

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS: Luke 9:51-62

1. In the opening verse Jesus is portrayed as having a new sense of clarity about his life that enables him to set out on the road 'resolutely'. Perhaps there have been such moments in your life, moments of insight and clarity about the road ahead. Recall such moments and what they were like for you.

2. As he walked the road Jesus found that not everyone supported the journey he was making. Some of his friends were angry and wanted to hit back, but Jesus restrained them. What has helped you to cope with opposition you have met in your life, and continue your journey.

3. The response of Jesus to prospective followers seems harsh. He lets the first man know that discipleship is not a path to a comfortable nest. It is a way in which we never know what is going to be asked of us next. The disciple must be ready to move on. Where have you found good news in being open to change confident in the presence of Jesus with you?

4. He also demands commitment. Being human it is easy for us to start thinking about times when our commitment was less than perfect. But can you also recall the times when you realised the truth of this story – that commitment brings its own fruits and blessings. What specific blessings can you bring to mind?

MUSINGS

'I will follow you wherever you go.' (Lk 9:57)

Does this Gospel want to sell what is on offer? It reads like a very poor advertisement. 'Come join our faith and suffer!' We all know what going to Jerusalem meant for him. See the film 'The Passion of Christ' and you'll be under no illusions. There was determination in his step. He didn't take a shortcut but went through Samaria. Samaritans and Jews were not friends (to put it mildly!). Even Jesus' hand of friendship was refused. All this points to the fact, that the cost of being a disciple of Jesus has a price.

It can be lonely. We cannot let sentiment and emotions get in the way of the work to be done. There is no place for making excuses when the going gets tough. We should act when our hearts are stirred. This is what Jesus is doing as he determinately and resolutely moves to Jerusalem. He is not looking back but forward to the task at hand. As someone once said, it is like taking up three crosses. The first is the cross of inconvenience. The second is the cross of witness. And the third is the cross of martyrdom.

Fr Iomar Daniels, St Andrew's Church, Co Galway

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will hold their monthly collection on Sat July 2nd and Sun July 3rd

DOMINICAN COMMUNITY OF SAINT SAVIOUR'S PRIORY

We the Dominican community of Saint Saviour's Priory, Glentworth Street invite all our benefactors, friends and parishioners both past and present to a **Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell on Sunday 3rd July at 3pm**. We acknowledge with gratitude all the support and friendship that we have received from the Priests and people of the Diocese down through the

years. We ask a place in your prayers at this significant time in our Dominican history.

With every good wish, Frank Downes OP, (Prior.

10th ALL IRELAND RALLY FOR LIFE Belfast, Sat 2nd July. Celebrating LIFE, with special emphasis on supporting families of unborn babies with life limiting conditions. Bus from Limerick - no charge - donation if desired. For info contact Ger @ 087 3622334.

LADIES RETREAT, GLENSTAL ABBEY

'Gift yourself a day away' on Tue 5th or Wed 6th July 2016 at The Annual Ladies Retreat, Glenstal Abbey. Relax, reflect, pray and enjoy the company of others in the peaceful and beautiful surrounds of the monastery. To book call 061 621005. The cost is €45 pp, includes morning refreshments, 2 talks, lunch, holy hour, confession and afternoon tea.

JULY 6-9: CHURCH MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2016

Bookings are now being taken for The Irish Church Music Association's 47th Summer School which will take place from 6th to 9th July 2016 in **Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth**, Co Kildare. The theme for the Summer School this year is God Full of Mercy.

JOURNEY INTO AWARENESS. One day workshop in Glenstal Abbey, Murroe, July 9th, 2016.

An inspirational journey of self-discovery, creative visualisation and positive affirmation. Focus will be on the topics of Self-Awareness, Living Confidently in the Moment and the use of Experiential Mindfulness Techniques. Tel 061-367010 • Mobile 085-7032203.

YEAR OF MERCY (LIMERICK GROUP) PILGRIMAGE

to **San Giovanni and Assisi** September 30th for 6 nights ex Dublin. Price €919pps. Payment can be made in instalments. Contact James Treacy on 061-921470 or 086-0572216

ST MARY'S SENIOR CITIZENS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES; August 28th for 5 nights. Flight from Shannon, transfers, hotel and all meals €715 pps.

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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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 18:15-19:00

Friday 10:30-17:30 (from September)

MEDITATION: Monday 19:00 – 19:45

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00 Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25th	18:00	Vincent Lucy (A)
Sun 26th	10.00	Special Intention
	11.30	Deceased Members of Rippon piano, Shannon; Tony McCormack (A); Bridget Martin(Nee Harnett) (A)
Mon 27th	10.00	
Tue 28st	10:00	Jerry & Hannah Ryan (A) Michael O'Farrell (A)
Wed 29th	10.00	
Thur 30th	10.00	Dec mem McInerney family
Fri 1st	10.00	Michael O'Farrell (A)
Sat 2nd	09.45	Benny Fitzgibbon (A)
	18.00	
Sun 3rd	10.00	John Nunan (A)
	11.30	Eithne & Tom Burke (A) Edmund Grean (A)

