

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS**

**Mark 14:1-15:47**

1 The injustice and brutality of the Passion of Jesus makes it a difficult story to read as good news. Yet in the midst of that cruelty the courageous, faithful and self-sacrificing love that Jesus showed for us shines through. Recall moments when the account of the Passion has moved you in a special way. How have you experienced blessing through it?

2. Human love can also be painful. When have you experienced the courage, fidelity and self-sacrifice of others in their love of you? When have you shown that kind of love to others, as a parent, a spouse, or a friend, or in some other relationship?

3. We read the Passion story in the light of the resurrection. What seemed a humiliating and shameful failure for Jesus was not the end of the story. Perhaps with hindsight you can look back on something in your own life that seemed like a tragedy at the time but out of that tragedy new life and new possibilities followed for you.

4. For each of us there arise situations in which we feel things are outside our control and we are utterly helpless and powerless. We are not alone in this experience. In his Passion Jesus is one with us in this human helplessness. When have you found that the presence of another with you helped you through a crisis? When have you been able to help another with your presence?

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**DON'T FORGET to put your clocks FORWARD!!**

**MUSINGS**

The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called 'the domestic Church', a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian Charity. (CCC 1666)

Give us wisdom and courage, joy and faithfulness in responding to our special vocation as a Christian family, so that we may help each other to grow in grace and love to the Glory of God. Amen

**Brenda Drumm, WMOF 2018**

**OUR PARISH PRAYERS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE: Please join us in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm on Tuesday 27 March**

Update on Parish – Missionaries of Life

**1. Special Events**

Sat 7 April – Our Pilgrimage to Knock – Book Early!

Sat 28 April – Vigil of the Faithful – Who is with us?

Sun 29 April – John Waters addresses us on the Sociocultural & Political consequences of Repeal of the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment

**2. Some National Prayer Actions**

**3.Role of the Faithful;** Church; Home; Community

**THE READINGS OF THE EASTER VIGIL AT GLENSTAL ABBEY:** Continue this Sunday 25 March at 4.30pm in the Abbey Library.

This week's reading is: **From Death to Life – Water Old and New (Ezekiel 36 and Roamans 6:3-11)**

**Martin Browne OSB**

**REFLECTIONS FOR LENT - LETS TALK FAMILY!**

**(Preparing our hearts to attend the World Meeting of Families)**

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

AmorisLaetitia, The Joy of Love.

**Wednesday 28 March: 7.30pm – 9.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary Church Parish Centre**

**OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018**

God, our Father,

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind,

gentle and generous,

welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,

Especially those for whom we now pray:

*(We pause and remember family members and others by name)*

Increase our faith,

Strengthen our hope

Keep us safe in your love,

Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.*

*Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.*

*Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.*

*Saints Louis and ZélieMartin, pray for us.*

**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES:**

**Wednesday 28 March 7.00pm:** Diocesan Chrism Mass at **St John's Cathedral (All Welcome)**

**Our Lady of the Rosary Church:** Morning Prayer of the Church on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at **10.00am**

**Holy Thursday 6.00pm:** Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm

**Good Friday 11.00am** Stations of the Cross – Parish Centre

**3.00pm:** The Lord's Passion

**7.30pm:** Stations of the Cross - Church

**Holy Saturday 8.00pm:** Easter Vigil

**CONFESSIONS:** After 10.00am Mass on Mon., Tues. and Wed. and after 3.00pm Ceremony on Good Friday.

**REFLECTION:**'If Easter is about the cross why all the chocolate eggs? Because no matter how broken or hard boiled you are, once you taste the true meaning of the cross, life is a whole lot sweeter'*Intercom magazine*

**Parish Website**  
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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  
 Saturday 09:45

**Baptisms:** Saturday 17:00  
 Sunday 12:15

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>18:00</b>	Kay Reynolds (A)
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Sheila Bruen (A)
	<b>11:30</b>	Sean Morrissey (A)
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Mary Howard (A)
<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Dec. Mem. of the Roche Family
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Tony Rodgers (Rec. Dec.)
<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Morning Prayer of the Church
	<b>18:00</b>	Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Morning Prayer of the Church
	<b>11:00</b>	Stations of the Cross (Parish Centre)
	<b>15:00</b>	The Lord's Passion
	<b>19:30</b>	Stations of the Cross (Church)
<b>Sat 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Morning Prayer of the Church
	<b>20:00</b>	Easter Vigil
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:00</b>	Easter Sunday Mass
<b>Apr 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>11:30</b>	Easter Sunday Mass

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