

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 20:1-9

In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer.

1. The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover, comes another shock – the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?

2. Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' Have you been in that kind of a situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?

3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'. Have there been times when others have done something that you don't understand, and which they could not explain and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed; times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence?

Have there been times when others have shown this faith in you when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'?

Have there been times in your relationship with God when you felt faced with an empty tomb and still you believed?

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### MUSINGS: BE A PERSON WHO SINGS LIFE!

Be people who sing life, who sing faith. This is important: don't just recite the Credo, recite faith, know faith, but sing faith! That's it. Tell faith, live faith with joy, and this is called 'singing faith'. And it's not me saying it! Saint Augustine said it 1600 years ago: 'sing faith'! **Pope Francis, Address, 3 May 2014**

### OUR PARISH PRAYERS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE - SPECIAL EVENTS:

Sat. 7 April: Pilgrimage to Knock Book Early  
Sat 28 April: Vigil of the Faithful Who is with us?  
Sun 29 April: John Waters on the Sociocultural & Political consequences of repeal of the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment

**THE PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** will meet in our Parish Centre with those who have been bereaved, to offer support in a friendly environment, with refreshments on **the First Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, after 10.00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.**

**THE MILFORD HOSPICE 5KM MEMORIAL WALK** will take place on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at the University of Limerick, starting at 12.00 noon. There is no entry fee, but the organisers are encouraging people to seek sponsorship for the lunchtime walk or else make a donation.

The walk has a **NEW START LOCATION** - the **Main Plaza** (outside the Library) at UL and will finish at the Milford Care Centre. Participants can place a hand-written tribute on colourful ribbon that will adorn the special memorial tree on the grounds of Milford. Refreshments will be available after this memorial occasion. It's necessary for everyone to register for the event on [www.eventmaster.ie](http://www.eventmaster.ie). Alternatively, for registration and sponsorship cards contact the Fundraising Department at 061 485859, between 9-5pm, or [fundraising@milfordcarecentre.ie](mailto:fundraising@milfordcarecentre.ie).

### MILFORD HOSPICE SHOP

Milford Hospice Shop stocks great bargains and gifts for all the family. If you are in the midst of a spring clean/de-clutter, the Milford Hospice Shop would be delighted to accept your once loved.

We regret that we are unable to collect donations and can no longer sell electrical goods, safety equipment and certain children's items. Items can be dropped to Milford Hospice Shop, 22 Thomas Street, between 9-5pm.

**RECENT DEATHS:** We remember all our Parishioners who have died during the month of March and express our sympathy to their families. Brid Fitzsimons, Anne Keane and Susan Murray.

**May they rest in peace.**

### PARISH WEBSITE

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17:00-17:30 Monday & Tuesday  
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 31 <sup>st</sup>	20:00	Easter Vigil
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	Easter Sunday Mass
	11.30	Easter Sunday Mass
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00	Gerard Mulvin (A); Bill McGee (A)
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Special Intention
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Thomas Brosnan (A)
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Ann and Mick O'Connor (A)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Paddy Finucane (A)
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	09.45	
	18.00	Bridie, Willie and Michael Ryan (A); Paddy Hartnett (Rem)
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Don Cameron (A)
	11.30	Michael Leonard (A) Maureen Burtcheill (A)

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