

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Matthew 28:16-20 28 May 17

1. Jesus meets the disciples for the last time.

His final words give them direction for their future. Perhaps you can recall such parting moments in your own life – leaving home, school, college, or the death of a loved one. Was there an occasion when the words spoken to you gave you direction for the future?

2. Perhaps you can identify with Jesus in the story, when as a parent, teacher, or in some other way you sent someone on their way in life, knowing that you would not be with them as in the past. When did the way you parted help the other to make their way in life?

3. Despite this extraordinary encounter with Jesus some of the disciples doubted. Dealing with questions and doubt is part of an adult faith journey. How have your questions and doubts helped to shape the faith you have today?

4. Jesus commissioned this collection of believing and doubting disciples to carry on his work. We inherit that mission today. How do you see yourself as commissioned to continue the mission of Jesus?

5. Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be physically with them he would be with them in a new way right through life. Have there been times when you were reassured by the love and support of another even though they were not physically present with you? What are the things that help you to be aware of the presence of Jesus with you on life's journey?

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Musing: Fully Alive:

I asked a woman once if Johnny was in the house. She pointed at a chair and said, 'If he was here he would be there.' He never moved far! Jesus – he is here and there. The one who came to earth has now gone back to heaven, bringing with him all that is human. His body – the man of heaven and the God of earth – is now the Church, and that's us.

Before we are of any denomination or group, we are Christ's. We are baptised into the church of Christ; we live out our faith in different denominations. Today is the feast of the whole Church – we begin in him and end in him, like the Alpha and Omega, on the paschal candle.

On earth we are his body, with all our strengths and weaknesses, goodness and sin. Icons have Jesus smiling as he reaches heaven, smiling on us and living through us. We prepare for the way he is with us now next Sunday – in the Spirit. Where the qualities of the Spirit are alive, he is alive and well among us.

A breathing prayer – as you breathe in you notice you are breathing in the gift of life from God.

Holy Spirit, living in the Church, living in Mary, draw me more fully into your life.

By Donal Neary SJ Messenger Publications

The Deep End: Good News

Today is the 51st **World Communications Day**, and the theme for this year is '**Fear not, for I am with you**': **Communicating Hope and Trust in our Time**. Pope Francis urges us to engage in 'constructive forms of communication'.

'In a communications industry which thinks that good news does not sell, and where the tragedy of human suffering and the mystery of evil easily turn into

entertainment, there is always the temptation that our consciences can be dulled or slip into pessimism,' he warns. 'I ask everyone to offer the people of our time storylines that are at heart "good news".'

For Christians, Pope Francis says, we must view life through the Good News, the gospel of Jesus Christ: This day coincides with the **Feast of the Ascension**. In today's Gospel, Jesus entrusts his disciples with the important task of spreading the Good News – to 'make disciples of all the nations'. **Try: Christian Spirit Radio 88FM or 549MW**

Prayer for Exams: Let us pray for all students doing exams: **Lord, pour out your Spirit of Wisdom on these students:**

Help them to remain calm

To attend carefully to the questions asked, To think clearly, to remember accurately, and to express themselves well.

Grant that they may reflect the best of the work they have done, and the best of the teaching they have received.

Accept their best efforts in these exams and in the great test of life on earth.

May your love be upon them, O Lord, as they place all their trust in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Youth Group Cake sale for Lourdes 28th May

"The youth group travelling to Lourdes, are holding a cake sale after 11.30 Mass on **Sunday 28th May** in the Parish Centre. Tea/coffee and cakes for sale and all donations of cakes will be most welcome.

Invitation to celebrate Sun 28th May a significant milestone in your life, Marriage, Religious Life, etc, you are invited to 11.30am Mass Sunday May 28th when your intentions will be remembered.

Eight Reasons to Protect the 8th

Amendment from www.Loveboth.ie

Reason 7: Compassionate care in cases of 'Fatal Foetal Abnormality'

Reason 8: In the UK, 1 in 5 pregnancies end

in abortion, There is no such things as "restrictive abortion".

Rally For Life Saturday 1st July 2pm Dublin

All welcome. www.rallyforlife.net

Changes to Masses Times: Weekday evening Mass only on Mondays & First Friday

No 5.45pm 1st Friday Mass in June, July, Aug

No Adoration Mondays or Fridays after May.

Parish Website

www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

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09:00-12.30 Sunday

Mass Times: Weekends

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Mon. 17:45

Saturday 09:45

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 10:30-17:30 – Ends in May

Baptisms: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 27 th	18:00	John Clifford (A) Kevin Kelleher (A)
Sun 28 th	10:00	Tom Smith (A) Judith Considine (A)
	11:30	Gerry McCabe (A) Jim South (A) Sean Canny (1 st A)
Mon 29 th	10:00	Special Intention
Mon 29 th	17:45	
Tues 30 th	10:00	Bob Keane (A)
Wed 31 st	10:00	Sr Ann Finkers M/Mind
Thurs 1 st	10:00	Phyllis Murphy Rec Dec
Fri 2 nd	10:00	James & Mary Curtis (A)
Sat 3 rd	09:45	Dan Ryan
	18.00	Paddy Hartnett (A)
Sun 4 th	10:00	
	11:30	James Byrne RIP

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