

**SEEING YOUR LIFE  
THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS  
Mark 13:24-32**

1. The feast we have today, and the Gospel, give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus.

2. The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, the learnings for, in this?

3. Jesus came to bear witness to the truth that we are all created for a purpose. What do you believe is the purpose of your life? Recall times when you have been able to bear witness to this. What fruit has this witness had for yourself and/or others.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Since our Church is a wooden structure, we are not covered by insurance IF we leave lighting candles unattended.

**CHANGE IN MASS TIMES:** Following consultation with the Pastoral and Liturgy Committees it has been agreed to resume Mass on Thursday morning at 10 am and to hold a Prayer Service on Saturday morning at 9.45 am instead of a Mass. This change comes into place this week on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November

**THE CLUSTER ( New Beginnings)**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent, the three parishes of Our Lady of the Rosary, Christ the King and Cratloe will comprise a new cluster area. The process has involved several meetings with the pastoral committees involved. This step is a declaration that we are now moving into a new era. We are not just promising to work more collaboratively together within a pastoral area but committing ourselves, in a spirit of equality, to sharing our resources in common ministry in a pastoral unit.

This represents a radical departure that reflects a new vision of the Church that will reach into the future.

**Cratloe:** Fr. Richard Keane, 087 – 9552729;

**Christ the King:** Fr. Tom Ryan, 061 - 452790;  
Fr. Robert Coffey 061 - 421050

**Our Lady of the Rosary:** Fr. Des McAuliffe, 061 - 324825; Fr. Tom Ryan, 087 - 2997733

**BENEMERENTI MEDAL:**

The Parish community will honour two of its stalwart members at a ceremony at the 10 am Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. They will be awarded the Benemerenti Medal for service to the Parish.

We hope to see as many parishioners as possible especially volunteers working for the Parish in all areas of community and Church life at this significant event.

You are all welcome to a reception in the parish centre after Mass.

**DISTRIBUTION OF ENVELOPES:** Thank you to all who distribute envelopes to parishioners. We are seeking Volunteers to distribute in

the Mervel Drive, Mervel Park, Hillcrest Drive areas. Please contact Margaret in the Sacristy.

**LIGHT UP A MEMORY**

**Date:** 9th December 2018

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

Each Christmas the Light up a Memory Tree at Milford Hospice becomes an inspiring beacon of remembrance and reflection that lights up the grounds of Milford Care Centre. Light Up A Memory offers one a unique opportunity to sponsor a dedicated light on Milford's tree remembering and honouring someone special in your life, living or deceased.

A specially designed Christmas card is available for each light sponsored, which may be sent to relatives at home or abroad or to the family of a deceased relative or friend. Lights can be sponsored from now until Christmas and will shine throughout the festive season. To sponsor a light on our tree, simply complete the online form at [www.milfordcarecentre.ie](http://www.milfordcarecentre.ie) or email:

[fundraising@milfordcarecentre.ie](mailto:fundraising@milfordcarecentre.ie) or telephone the Fundraising Team at: 061 485859/485860

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER:**

The Christmas Appeal will take place after all masses on Saturday and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> December. The Holy Rosary Conference has 11 members and we meet weekly and visit families in need in the Parish and in Moyross. This year the conference assisted over 100 families. The funds raised will be spent helping those in need with food, heating and education costs. We rely almost entirely on your support, the generous parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. The Society would like to thank you for your very generous support throughout the year. We wish you a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**ADVENT SUNDAYS AT GLENSTAL ABBEY:**

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at 4.30; why not come and join us in exploring the great themes of Advent and our lives therein - 'Tuning into Real Time' [www.glenstal.org](http://www.glenstal.org) / 061-621005

**IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE** will hold a blood donor clinic in the **Greenhills Hotel** on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 5 pm – 8 pm** 3,000 units of blood are required every week. 1,000 people receive blood or a blood product every week. 1 in 4 of our population require blood at some point in their life.

**PARISH WEBSITE**

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

**Fr. Des McAuliffe P.P. Tel: 061 324825**

**Fr. Tom. Ryan C.C. Tel: 087 2997733**

**Parish Clerk: Margaret Clifford at Church Sacristy Tel: 061 325288**

**Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays  
09:00-12.30 Sunday**

**MASS TIMES: Weekends and Holy Days**

**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>	<b>Liam &amp; Mary Garrihy (A) Jack &amp; Marie Frawley (A) John Tobin (M.M)</b>
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Jim Finucane (A) Des Fry (A)</b>
	<b>11:30</b>	<b>Fr. John Connelly (A)</b>
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Eamon Keane (A)</b>
<b>Tue 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Carmel Custy (B. Day Rem.)</b>
<b>Thur 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Bernard O'Connell (A)</b>
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Tom Brosnan (A)</b>
<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>09:45</b>	<b>Prayer Service</b>
<b>Dec</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Henry Morris (A) Martin Phelan (1st A)</b>
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Denis McMahon (A)</b>
	<b>11:30</b>	<b>Bernard O'Connell (A)</b>

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