

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

### MATTHEW 24:37-44

The 'coming of the Son of Man' can be applied to the end of the world, to the moment of death, or to any moment of grace. We are not given advance notice as to when any of these will happen, so the message is to be alert and ready. When have you found that your alertness meant that you were able to receive an unexpected grace (e.g. take an opportunity which presented itself, or respond to a hint from another person that you might easily have missed, etc.)

One of the enemies of alert living is constant busyness. Have you ever found that being caught up in your own agenda makes you less sensitive to what is happening around you? Recall times when you paused in relentless busyness and were rewarded by significant interchange with another person, a moment of grace.

You probably know the difference between being ready for a visitor and the unannounced caller who catches you unprepared. Let the memory of the discomfort of being caught off guard spur you on to a constant readiness for the coming of the Lord.

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### MUSINGS : Advent

You know the feeling of waiting for something or someone? It is a feeling of excitement or maybe anxiety. For most people, waiting is not a very popular pastime

it can be seen as a waste of time. If we allow it to, waiting can be a creative time, a time of high alert, where we may even be more aware of ourselves. Our senses are heightened especially when we are waiting for important news or results or waiting on a loved one to call or to arrive. Waiting is not always seen as a good thing but it can be a time for growth. And so, we enter into the season of waiting: Advent. The Gospel reminds us to be alert and use this time to prepare. What will our preparations be like? God is with us in many different ways, trying to catch our attention in the midst of our busy days. As we fight our way through the queues in the coming weeks, can we use 5 minutes, 7 minutes, 20 mins... to stop, be still, to ask God to enter into our hearts and lives once more.

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**MASS TIME CHANGES:** Please note that there will be no evening Mass on Wednesday 30 November. Evening Mass will be held only on Mondays, Tuesdays and First Fridays at 5.45 pm.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you or someone you know is in hospital and would like a visit from one of the priests of the parish, please inform the sacristy.

**PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE FOR ADVENT:** You are invited to share prayer and scripture for Advent on Tuesdays at 7:30 in the Parish Centre, beginning Tuesday 29 November.

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION :

The Enrolment Ceremony (Service of Light) for Confirmation for the Salesian girls and JFK boys will be held in Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Thursday, 1 December, at 7.30pm. This will be followed by a short meeting to outline and explain the preparation programme for Confirmation which will be held next April. All boys and girls who wish to receive Confirmation should attend. Both parents are welcome and at least one should attend.

**CONCERT:** Chordivarius invite you to a Musical Evening with special guests on Wednesday 7 December at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Refreshments and Raffle afterwards in JFK Gym Hall.

Tickets €10 will be available at the door from 7.00pm. Proceeds in aid of Rehabcare, Parnell Place.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will hold their **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** on Sat/Sun 3/4 December at all Masses. Our Lady of the Rosary Conference has 10 members. We meet every week and visit families in need. This year we visited over 120 families in our Parish and the Moyross area. Thanks to your generosity we were able to assist these families with food vouchers, fuel, education costs, clothing and furniture. Without this support we would not be able to help them, especially at this time of year. The Society would like to thank you most sincerely for your very generous support throughout the year.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Parish Christmas Cards are on sale in the Church at the back porch door: €5 for a packet of 10 in aid of St Vincent de Paul.

**REFLECTION:** 'Experience is the hardest kind of teacher. It gives you the test first and the lesson afterwards.'

<b>Parish Website</b> <a href="http://www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie">www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie</a> Fr. Des McAuliffe P.P. Tel: 061 324825 Fr. Tom. Ryan C.C. Tel: 087 2997733 Parish Clerk: Margaret Clifford at <i>Church Sacristy</i> Tel: 325288 Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays 17:00-17:30 Mon & Tue 09:00-12.30 Sunday		
<b>Mass Times: Weekends:</b>		
Saturday Vigil	18:00	
Sunday	10:00; 11:30	
<b>Weekdays:</b>		
Mon. to Fri.	10:00 ;	
Mon., Tues., and First Fridays:	17:45	
Saturday	09:45	
<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>		
Monday	18:15-19:00	
Friday	10:30-17:30	
<b>Meditation:</b>	Monday 19:00	
<b>Baptisms:</b>	Saturday 17:00	
	Sunday 12:15	

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Eamon Keane (A) Tom & Gerard Goodwin (A)
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Kay Leahy (Rec. Dec.)
	11:30	Jim Finucane (1 <sup>st</sup> A) Jack & Marie Frawley (A)
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Carmel Custy ( B.day Rem. )
	17:45	Paula Maher ( Rec. Dec.)
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Bernard O'Connor (A)
	17:45	Lawrence Wrenn (A) Sean & Philomena Fitzgerald (A) Billy Ward (A)
Wed 1 Dec	10:00	Tom Brosnan (A)
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Zena Gilbourne (A)
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	Paschal Ryan (Rec. Dec. )
	17:45	Gerry Bennis (Rec. Dec. )
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	09:45	Purgatorial Society
	18:00	Prgatorial Society Paddy Hartnett ( Rem.)
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	John Cleary (A)
	11:30	James & Mary MacRedmond (A)