

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

### MATTHEW 4:12-23

1, 'The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light'. Jesus applies this to himself and his message. Who have been the Jesus people who have been a source of light to you? Have you been such a light for others? 2. His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared, to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?

3. Jesus invited disciples to join him in his mission. In responding the disciples 'left their nets' to follow Jesus. Sometimes we have to disentangle ourselves for other things to give ourselves freely and wholeheartedly to a commitment. Have you experienced being 'enmeshed' and being free? Where did you find life?

4. In v.23 we have a summary of the ministry of Jesus – 'proclaiming the good news of the kingdom' and witnessing to this by teaching and healing. Who have been the people you have known who have witnessed to the 'kingdom', the reign of God in our world? What have been the signs that accompanied their witness? When have you done this yourself?

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### MUSINGS: Jesus begins his ministry

A net is an expandable object. When the fish enter, it stretches. It's an image that reoccurs in parables and in the personal stories of the disciples up to and following

the death and resurrection of Jesus. They understand the mystery of the Kingdom to be a net that gathers fish of all kinds. In today's Gospel they let go of the net of preoccupation and follow the Lord into discipleship. Christ's net is reminiscent of the biblical 'leading strings of love' which God uses to draw people to himself. The disciples' response contrasts with that of those who put their hand to the plough and turn back. Jesus's project is the Kingdom, not the material restoration of the Temple. Not power. As a Church, we must know our priority is the Kingdom of God's mercy and of the Spirit, but do we?

Fr David O'Riordan

**FRIDAY ADORATION** has resumed on Fridays from 10:30 to 17:30 after the Christmas break. The commitment of the regular volunteers is much appreciated. More volunteers for 2017 would be very welcome.

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION :

Sunday 28 January at 6.00 pm Mass - Boys and their families from the JFK school.

Sunday 29 January at 11.30 am Mass - girls and their families from the Salesian Primary School.

**THE FEAST OF ST BLAISE (2 FEBRUARY):** You are invited to bring Candles for blessing before 2 February. They can be used in your home or in the Church. Thank you to all who donate candles for use in our Church.

## NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 Johns Parish office by Thursday morning, collecting the printed version and bringing it to the Church by Saturday morning. Training will be provided. Please contact the Sacristy.

**THE HOSPITALITY GROUP** would like to remind you that the **Cuppa and Chat** has resumed on Wednesdays after 10.00 Mass. The **Monday Social Get-together** has also resumed on Mondays in the Parish Centre from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. **Ramble in to share your interests and hobbies, have a chat and a cuppa.**

**THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL** would like to thank all those who contributed to the Christmas Appeal and all those who contributed to the monthly collection. Your support is greatly appreciated as without it we would not be able to help those in need. You are remembered in our prayers.

**RETREAT FOR MEN:** The Order of the Knights of St. Columbanus will hold a retreat for men on Saturday 28 January from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm (finishes with Mass) in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Centre. The retreat leader is Rev. Joseph Hayes S.J. The theme of the retreat is THE BEATITUDES.

Cost €20 (includes lunch):

To book email: [ck90limerick@gmail.com](mailto:ck90limerick@gmail.com)

**REFLECTION:** Some people are like a wheelbarrow. They go no further than they are pushed. (Author Unknown)

### 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. & Tues. 17:45

Saturday 09:45

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 10:30-17:30

Baptisms: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

### MASS INTENTIONS

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|------------------------|----------------|---|
| Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>   | 18:00          | Gordon Holmes (A)<br>Sean Chambers (A)  |
| Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | 10:00<br>11:30 | Birdie & Paddy Fitzpatrick (A)<br>Robert & Nuala Holmes (A)<br>Margaret Power (A)   |
| Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | 10:00<br>17:45 | Irene Byrne (Rec. Dec.)<br>Special Intention  |
| Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>  | 10:00<br>17:45 | Vincent, Ursula & Barry<br>O'Callaghan (A)<br>Purgatorial Society   |
| Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>   | 10:00          | Margaret O'Reilly (Rec. Dec.)   |
| Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> | 10:00          | Purgatorial Society   |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>   | 10:00          | Dec. Mem. of the Brosnan Family   |
| Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>   | 09:45<br>18:00 | Brenda Keane (Rec. Dec.)<br>Gerard & Norrie O'Brien (A)<br>Eithne Roberts (A)<br>Shane Courtney (A)<br>Ger O'Donovan (A)<br>Eamon Cassidy (A) |
| Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>   | 10:00<br>11:30 | Eddie Cahill (A)<br>Patricia Nash (M.M.)<br>Liam Ahern (1st A)<br>Carmel Corbett (M.M.)<br>Paddy Ryan (M.M.)                                  |

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