

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 9:2-10

1. Some special spiritual experiences are well-nigh impossible to describe in words. The Transfiguration was one of these. Jesus had a new and deeper insight into his relationship with his heavenly Father, one that would sustain him though what lay ahead of him. Have you had WOW moments that you found hard to describe to others? How have these sustained you in difficult times.

2. It can be both scary and wonderful to witness transformation in another, especially a person who is close. At times parents get a taste of this when a child's talent blossoms and is recognised by the child. We may also experience it when a dear friend recognises s/he is in a blind alley and gives up an addiction.

3. 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.' Peter, James and John were particularly close to Jesus but they were not good at listening to Jesus, especially when he spoke of the painful load of servant discipleship. Jesus is the one we must listen to, even when this message is hard to hear, for it is in this message we find life. When have you found this to be true.

4. Strangely, this instruction came to the disciples when they were confused and 'in a cloud'. Perhaps you recall a moment of insight coming to you at a time when you were confused.

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THE READINGS OF THE EASTER VIGIL AT GLENSTAL ABBEY: Continue this Sunday 25 February at 4.30pm in the Abbey Library. This week's reading is: **A Costly Sacrifice – The Binding of Isaac**(Genesis 22:1-18)
Luke Macnamara OSB

PARISH ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Fr McAuliffe, Fr Ryan and the Parish Finance Committee would like to thank you all most sincerely for your contributions towards the upkeep of the Church and the parish.

To explain the Envelope System: under current tax legislation the parish receives a tax rebate on donations of €250 or more in a tax year. Such contributions made by parishioners may consist of the weekly envelope collections and also the Christmas and Easter dues. This rebate amounts to approximately €112 for every €250 donated to the parish annually. In 2015 the tax refunds to the parish totalled approximately €30,000.

Parishioners who are in the Envelope System are each given a number and a record is kept of their weekly donations. If their entire contribution during the year including their Easter and Christmas dues amount to more than €250, the parish receives a rebate.

However there are parishioners whose total Christmas and Easter dues are €250 or more but who are not in the Envelope System – the parish can claim for rebate on their dues contribution but not on their weekly contributions to the plate, because it is not recorded (under the Envelope System).

Also, there are parishioners who are not in the Envelope System and whose dues contributions are less than €250 per annum but when taken together with their weekly plate contributions would amount to €250 or more – the parish cannot claim for a rebate in respect of any of these contributions.

The parish would benefit greatly from the additional rebate it would receive from the latter two categories. Therefore the Parish Finance Committee would be very grateful if you would please consider signing up to the Envelope System. You can do this by calling to Margaret in the office.

Signing up to the Envelope System does not commit parishioners to a weekly contribution and you are free to opt out at any time. Eligible contributors complete a simple tax form every 5 years. The Parish will contact the relevant people regarding this as needed.

THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP will meet in our Parish Centre with those who have been bereaved on the **First Friday, 2 March**, after **10am Mass** to offer support in a relaxed friendly and confidential environment with a cup of tea/coffee.

All are welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will hold their monthly collection next weekend on Sat/Sun 3rd/4th March at all Masses

REFLECTIONS FOR LENT - LETS TALK FAMILY! (Preparing our hearts to attend the World Meeting of Families)

'The Joy of Life' is a parish conversation program about family, marriage and love. Based on Pope Francis letter to families : Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love.

Over six sessions it considers the reality of family life, the ideal, growing in love as a family, challenging times and practical steps to build family life and faith.

You will find a welcome for all Christian adults who would like to reflect on family and faith life in this programme. It takes, as its starting point, people's experience of love and their hopes and fears with regard to marriage and family. Through video reflections and a listening conversation all are invited to reflect on Pope Francis' message for their own family and life.

A group of parishes are joining together to run this programme – Holy Rosary Ennis Road, Christ the King Caherdavin and St Johns Cratloe.

Three sessions in Lent

Wednesday 28th February, 14th March and 28th March

7.30pm – 9.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary Church Parish Centre, Ennis Road.

RALLY FOR LIFE - Sat 10 March at 2pm Parnell Square Dublin. Limerick bus to Rally for Life. Please come along to help save Ireland's Prolife 8th Amendment, that protects both women and their unborn children
Contact Philip 086 1542832, or Caitriona 086 8161411.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC EVENING in the Greenhills on Wed. 28 Feb between 5.00pm and 7.00pm

Parish Website

www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

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Office Hours: 09:00-10:30 Weekdays

09:00-12.30 Sunday

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 24th	18:00	Michael Cleary (A) Peggy Flanagan (A) Noel Fitzgerald (A) Peter Meehan (M.M.)
Sun 25th	10:00	Christy Glynn (M.M.) Brendan (Snr) & Brendan Murphy (A)
	11:30	Maureen Fitzgibbon (A) Gertrude & Thomas Begley (A)
Mon 26th	10:00	Richie Keogh (A)
Tues 27th	10:00	Patrick & Etta Fitzpatrick (A)
Wed 28th	10:00	Mary Toomey (A)
Mar: Thu 1st	10:00	Lt. Col. Moriarity (A)
Fri 2nd	10:00	Rita Flynn (Rec. Dec.)
Sat 3rd	09:45	Brendan McMahon (A) Ita Fitzpatrick (A)
	18:00	Aidan Larkin (A) Mary DeLoughrey (A)
Sun 4th	10:00	
	11:30	Kitty & Matty Cooney (A) Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick (A) Cormac and Corrie McGowan (A)