# SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF

THE GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

- Jesus seeks to reassure his followers in the face of his imminent death. Although he will be leaving them, he promises them the gift of the Spirit. How have you been aware of the gift of the Spirit of God in your life?
- 2. Remember times of separation from a loved one, through change of residence or other circumstances. How has the love between you been a support after the separation?
- 3. To his followers, Jesus promises: 'we will come and make our home with them.' Our God is not a distant God, but one who lives in us. What has helped you to be aware of the closeness of God to you?
- 4. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.' When you have been anxious, who have been the 'Jesuspeople' for you, who were able to calm your anxiety. How did they do this? For whom have you been one who calmed anxiety?

## The Deep End – We will come to them

In a verse preceding today's Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus why he will not show the whole world who he is. It's an excellent question. Surely this whole faith-journey experience and relationship with God would be

'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.' This is the opening line of today's Gospel. It reminds us that what is required first is an inner relationship with God, so that God can come and make a home with us: 'we will come to them and make our home with them.' It is there where we discover who Jesus is.

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The peace (shalom) that Jesus gives to the disciples has a much richer meaning than we might first think. This 'shalom' is not simply a good wish for a nice evening; it is, rather, a peace that this world cannot offer. It is a peace that comes from a loving relationship with God; a peace of body, of mind and of spirit. Jesus is asking the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They (and we) must be for others what Jesus has been for them. In this way we, and the world, will come to see who Jesus is.

'When we understand the essential unity of all that is, we discover the possibility of 'peace' – the kind of peace that in Hebrew is called shalom, and which is infinitely more than an absence of strife; it is the wholeness of the web of life itself and of every creature in it, held in the wholeness of the one God.'

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**BLOOD DONOR CLINIC** 

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will be holding a blood Donor Clinic in the Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Rd. on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 5pm to 8pm.

#### **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH**

Annual general meeting of the parish pastoral council on 8pm, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> may, 2019 at the parish centre.

Please make the effort to attend as in this new era for the church it is imperative that we participate in the parish community

### MILFORD HOSPICE MEMORIAL WALK

The Milford Hospice 5Km Memorial Walk will take place on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June at the University of Limerick with a start time of 12:00 noon. This event is suitable for those of all levels of fitness and ability and the Centre's organisers are asking anyone who wishes to take part to register for the event as soon as possible. Entry fee is €20 with the option of taking a sponsorship card. The walk will commence on the Main Plaza (outside Library) at the University of Limerick and will finish on the grounds of Milford. A special Memorial Pin will also be presented to each participant. Refreshments will be available after this memorial occasion. It's necessary for everyone to register for the event by logging onto www.milfordcarecentre.ie alternatively registration and sponsorship cards can be arranged by contacting the Fundraising Department at 061 485859, between 9 am and 5 am, Monday to Friday; by email to fundraising@milfordcarecentre.ie. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

#### **ROSARY**

Rosary at 8pm every night at The Grotto of Our Lady

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Vincent De Paul Society will hold their monthly collection on Sat/Sun, 1<sup>st</sup>& 2<sup>nd</sup> June at all masses.

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Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45 : Prayer Service

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MACC INITENITIONS

MASS INTE		
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	John Clifford (A)
		Breda Long (M/M)
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Pat & Nora Traynor
	11:30	Gerry McCabe (A)
		Lena & John Coady (A)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	John & Anne McNamara (A)
Wed29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	
Thurs30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Josephine McNamara (Rec Dec
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:45	
	18:00	Paddy Hartnett (A)
		Fiona O'Donnell (A)
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	
	11:30	Noel Kennedy (A)