

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 14:15-21 21 May 2017

1. 'If you love me you will keep my commandments', and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13:34). How have you experienced the link between love of God and love of those around you?
2. Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not 'leave them orphans' but send an 'Advocate' to 'be with (them) for ever'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?
3. Perhaps you have also experienced the challenge of preparing another (a child, a friend) for a time when you would no longer be physically together. Recall how you gave the message of your ongoing support.
4. How have you experienced the presence and support of a loved one (parent, spouse, friend) when circumstances have separated you from them?
5. The proof of the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples is that 'I live and you will live.' Discipleship is about much more than rules and regulations. It is about being alive. How has discipleship helped you to be more fully alive?

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### MUSINGS: The Energy of Love

#### St Teresa's prayer

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are eyes through which he looks with compassion on the world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do well. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours the feet, You are his eyes, you are his body.

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Mostly we find Jesus alive in the love of others. The energy of love is connected to the energy of God, for God is love. Other times we find God close to us in prayer; but where we can sense him alive mostly is in the ordinary and extraordinary loves of every day, in marriage, family, friendship and care for others.

Many of us don't realise that in this way we have been Christ-bearers. In listening to another, in care of all sorts, in putting ourselves out for the other, in working for justice and for peace, the Spirit of God is alive and people are touched by God's love through the co-operation of ordinary men and women.

Pray a litany to some favourite saints.  
Lord, make our love cheerful and kind.  
Let us know always that human love reflects your love.

By Donal Neary SJ Messenger Publications  
**Youth Group Cake sale for Lourdes 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
"The youth group travelling to Lourdes in June, are holding a cake sale after 11.30 Mass on **Sunday 28th May** in the Parish Centre. There will be tea/coffee and cakes for sale and all donations of cakes will be most welcome. (They can be dropped off at Parish centre before Mass)"

**May the Month for Mary**, Rosary recited every evening at 8pm at Salesians Grotto.  
**Feast Lady Help of Christians Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
*Salesians Girls School will attend 10am Mass.*

**AGM Parish Pastoral Council Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**8pm** after the Monthly Parish Council meeting at 7pm at Parish Centre. Any motions to be handed into the Sacristy. The PPC meet once a month from Sep-May. We are a representation of the parishioners and welcome new members. Anyone interested in joining please come to the AGM. There will be tea/coffee afterwards and time to meet everyone and ask questions.

**Invitation to celebrate Sun 28<sup>th</sup> May** a significant milestone in your life, Marriage, Religious Life, etc, you are invited to 11.30am Mass Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> when your intentions will be remembered.

**Eight Reasons to Protect the 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Amendment from [www.Loveboth.ie](http://www.Loveboth.ie)**

**Reason 5: Adoption, a positive**

**alternative:** We can "Love Both" is through the promotion of adoption as an option in a crisis pregnancy. We say this with the utmost sensitivity and understanding of what a difficult and heroic act it is to give up your baby over for adoption. There are millions of lives saved because of adoption.

One was Steve Jobs, Founder of Apple who testified to the importance of adoption in his life and the gratitude he had for his mother by saying 'I wanted to meet my biological mother, mostly to thank her, because I'm glad I didn't end up as an abortion. She was twenty three and she went through a lot to have me.' Just 7 babies were adopted in Ireland during 2015.

**Reason 6: Stories of hope after rape** We can love both is the case of pregnancy following rape. It's very important that we don't allow abortion to become the "default response" to pregnancy in these cases. The Rape Crisis Centre has carried out research that shows that 74% of women in Ireland who become pregnant after rape do not have an abortion.

The Love Both vision takes into accounts the needs of both mother and baby in these cases. **Rally For Life Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2pm Dublin** All welcome. [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net)  
**Changes to Masses Times:** Weekday evening Mass only on Mondays & First Friday.  
**Congratulations First Communion Girls & Boys**

#### Parish Website

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

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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

Friday 10:30-17:30

**Baptisms:** Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	David Bourke (A) Bernie McMahon (A) Christy Barry Jrn (M/M)
Sun 21 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 11:30	Peggy Kelly (Rec Dec) Joe O'Leary (A)
Mon 22nd	10:00	Theresa Bradley (Rec Dec)
Mon 22nd	17:45	
Tues 23rd	10:00	Dec members Fox Family
Wed 24th	10:00	Catherine Eivers (A)
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Anne & Frank Davis (A)
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	John & Anne McNamara (A)
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	09:45 18:00	Kitty & Catherine Condon (A) John Clifford (A) Kevin Kelleher (A)
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 11:30	Tom Smith (A) Gerry McCabe (A) Sean Canny (1 <sup>st</sup> A)

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