

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 10:46-52

1. In this story Jesus cures the blind man, Bartimaeus. Recovery of sight in the Bible is often a metaphor for coming to faith. Perhaps during your life you have had moments of insight, of deeper understanding, of appreciating who Jesus is for you. What was it that helped you to see more clearly?

2. Who has the 'Jesus person' who helped you to see more clearly? Perhaps, as a parent, a teacher, or a friend, you have also been a 'Jesus person' for another and helped her or him to a clearer understanding of the meaning of life, love, and faith.

3. To get to Jesus, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak so that he would not be impeded. What have you had to discard in order to be able to see more clearly (e.g., an assumption, a prejudice, a rigid opinion)?

4. 'Your faith has saved you' Jesus said to Bartimaeus. Recall situations in which you have been grateful for the faith that is yours because in some way it saved you.

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### MUSINGS:

'Mary, Virgin and Mother, you who, moved by the Holy Spirit, welcomed the word of life in the depths of your humble faith: as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One, help us to say our own 'yes' to the urgent call, as pressing as ever, to proclaim the

you brought joy to John the Baptist, making him exult in the womb of his mother. Brimming over with joy, you sang of the great things done by God. Standing at the foot of the cross with unyielding faith, you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit so that the evangelising Church might be born. Obtain for us now a new ardour born of the resurrection, that we may bring to all the gospel of life, which triumphs over death.'

*Pope Francis, EvangeliiGaudium 288*

### OCTOBER PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH:

To thee, O Blessed Joseph we have recourse in our tribulations and while imploring the aid of Thy Most Holy Spouse, we confidently implore Thy patronage also. By the love which united Thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and by the fatherly affection with which Thou didst embrace the infant Jesus, we humbly beseech Thee graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His Blood and by His powerful aid to help us in our need. Protect, O Most provident guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen children of Jesus Christ. Ward off from us O Most loving Father all taint of error and corruption. Graciously assist us from Heaven, O Most powerful protector, in our struggle with the powers of darkness and as thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus

from imminent danger to His life, so now defend the Holy Church of God from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity. Shield each one of us with Thy unceasing patronage so that imitating your example, and supported by your aid, we may be enabled to lead a good life, die a holy death, and secure everlasting happiness in Heaven. Amen.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

St. Vincent De Paul Society will hold their monthly collection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> November at all masses.

### PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

The parish bereavement support group will meet in our Parish Centre with those who have been bereaved to offer support in a friendly environment. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

First Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, after 10am mass.

### REACHOUT.COM - ONLINE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

ReachOut.com is an online youth mental health service that provides support and information for young people on issues that may affect their mental wellbeing. Developed by experts in the mental health field, ReachOut offers online peer support, has a blog section and recently developed an app for smart phones.

### POPE FRANCIS TWITTER:

God can act in any circumstance, even in the midst of apparent defeat.

### PARISH WEBSITE

[www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie](http://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

Saturday 09:45

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	James Irwin (A) Teresa Ryan (A)
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 11:30	Paschal Ryan (A) Eugene Feeley (A) John Galvin (A)
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Lil Kenny (A) Frank Gallagher (A)
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Edward Webster (A)
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 18:00	Donal Murphy (A)
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 11:30	Tom & Nora O'Keeffe (A) Joan Long (Rec Dec)
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	09:45 18:00	Denis Browne (A)
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 11:30	John & Bridget Ryan (A) Esther & Joe O'Connor (A)

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