

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

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John 9:1-41

A long story like the one we have today provides many different points of entry for prayer. Read the story and stay with what resonates for you. Some possible points of entry are:

The blind man was healed. Can you recall occasions when some blindness of yours was taken away and you could see in a new way? What was that experience like for you?

The Pharisees claimed to be the ones who could see, who knew where God was to be found, when in fact they were blind. It was the man born blind who showed himself open to see the hand of God at work in what happened. There can be some of each in us. What has helped you to be open to seeing the hand of God at work in your life? Who have been the Jesus people who have led you to this point?

There are many characters in the story: Jesus, the blind beggar, the disciples, the neighbours, the blind man's parents, and the Pharisees. Put yourself in the position of each one and see what you learn from identifying with them.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In a relaxed atmosphere in preparation for Easter. Each Tuesday morning for 6 weeks in the Salesian Convent, Fernbank. Starting 28th February from 10.30 – 12 noon. Tea, Coffee, Refreshments included.

Those interested should contact Elizabeth Mulvin (087.2546492) or Sr Margo (086.3795654)

CLOTH OF SUFFERING

Lent is a time of new beginnings. It is a time to enter into the sufferings of Jesus before celebrating the joy of Easter. It is a time for us to look back at our own sufferings and to hand them over to God. We are each invited to place a square piece of material in the basket provided as a way of letting our pain in the Lord's hands. These pieces will be sewn together and placed on the Cross on Good Friday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross after 10am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

TROCAIRE BOXES are now available at Church exits and in the sacristy.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY monthly collection will take place on Saturday & Sunday 1st & 2nd April after all masses.

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION BOARD

Blood Donor Clinic, Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Road, Tuesday 28 March 5 – 8pm.

CONFIRMATION

The children attending primary schools in the parish will be confirmed on Saturday April 1st at 10am. Those involved are requested to be in Church by 9.45am, with sponsors in the side-aisles.

NO SATURDAY MORNING MASS 1st April because of the confirmation ceremony.

EVENING MASS ON WEEKDAYS

There will be evening Mass on weekdays from Monday to Friday at 17.45 during lent.

FILM NIGHTS – “FILMS FOR LENT”

Following the success of last year's film nights, the PPCare showing two films in the Parish Centre during Lent. Films by their nature can be informative, uplifting and reflective. They can help us explore the questions of life that matter to all humanity. They have the potential to enrich our understanding of life and humanity. The next night is **Wednesday 29th March** and the film is “The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima”. The film starts at 7.30pm. Admission is free. Tea/Coffee will be served afterwards



MOTHERING SUNDAY

These days people usually worship at their nearest parish or 'daughter church'. Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area. This evolved into an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away came home. (It was quite common in those days for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old.) Most historians believe it was the return to the 'Mother' church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family. As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/holydays/motheringsunday_1.shtml (Adapted)

EXTRA COLLECTION 1st & 2nd APRIL

Pope Francis has chosen Dublin to be the Host Diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Planning for this great event is underway, but hosting it requires significant planning and funding. In this regard a second collection will be held at all masses on the 1st and 2nd April. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Parish Website

www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

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Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays

09:00-12:30 Sunday

Mass Times: Weekends

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Weekdays Lent 17:45

Saturday 09:45

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 10:30-17:30

Baptisms: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25 th	18:00	Kay Reynolds (A) Bill Magee (1 st A) Seán Morrissey (A)
Sun 26 th	10:00 11:30	John & Elizabeth Leahy (A) Peter O'Malley (A) Larry & Joan Coyle (A)
Mon 27 th	10:00 17:45	Derry Brosnan (A)
Tues 28 th	10:00 17:45	Mary DeLoughry (Rec Dec)
Wed 29 th	10:00 17:45	Mary DeLoughry (Rec Dec)
Thurs 30 th	10:00 17:45	
Fri 31 st	10:00 17:45	
Sat 1 st	09:45 18:00	No Mass - Confirmation Hugh & Nell O'Regan (A)
Sun 2 nd	10:00 11:30	Gerald Mulvihill (A) Martha Coffey (A)

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