

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Matthew 13:24-43

1. The owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see everything is not right. Sometimes a preoccupation with the negative (the darnel) can blind us to seeing the positive in our own lives and in the lives of others. When have you found that a willingness to live with the messiness of the present created the conditions for future growth?

2. Have you ever found that it was through accepting the darnel that you learned important lessons for life, e.g., learning by making mistakes, or asking stupid questions, or taking foolish risks?

3. The parables of the mustard seed and the leaven are reminders that seemingly insignificant things can have very positive results. Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a kind gesture, a small initiative, or a word of encouragement?

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MUSINGS: Let them both grow

Did you ever think that perhaps your faults have some benefits? We get discouraged when we go to confession (did I say 'go to confession?') and discover we are saying the

same old things over and over again. In this Sunday's parable Jesus says that the weeds can exist side by side with the wheat and God will sort it out at the end of our lives.

Along the way it just may be that our faults have some benefit. First, they keep us humble. Second, they keep us honest so that we don't approach others with judgment. And our faults can remind us to treasure our virtues and use them to love others. There is value knowing both our capacity for evil and our capacity for good.

Do you want to go to heaven? God wants you to go to heaven. God has made his decision. God wants you to live with him forever. Have you made your decision? Have you cast your lot with Christ? Have you humbly and honestly faced your faults and taken the higher road of virtue in dealing with others? Have you been astute to the presence of the Evil One sowing dissent and bitterness in your heart? Have you been to confession recently?

May the Lord give you peace.

Rev. James M. McNamara, The Long Island Catholic

THE DEEP END: Changing the world

In 2009, the first Darkness Into Light event in aid of **Pieta House** took place in Dublin's Phoenix Park. Around 400 people walked the 5km course that year to raise funds for the suicide prevention charity. Fast forward to May this year, and more than 130,000 people took part in 150 Darkness Into Light events across Ireland and worldwide.

Darkness Into Light is a great example of a movement which has grown from a small seed of an idea into a major force for good. The parable of the mustard seed shows us that fantastic things can emerge from 'the smallest of all seeds'.

The disciples who first heard Jesus speak were ordinary people – not the religious leaders of the time. But they were the seeds from which the Church would grow down through the ages. Each act of kindness or forgiveness we are hastening the spread of God's kingdom. These seeds grow and multiply, and bear abundant fruit even if we cannot always see the results. We can't change the world in one go – but we can change our world.

THE MILFORD HOSPICE ANNUAL HARVEST celebrates its 32nd anniversary on Sunday **August 27th** at the University of Limerick. There will be a full programme of activities and entertainment.

Donations such as plants, bottles for the bottle stall and homemade cakes along with new items for the Wheel of Fortune will be accepted on the day only. All other goods such as toys, fancy good are being accepted at the Hospice from August 14th. For further information contact 061 485859.

LET'S TALK FAMILY; LET'S BE FAMILY

Following on from the excellent presentation by Cardinal Schonborn on July 13th at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick will launch it's preparations for World Meeting of Families with a **FAMILY FUN DAY IN MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE** on **SUNDAY OCTOBER 8TH**. All welcome (including food stalls, music, sport, film and family fun activities for all generations).

Let's talk Family; let's be Family. Save the date – October 8th

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

No 5.45pm weekday Mass until Autumn
No Adoration on Mondays or Fridays.

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MASS TIMES:

Weekends

Saturday Vigil 18:00
Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon to Fri 10:00
Saturday 09:45

Baptisms:

Saturday 17:00
Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22nd	18:00	Nelly Crowe (A)
Sun 23rd	10:00	Mary Yates (A)
	11.30	Olive Slater (A)
		Joan Daly (A)
		Purgatorial
Mon 24th	10:00	
Tues 25th	10:00	
Wed 26th	10:00	Bobby Kennedy (1st A)
Thurs 27th	10:00	Bridget and John Ryan (A)
Fri 28th	10:00	John Clifford (Birthday Rem)
Sat 29th	09:45	Joe McNamara (A)
	18.00	May Malone (A)
		Siobhán Treacy (MM)
Sun 30th	10:00	Lilly McKillican (A)
	11:30	Bernard Griffin (A)
		Martin Horkin (A)

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