

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 5:38-48

1. Jesus tells us to act out of love and says that acting out of love is better than acting out of revenge. What does your experience tell you?
2. Perhaps you have at times hit back in revenge when you have been hurt or offended. What effect did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them? Contrast this with the times when you resisted the urge to retaliate. What outcome did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them, both at the time, and in the long-term?
3. From other passages in the Gospels it is clear that Jesus did not mean that we should ignore injustices, and never make a stand against others. What lessons have you learned in life on when, and how, to make a stand? What wisdom would you share with others from your experience?

John Byrne OSA

MUSINGS:

To know what matters and what does not is a lesson that accompanies us all through life. Today's Word of God condenses our choices to basic fundamentals. Be holy (First Reading). Show compassion and thanks. Our desire to be holy, compassionate, grateful and to love perfectly is intensely 'there' and, with equal intensity, 'not there'. We hold ourselves in a condition of surrender. We

desire all that God's Word offers us by invitation, yet we choose by our passivity not to initiate nor to cooperate. St Paul opens today's reading with a direct question: 'Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you?' From our own sluggish passivity arises a creativity, a mysterious liberation from all the everyday ordinariness of demands and deadlines. There is nothing to say in answer to the question by St Paul, nothing even to experience in any words that sound impressive, only to accept and realise in the words of today's Psalm, that 'we are crowned with love and compassion' and our 'life will be redeemed from the grave.'

Fr John Cullen

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

In preparation for Easter and in a relaxed atmosphere. Each Tuesday morning for 6 weeks. Starting Tuesday, 28th February from 10.30 to 12.00.

Includes tea/coffee/refreshments. It will be held in the Salesian Convent Fernbank.

If you are interested please contact Elizabeth Mulvin (087-254 6492) or Sr. Margo (086-379 5654).

Names to be in by Tuesday, 21st February if possible.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MASS:

Saturday, 18th February at 6:00pm for boys and their families from JFK School.

Sunday, 19th February at 10:00am for girls and their families from Salesian Primary School.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT:

Salesian Primary School Fernbank is now enrolling for the school year 2017 – 2018. Enrolment of children in the parish is now closing as there is a waiting list for children outside the parish. If you are living in the parish and have a child/children who will be 4 years of age on or before 1st September 2017, please enrol them now.

Closing date for same is Friday, 17th February 2017. Please bring your child's Birth Certificate and P.P.S. Number with you to the school when enrolling.

PRO-LIFE MEETING:

Pro-life meeting in Pery's Hotel, Glentworth Street, Limerick, on Sunday, 19th February, at 3:30pm.

Organised by the Life Institute. All Welcome.

Limerick Choral Festival 2017, Mar 3 - 5:

The Limerick Choral Festival was established to promote the development of choral music with special emphasis on the realm of church/sacred music in the city, wider region and throughout the country.

Directors: Dr. Michael O'Brien & Mr. Timothy Schinnick

<http://www.limerickchoralfestival.com/>

TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS:

Let us never place conditions on God! Entrusting ourselves to the Lord means entering into his plans without demanding anything.

Parish Website

www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

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Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays

09:00-12.30 Sunday

Mass Times: Weekends

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Mon. & Tues. 17:45

Saturday 09:45

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 10:30-17:30

Baptisms: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 18 th	18:00	Kitty, Séan & Celine Penny (A)
Sun 19 th	10:00	Jim & Bernie O'Gorman (A)
	11:30	Bridget Gore (MThs Mind)
		Mary & Bernard Ryan (A)
		Deceased members of the Luby family
Mon 20 th	10:00	Bridie Vaughan (Rec Dec)
	17:45	Nora O'Gorman
Tues 21 th	10:00	Eileen Webster (A)
	17:45	Nora Quilligan (Rec Dec)
Wed 22 th	10:00	Denis, Norah, John & Michael Lowney (A)
		Deceased members of the Egan family
Thurs 23 rd	10:00	John & Hannah Burke (A)
		Purgatorial
Fri 24 th	10:00	John Bolger (A)
Sat 25 th	09:45	Gerry Bennis (Rec Dec)
	18:00	Aiden Larkin (A)
		Peggy Flanagan (A)
		Diana Walsh (MThs Mind)
Sun 26 th	10:00	Nuala O'Toole (A)
	11:30	Kitty & Mattie Cooney (A)
		Brendan Murphy (A)

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