to you when you are able to live the present moment to the full?

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MUSINGS:

The Christian tradition speaks of a moment of judgement in which we become who we are once and for all. In death we are thrust out into God. Some find themselves at home with God. That is where they belong – in heaven. Others are not yet ready for God and they experience the purification that we call purgatory. Others still find that they do not belong with God at all but that have nowhere else to go and so they are stuck – as stuck in death as they were in life. Yes, that much at least no one will want to dispute: You don't have to wait for death to experience hell. Hell is the reality of a great many people's lives here and now: cut off from God, cut off from their true selves, cut off from those around them in the isolation of compulsion and fantasy.

Fr. James O'Kane

DISTRIBUTION OF ENVELOPES: Thank you to all who distribute envelopes to parishioners. We are seeking Volunteers to distribute in Mervel Drive, Mervel Park, Hillcrest Drive areas. Please contact Margaret in the Sacristy.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MASS:
Saturday 24 November at 6.00 pm - Boys and their families from the JFK school.
Sunday 25 November at 10.00 am - girls and their families from the Salesian Primary School.

HOPE FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER:

Anna Christie from Ashbrook will fundraise for the Hope Foundation before and after Mass this weekend on Saturday and Sunday 17th/18th November. Anna, a fifth year student in Laurel Hill, will travel to India with a group of students from Laurel Hill and the Hope Foundation in April 2019. They will spend ten days working with the Hope Foundation. The Hope Foundation is dedicated to promoting the protection of street and slum children in Kolkata and the most underprivileged in India.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

University Maternity Hospital Limerick holds its annual remembrance service at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Ennis Road, Limerick, today, Sunday, **November 18th** (3pm).

This service is organised by the Bereavement Support Department and Midwifery staff at UMHL. People are very welcome to stay after the service for a chat and a cup of tea.

The service is an annual event which aims to acknowledge the pregnancies that were lost and the lives of babies who have died through ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth and neonatal death. We welcome parents and families whose babies may have died many years ago as well as those more recently bereaved

LIGHT UP A MEMORY

Date: 9th December 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Each Christmas the Light up a Memory Tree at Milford Hospice becomes an inspiring beacon of remembrance and reflection that lights up the grounds of Milford Care Centre. Light Up A Memory offers one a unique opportunity to sponsor a dedicated light on Milford's tree remembering and honouring someone special in your life, living or deceased.

A specially designed Christmas card is available for each light sponsored, which may be sent to relatives at home or abroad or to the family of a deceased relative or friend. Lights can be sponsored from now until Christmas and will shine throughout the festive season.

To sponsor a light on our tree, simply complete the online form at www.milfordcarecentre.ie or email: fundraising@milfordcarecentre.ie or telephone the Fundraising Team at: 061 485859/485860

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT INFORMATION EVENING

on Tues. 27th November from 7pm - 8.30pm, Venue: Milford Care Centre
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 information evening is Free

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

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 17th	18:00	Martina Sheahan (1st A) Donal Hanrahan (A) Brendan Hanrahan (A)
Sun 18th	10:00 11:30	Purgatorial Society Emer Ryan (A) Kitty & Jim Gavin (A)
Mon 19th	10:00	Ann & John McNamara (A)
Tue 20th	10:00	Ailbe O'Carroll (A)
Wed 21st	10:00	Dora Brosnan (A)
Thur 22nd	10:00	Prayer Service
Fri 23rd	10:00	John & Catherine Ryan (A)
Sat 24th	09:45 18:00	Purgatorial Society Liam & Mary Garrihy (A) Jack & Marie Frawley (A) John Tobin (M.M.)
Sun 25th	10:00 11:30	Jim Finucane (A) Des Fry (A) Fr. John Connelly (A)

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