

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

### LUKE 23:35-43

1. Today's feast puts before us Jesus as a person who never used power for his own selfish advantage. Who have you known who used power for the benefit of others rather than for their own self-interest? When have you used power in this way?
2. The power of God is shown in an unexpected way in the Crucifixion, not in a wonderful display of spectacular dominance, but in Jesus sharing our human weakness. When has the honesty of another sharing his/her human vulnerability with you had a powerful effect? When has our honesty in that way had a positive effect on another?
3. Jesus is an example of someone in apparent helplessness. In human terms, he was powerless. It was his trust in the love of God with him that helped him through. It was only later with the hindsight of the resurrection that the moment of helplessness could be seen as one in which the power of God was present. Have you had experiences on which you can look back now and see that the power of God was at work in your moments of helplessness?
4. We may also identify with the good thief, reaching out in support of the innocent Jesus. Who has reached out to you when you experienced unfair treatment? To whom have you reached out to in that way.
5. The scene also puts before us the liberating power of forgiveness. The forgiveness of Jesus brought new life to the

criminal hanging on the cross with him. When have you found that forgiveness given, or received, was a source of new life for yourself or for others?

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### MUSINGS: 'Christ the King'

This is the final Sunday of Year C and as we draw to a close, in our reading of Luke's Gospel, we hear the account of Jesus' crucifixion. It is the Feast of Christ the King and this Gospel certainly gives us an opportunity to lay aside a lot of cultural baggage we may have about kings, leaders and kingdoms. Jesus' kingdom is unlike the one that Pilate, or many other earthly leaders know. It is a kingdom built on love, service, justice, reconciliation and peace. Few 'kings' can measure up to this: responding to violence with forgiveness, giving those with not hope a reason to hope. Today's Gospel gives a powerful image of Jesus as servant King, like a beacon light for society in today's world. Who do you know in our world today who is the more living example of this type of kingship, making daily sacrifices in endless service to those around them?

'The power of truth, of honesty, of forgiveness – with no frills! How different the world would be if it was governed by this kind of power.' Michel de Verteuil

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**THE LITURGY GROUP** will meet on 22 November at 7 pm in the Parish Centre.

**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING:** The Feast of Christ the King is the final Sunday in the Christian liturgical calendar. Christ is the King of all things, the one who leads, guides and blesses all we do. Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 for the universal church in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. He connected the increasing denial of Christ as King to the rise of secularism throughout Europe. At the time of *Quas Primas*, many Christians (including Catholics) began to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority.

### MERCY IN ACTION IN LIMERICK!

A special Year of Mercy celebration will take place in St John's Cathedral today, Sunday, 20 November at 4.00 pm.

A number of local and national organisations have agreed to be part of the story of the liturgy and it promises to be a reflective and meaningful experience for young and old alike.

Please spread the word so we have a full Cathedral with representatives from every parish to bring the works of Mercy to every home, parish, community and workplace across Limerick in a meaningful way.

**ADVENT TALKS:** A series of four Advent talks begin on Tuesday 22 November in Blessed Terence Albert Hall, Dominic Street and will continue each Tuesday. The talks begin at 7.30 pm, a donation of €5 is invited. Tuesday 22 November – The Creation stories of Genesis – their meaning in our lives and world. – Benedict Hegarty

**REFLECTION:** Every person is important. It doesn't matter whether you play the violin, the flute, the cello or the drums; you're still part of the orchestra.

### Parish Website

[www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie](http://www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie)

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Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays  
17:00-17:30 Mon & Tue  
09:00-12.30 Sunday

### Mass Times: Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

### Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00 ;

Mon. to Fri. 17:45 (for November)

Saturday 09:45

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 18:15-19:00

Friday 10:30-17:30

**Meditation:** Monday 19:00

**Baptisms:** Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>18:00</b>	Liam & Mary Garahy (A)
<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	John & Christine Guirey (A)
	<b>11:30</b>	Eddie & Patsy Hogan (A) Elsie & Michael Greene (A) Pat & Emer Ryan (A)
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Dora Brosnan (A)
	<b>17:45</b>	Patsy McGann (Rec. Dec.)
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Anne & John McNamara (A) Dec. Mem. of Limerick Treaty Probus
	<b>17:45</b>	Purgatorial Society
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Joan O'Dea (A)
	<b>17:45</b>	William Ryan (A)
<b>Thur 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Dec. Mem. Par Bridge Club
	<b>17:45</b>	Purgatorial Society
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Fr. John Coneely (A)
	<b>17:45</b>	Brian Bennett (Rec. Dec.)
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:45</b>	Joan O'Dea (A)
	<b>18:00</b>	Eamon Keane (A) Tom & Gerard Goodwin (A)
<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Kay Leahy (Rec. Dec.)
	<b>11:30</b>	Jim Finucane (1 <sup>st</sup> A) Jack & Marie Frawley (A)