

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Mark 9:30-37

1. Jesus uses the time they are travelling along the road to teach his disciples what it means to follow him. Think of the wisdom you have acquired about life, about faith, about what it means to be a Christian. Who have been your teachers? Remember them and give thanks for them.

2. One of the lessons Jesus gives them is that there is a dying to be endured as we move to a fuller life. That was the road he would travel. It is also our journey, not only at the end of this earthly life, but also in small ways through life. When have you found that by dying in some way you came to a fuller life?

3. Achievement, affirmation, recognition and status are attractive and enjoyable when they come our way. Yet we can be in trouble if, like the disciples, we become caught up in pursuit of them. Jesus tells them that true greatness lies in service of others. Who are the people whose support and assistance help you now? What has helped you to appreciate the value of loving service of others? John Byrne osa

MUSINGS

'At times we see an obsession with denying any pre-eminence to the human person; more zeal is shown in protecting other species than in defending the dignity which all human beings share in equal measure ... It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the

poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted ... Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.' Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* 90-91

THE DEEPEND: How to welcome the child

In today's gospel Jesus is presented as the courageous leader, instructing those who will follow on from him and carry on his work for future generations. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' This September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. Pope Francis challenges us to reflect: 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?' (*Laudato Si'*, 160). In the context of today's gospel we might ask: how are we welcoming generations to come?

Pope Francis urges us to remember that the goods of the earth are not meant to be exploited and states, 'Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth.' During this creation time let us reconnect once more with nature and restore our

relationship with the environment. As parish communities we must play our part in ensuring that our world is liveable for generations to come.

'Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.' Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 25

A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience your presence in the many blessings you put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

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Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen

Landsdowne Active Retirement Association

will meet on Tuesday September 25th at 10am in the Pastoral Centre. Looking forward to meeting all our friends with an exciting itinerary for the new term.

Coffee Morning for Milford Hospice on Wednesday 26th September after 10am Mass, your support would be appreciated.

Hospitality Group Monday 1st Oct 2pm to 4pm and Wed 3rd Oct after 10am Mass

Christian Mediation – Every Monday evening in the church at 7pm, all welcome

Adoration – First Friday in October. Please note that adoration starts First Friday in October after 10am Mass to 5pm.

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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	Breda Carmody (A) Jim Condon (A)
Sun 23rd	10.00 11.30	Pat Finucane (A) Etna & Tom Burke (A)
Mon 24th	10.00	
Tue 25th	10.00	Mary B Cronin Rec.Dec
Wed 26th	10.00	Jim Kenny
Thur 27th	10.00	Prayer Service
Fri 28th	10.00	Tom Bracken Rec Dec
Sat 29th	09.45 18.00	Niamh Walsh M/Mind Dermot Keyes (A) Phil Murphy (A)
Sun 30th	10.00 11.30	Margaret Wrenn (A) Rose & Jim Hurley (A) Cyril Culligan (A) Betty Connolly M/Mind

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