

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

1. Judas leaves, and Jesus announces that the moment has come for God’s power to be made manifest. This is unexpected at a moment of imminent betrayal. Have there been times for you when the power of God was made manifest in strange circumstances?
2. ‘I shall not be with you much longer.’ Jesus announces a parting of the ways. There are places we have to go in life, where others cannot come with us. There are places others have to go and we cannot accompany them. When have you experienced this going on alone as necessary for a fuller life for yourself, or for someone else?
3. Jesus proclaims love as the distinguishing characteristic of his followers. Have there been times when reaching out to others has heightened your sense of walking in the footsteps of Jesus?
4. Who are the individuals or communities whose love for one another and for others has been a witness to you?

The Deep End – Love one another

‘Love one another’ is the basic principle of Christianity, to love as Jesus loved. It is

people, because it was love without exclusion. To love as Jesus loved is to love those it is hard to love. This love ultimately led to Jesus’ death. Jesus loved sinners, tax collectors, prostitutes, people of other religions, the poor, the unwanted, the sick, the beggar, the leper. This love is too much for some Christians today also. It is hard to love the sinner or to love family members or friends who have hurt us. Yet this is the love that we are called to. Once we begin to accept that we are infinitely loved by God, it is like a domino effect where that love is poured outwards in our lives. We are part of this outpouring of God’s creative love and are called to bring this into places where there is none. In this way we are helping to heal, sustain and nourish this world. Let us hear those words of the Gospel more clearly today: ‘Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples.’ Let us dream of, and work towards, a world where this is a reality.

‘God has given us the power to create beauty, to make another smile, to be a healing presence in someone’s sorrow, to bring justice to the oppressed, to console those in difficulty, to bring peace and joy to others, to help those in need, to laugh and enjoy life, to do good and turn from evil, to forgive those who have hurt us, and, most of all, to love.’

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RECENTLY DECEASED IN APRIL

Martin Ryan, Noel Clancy, Breda Long and Claire Burns O’Keeffe. RIP.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Blood Donor Clinic in the Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Rd. on Thursday 23rd May from 5pm to 8pm.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Once again we have young people travelling to Lourdes with the diocesan pilgrimage. They will be speaking at all masses on the weekend of May 18th.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Annual general meeting of the parish pastoral council on 8pm, Tuesday 28th May, 2019 at the parish centre.

Please make the effort to attend as in this new era for the church it is imperative that we participate in the parish community

ROSARY

Rosary at 8pm every night at The Grotto of Our Lady

REFLECTION

Mary, Virgin of Fatima, we are certain that each one of us is precious in your eyes and that nothing in our hearts has estranged you. Guard our life with your embrace, guide us all on the path to holiness.

Pope Francis (Twitter)

VOICES FROM ACROSS THE WATER

Temple College Chorale from Texas in the United States will perform a concert of American, European and Irish music in aid of the Sarnelli House Orphanage on Monday 20 May at 8pm at Mount St Alphonsus, Church of

the Redemptorists, (Reds) South Circular Road, Limerick. A programme of traditional folk songs, Irish melodies, spirituals, and light operetta is in store, presented by 35 singers aged 18 + years who are making their Irish debut. Entrance is free with a retiring collection.

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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 18th	18:00	Patricia Irwin (A) John, Nora, & Brian South (A) Áine Dineen (A) Joe O’Leary (A)
Sun 19th	10:00 11:30	Shane O’Donovan (A) Philomena Dunworth (A) Martin Ryan (M/M)
Mon 20th	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 21st	10:00	Martin Ryan (Rec Dec)
Wed 22nd	10:00	Susan & Brendan O’Sullivan (A)
Thurs 23rd	10:00	Tom Smith (A)
Fri 24th	10:00	Bernard & Catherina Evans (A)
Sat 25th	9:45 18:00	Prayer Service John Clifford (A) Breda Long (M/M)

Sun 26th 10:00 Nancy & Michael Roche (A)
11:30 Gerry McCabe (A)
Lena & John Cody (A)