

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

### MARK 1:14-20

‘The time is fulfilled’ – this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, ‘the time was fulfilled’.

‘Repent and believe the good news’. Jesus was not preaching a new doctrine, he was proclaiming an event that had already happened. The time has come. Jesus called for a change of heart as a response to the good news of the gospel message. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart. A growth in awareness of who we are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. Can you recall times when ‘good news’ led you to a change of heart?

The Spirit of God who was at work in Jesus calling the disciples continues to work in our day and in our lives. That is why the gospel message is one of good news. When has your understanding of the gospel message led you to a different style of life? Who was the Jesus person through whom the call came to you? To whom have you been a Jesus person in this way?

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## CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

You are invited to an **Ecumenical Service** in Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Tuesday 23 January from 12 noon to 12.50 pm. Students from ÁrdScoilRís, Villiers, JFK and Salesian Primary School will participate in the Service.

The Theme is **‘ONE BREAD ONE BODY’**  
Please join us if you can. There will be Tea/Coffee and chat in the Parish Centre after the Service.

## THE HOSPITALITY GROUP

Please note that the **Cuppa and Chat** has resumed on Wednesdays after 10.00 Mass. The **Monday Social Get-together** also resumes on Monday next 22 January in the Parish Centre from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. **Ramble in to share your interests and hobbies, have a chat and a cuppa.**

## NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We wish to thank those who volunteered to prepare the Parish Newsletter during 2017. Additional volunteers are welcome this year.

Do you have a computer, can you type and send an e-mail? The preparation of the Parish Newsletter involves collecting information/news and a list of Mass Intentions by Wednesday from the Sacristy. Typing it up and emailing it to St John's Parish office by Friday, collecting the printed newsletters and bringing them to the Church by Saturday morning. Training will be provided. Please contact the Sacristy.

## OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,  
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.  
Make us patient and kind,  
gentle and generous,  
welcoming to those in need.  
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,  
Especially those for whom we now pray:  
(We pause and remember family members and others by name)

Increase our faith,  
Strengthen our hope  
Keep us safe in your love,  
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.  
This we ask, through Christ our Lord.  
AMEN

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.*  
*Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.*  
*Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.*  
*Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.*

## ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND – SOCIAL CLUB

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland hold a Social Club for people with dementia and their carers, in a supported environment, each Tuesday morning in St. Mary's RFC, Grove Island, between 11.00am and 1.00 pm. There is no charge to attend and tea and coffee are provided. Please phone Mary at 061-313456 if you would like to attend or just call to St Mary's RFC on Tuesdays from 11.00 am.

## IMMIGRANT SUNDAY

We wish to thank all those who contributed to last week's celebration of **Immigrant Sunday**, in particular Jerome Chung for his art work. An

enjoyable cup of tea and chat was had by all in the Parish Centre after Mass.

**REFLECTION:** ‘You can catch more flies with a spoonful of honey than with a barrel full of vinegar’. *St. Francis de Sales*

## 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

09:00-12.30 Sunday

## Mass Times: Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

## Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00 ;

Mon. 17:45

Saturday 09:45

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 18:15-19:00

**Baptisms:** Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Fr. Brendan Dalton (Rec.Dec.) Gordon Holmes (A) Frank Crowe (A)
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Bobby & Nuala Holmes (A)
	11:30	Paddy & Birdie Fitzpatrick (A) Sheila & Joe Kirby (A)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	Special Intention
	17:45	Diana Gleeson Walsh (1 <sup>st</sup> A)
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Special Intention
	12:00	Ecumenical Service
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Mary McCormack (Rec.Dec.)
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	09:45	Sr. John & Rita Barry (A)
	18:00	Eddie Gavin (1 <sup>st</sup> A) Maura Naughton (M.M.) Ger O'Donovan (A) Noreen Maloney (M.M.)
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Eithne Roberts (A)
	11:30	Liam Aherne (A)