

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL – Mission Sunday

1. In his prayer Jesus, asserts that eternal life consists in knowing God and Himself as one sent by God. We receive this life through hearing the word of God spoken to us by Jesus, receiving it, and believing in it. Bring to mind times when accepting and believing the words of Jesus was a source of life to you.

2. Jesus prayed that those who believed his word would be protected in time of trial. How have you experienced Jesus as a protector in life?

3. Jesus prayed that his followers would be one, something unfortunately still far from a reality. Perhaps you have experienced both the pain of division and the joy of unity. Recall times when you felt a deep unity with others. What lessons did you learn from the experience?

4. As Jesus was sent into the world by the Father, so he in turn sends us into the world. At this moment in your life, what do you see as the practical consequences for you of this mission from Jesus?

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The Deep End : Crying out

The judge in the parable we hear today is hardly a role model. He delivers justice to the widow, not because he cares about her but because he wants to get rid of her. He acts out of selfishness. This unjust judge is in contrast with God, who is full of compassion, particularly for those who are most in need. When his people cry out, God hears their pleas. On the surface, the parable is about the need to pray and not lose heart, and the

faithfulness of God. But like many of Jesus' parables, it has many layers. It also teaches us about justice, and how we should respond to those crying out for justice.

At the time of Jesus, widows were one of the most vulnerable groups in society; many were left without resources after the death of a husband. In our own country and in other parts of the world, millions of people continue to cry out for justice. Are we like the unjust judge, burying our head in the sand and simply hoping they will go away? Do we offer a half-hearted response, just to make ourselves feel better? Or is our response rooted in a real sense of justice and compassion?

'May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths,
And superficial relationships
And may God bless you
With enough foolishness
To believe that you can
Make a difference in the world,
So that you can do
What others claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness
To all our children and the poor.

Franciscan blessing

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Pro Life Campaign National Conference 2019 takes place on Saturday 2nd November 1pm to 4.30pm in the RDS Concert Hall Ballsbridge Dublin 4 For more information see www.prolifecampaign.ie or Ph 01 6629275. Ashley Bratcher, lead actress in the movie **Unplanned** will be keynote speaker at the conference.

Mission Month – October 2019

This Sunday is Mission Sunday. It is a chance to remember missionaries who continue today to spread the Gospel in situations that are sometimes very challenging. There is a special collection for the missions and we ask you to contribute generously. This year's **World Mission Sunday** theme, '**Together We Are Mission**', is a message for everyone. As Pope Francis said 'I am a mission, always, you are a mission, always; every baptised man and woman is a mission'. So while we remember with gratitude the great work done by missionaries, we are invited to reflect on the part our own missionary hearts can play in communicating the Gospel to others. October is celebrated as an 'Extraordinary Mission Month' throughout the Church.

How to Live the Extraordinary Missionary

1. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ
2. Testimony: missionary saints, martyrs
3. Missionary formation
4. Missionary charity.

Pro Life event Tuesday October 22nd at 8pm at South Court Hotel, by Family & Life, with Irish media adviser, commentator, John McGuirk, and Teresa White of **Gianna Care**. Teresa is a student in NUIG who is a volunteer. Gianna Care offer care and support to those facing difficult situations such as unwanted pregnancies. They offer much support to mothers and their babies.

Limerick4Life meeting Thursday 24th at 7.30pm, at the Dominican Church meeting room, with a guest speaker from the ProLife Campaign "Community Connect" project, an initiative from LoveBoth to support pregnant women in a practical and tangible way.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: There will be Adoration each First Friday beginning on Friday 4th October from **10:30 to 12:30**.

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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 : Prayer Service

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00
Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19 th	18:00	Sile Quilligan (A), Teresa Ryan (A)
Sun 20 th	10:00 11:30	Hugh Maye (A) Tim O'Brien (A) Carol Moran (A)
Mon 21 st	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 22 nd	10:00	Edward Webster (A)
Wed 23 rd	10:00	John Kenny (A)
Thur 24 th	10:00	Jim O'Donnell (A)
Fri 25 th	10:00	Ger & Bernie Duffy (Rec Dec)
Sat 26 th	09:45 18:00	Prayer Service James Irwin (A), John Tobin (A) Gerard Collins (A)
Sun 27 th	10:00 11:30	Tim Leddin (A) Eugene Feeley (A) John Galvin (A)