

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

**John 20:19-31**

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?

2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting and questioning played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?

3. Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?

4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed.' That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

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## MUSINGS

Jesus reveals himself with his wounds: his whole body was clean, beautiful and full of light but the wounds were and are still there,

and when the Lord comes at the end of the world, we will see his wounds. Before he could believe, Thomas wanted to place his fingers in the wounds. He was stubborn. But that was what the Lord wanted – a stubborn person to make us understand something greater.

*Pope Francis*

### St Thomas the Apostle

*'We do not know... how can we know the way?*

*Courageous mast of the awkward question,  
You spoke the words the others dared not say  
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.*

*O doubting Thomas, father of my faith,  
You put your finger on the nub of things:*

*We cannot love some disembodied wraith,  
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.  
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,  
Feel after him and find him in the flesh.*

*Because he loved your awkward counterpoint  
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.  
O place my hand with yours, help me divine  
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine*

**Malcolm Guite (From Sounding the Seasons – Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year, Canterbury Press)**

**EASTER DUES:** We wish to acknowledge and thank all who have returned their Easter Offering Envelopes for the Priests and the Sacristan and all who are in the process of doing so. If you are contributing by cheque, please make the cheques payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish' and in relation to the Sacristan to 'Margaret Clifford'

## AGM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**TUESDAY 23 MAY 2017  
@ 8.00PM**

**In the Parish Centre**

**Any motions to be handed into the  
Sacristy before Friday 19 May.**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The next meeting of the PPC is Tuesday 25 April at 7.30pm

**CHANGES TO MASS TIMES:** Weekday Evening Mass will only be held on Mondays and First Friday.

### LAY LED LITURGY OF THE WORD:

On Tuesday 25 April every parish in the Limerick diocese has been asked to host a lay led liturgy. Our priests and Bishop Leahy will be gathered for a clergy conference on that day.

The liturgy for that day will be prepared in the parish and led by parishioners in Our Lady of the Rosary church at 10.00 am.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** We celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, today, from 2.30pm to 5.45pm in the Redemptorist church.

**REFLECTION:** 'What we think, what we know or what we believe in, is in the end of little consequence. The only consequence is what we do.' **John Ruskin**

### Parish Website

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

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Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays

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 22 <sup>nd</sup>	18:00	Ray Barriscala (A) Mary Deloughry (M.M.)
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Mary Casserly (A) George Lynch (A) Michael Ryan (A)
	11.30	Mary Hogan (A) Ger Barry (M.M.) Percy O'Kennedy (A) Donal Cameron (A) Jaqueline & Jack O'Toole (A)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 17:45	LAY LED LITURGY OF THE WORD
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Purgatorial Society
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Fr. John Connelly (R.I.P.)
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	09:45 18:00	Bridget Murphy (A) Gertie McCormack (A) Sarah Maye (A)
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 11:30	Maurice Toomey (A) Earl Connolly (A) Paddy Keane (A) Helen Keane-Guerin (A)

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