

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL
Easter Vigil: Luke 24:1-12

1. You might identify with the women through the events of that morning. They came, searched, and found an empty tomb. Then they were told they were looking in the wrong place: 'Why look for the living among the dead'. Finally, they had to cope with the staggering good news that Jesus was alive when they thought he was dead. Let their story remind you of when you found life again where you thought there was none – perhaps you discovered that you had been looking in the wrong place.
2. The women were the first witnesses to the resurrection. Remember the women in your life who have brought you good news, and the women who have been witnesses to you bringing you to faith in yourself, in others, or in God.
3. The women did not keep their discovery to themselves, but hastened to share the good news with the apostles. Have there been times when your heart has been full of good news that you were eager to share with others.

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A Morning of Reflection – April 2nd

Committee – Sr. Margo, Elizabeth Mulvin, Vera Hehir, Peig O'Riain.
 Venue – Salesian Convent School, an area containing a beautiful church, large halls and

an ambiance of peace and tranquillity. You could feel the peace even before we had our little introduction for the morning programme. Sr. Margaret Downey was the chief "Giver"- a Sister I was so fortunate to have met on two previous occasions in the residence of the Salesian Sisters in Bracken.

The morning began with 10am mass in the Holy Rosary Church and we walked (most of us) down the road to the venue. We were greeted at the door by smiling faces and a warm welcome. Many familiar faces were there. The room was tranquil and you could actually feel it – distractions and all mental "dos" became silent – what a joy.

Chairs were arranged in a circle. A draperie of silk like coloured material was spread on the floor in a meandering way – to indicate the many turns and twists in life. Candles were placed at junctures en route. They were lit in sequence as the story unfolded....what a story. It showed and portrayed all the trials or tribulations of Jesus on his sad journey and en route the role of women in his life - His mother Mary, Mary Magdalene – a woman who was scorned by society – but she was loved by Jesus, who never judged her - and defied anybody who had not sinned to throw the first stone.

Jesus reached out to all especially those outcast by "society", cured Simon the leper, Mary, wife of Cleophas – He helped and healed broken people in mind or body and He never reproached them for their sins or misdemeanours – especially Mary Magdalene who was the first to see Him after He left the tomb.

A very special morning of reflection for me. Many thanks to all who prepared this event. Bridie Burke.

HAPPY EASTER



We hope this Easter that you will experience the mercy, compassion and inner peace that the Risen Lord promises.

Beannachtaína Cáscadibhgo léir
From
The Priests and Parish Pastoral Council

Upcoming event at Knock Shrine: The 37th annual Mercy Sunday pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 28th April. Ceremonies commence at 12.45 pm. Chief celebrant for the Mass will be Archbishop Michael Neary, Archbishop of Tuam. Divine Mercy devotions will be led by Fr. Mark Byrne, SOLT. The soloist for the Mass will be James Kilbane and he will be joined by St. Peter's Choir, Milford, Co. Donegal

Lough Derg One Day Retreats begin on Saturday 4th May and continue on 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 25th, 26th and 27th. Why not take some time and space on Lough Derg personally or as a parish group this May? Booking essential. Tel: 0(0353) 71 9861518. Email: info@loughderg.org

Reflection: When there is no room for miracle or mystery in our lives, when we are filled with anxiety about our problems and the necessity to find pragmatic solutions, our capacity for

hope diminishes, because hope belongs to the realm of mystery. Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy.

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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 20 th	21:00	Easter Vigil
Sun 21 st	10:00	Thomas Kenny (A)
	11:30	Eddie Grimes (1s A)
Mon 22 nd	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 23 rd	10:00	Catherine & Michael McNamara (Rem)
Wed 24 th	10:00	Special Intentions
Thurs 25 th	10:00	Tony Donovan (A)
		Kieran Normoyle (Rec. Dec.)
Fri 26 th	10:00	Pat & Norma Gallagher (A)
Sat 27 th	18:00	Paddy & Mary White (A)
		Maura Holliday (A)
		Brigid & Frank Murphy
		Ray Barriskale (A)
		Joan Leahy (1 st A)
		Christy Barry (Jnr) (A)
Sun 28 th	10:00	Earl Connolly (A)
	11:30	Sarah Maye (A)
		Paddy Keane & Helen Keane (Guerin) (A)
		Percy O'Kennedy (A)