

**SEEING YOUR LIFE  
THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS**  
Mark 10:35-45

1. Jesus had spent much time teaching his followers that discipleship was a life of service, a life of giving oneself for others. In spite of that James and John were thinking of what they could get out of it. For Jesus, for the apostles, and for each one of us, the glory of God is revealed when we allow God to work through us as we give ourselves for others. When have you found that you reach a fuller life, and others benefit, when you act in this spirit of service?

2. One of the great problems in a community, a parish, or an organisation, is when you have some people jockeying for status and positions of power. The good of the group and the people it serves take second place to personal prestige. You have probably seen this happen. Perhaps you have also witnessed people with a spirit of service that allowed them to value the good of the group over personal rewards. Recall them and give thanks for their witness.

3. Jesus himself is the great model of this spirit of service. Think of the aspects of Jesus' life and ministry that have inspired you to imitate his giving of his life for others.

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**MUSINGS:**  
'... for over a thousand years, the Church has greeted Mary, the Mother of God, as 'Star of the Sea': Ave maris stella. Human life is a

journey. Towards which destination? How do we find the way? Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the true light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history. But to reach him we also need lights close by – people who shine with his light and so guide us along our way. Who more than Mary could be a star of hope for us? With her 'yes' she opened the door of our world to God himself; she became the living Ark of the Covenant, in whom God took flesh, became one of us, and pitched his tent among us (cf. Jn 1:14).'

*Benedict XVI, Spe Salvi 49*

**CHRISTIAN MEDIATION:**

Every Monday evening in the church at 7pm, all welcome.

**MISSION SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER:**

This October Mission Sunday will be celebrated on the 21st. On the day, collections from masses worldwide will go entirely to support the fearless and selfless work of missionaries - our brothers and sisters who go to the grassroots level to help struggling communities in the developing world.

The support you give this October means that missionaries can continue to empower local people to build self-sufficient communities of faith, hope, and love. The support you give can and will change lives!

**TROCAIRE VOLUNTEER INITIATIVE:**

Are you interested in volunteering and becoming part of something really worthwhile? The Trócaire volunteers in our Diocese had a great year of action for social justice and are now looking to expand their wings to more local parishes. To find out more please contact Marie-Anne Michel 091 781 231, volunteering@trocaire.org or locally contact Rose in the Diocesan Centre at rose.oconnor@limerickdiocese.org. The closing date for expressions of interest for volunteers is the 26th October 2018.

**THE HAPPY HALLOWEEN EXPERIENCE:**

Families in Limerick can look forward to a spooky (but not scary) Halloween half-term treat, with the return of the spooktacular 'Happy Halloween' experience in the Jetland Shopping Centre in Limerick.

Open: Friday 19th - Sunday 21st October (12pm to 6pm, Friday 3pm to 6pm).

Open: Friday 26th - Wednesday 31st October (12pm - 6pm).

The cost is just €5 per child, with free entry for adults, and everyone is encouraged to dress-up in their favourite Halloween costumes.

**POPE FRANCIS TWITTER:**

Spend time before the Lord in contemplation, and do everything possible for the Lord at the service of others.

Contemplation and service: this is our path of life.

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Saturday Vigil	18:00
Sunday	10:00; 11:30
<u>Weekdays:</u>	
Mon. to Fri.	10:00
Saturday	09:45
BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00 Sunday 12:15	

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Sile Quilligan (1 <sup>st</sup> A)
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Tim O'Brien (A)
	11:30	Irene & Eddie O'Neill (A) Carol Moran (A)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	Michael Ryan (Rec Dec)
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	John Kenny (A)
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Brian, Sadie & Anthony Leavy (A)
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Prayer Service
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Michael Ryan (Rec Dec)
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	09:45	Fr. Antoin O'Tuathaigh (M/M)
	18:00	James Irwin (A)
		Teresa Ryan (A)
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Paschal Ryan (A)
	11:30	Eugene Feeley (A) John Galvin (A)

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