

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

### MATTHEW 5:1-12

The blessings in the Beatitudes are primarily future blessings, but there can be an anticipation of the blessings in the present. At first reading, some Beatitudes may seem to describe circumstances that you would like to avoid at all costs. Read them slowly. Stay with each one for a while. Let yourself get a sense of the paradox involved in each one. Perhaps you have had an experience of a deeper and more authentic life, a blessing, when:

you were poor – you knew your need of God  
 you mourned – could feel for others  
 you were meek – self-controlled, neither overly aggressive nor a doormat.  
 you hungered and thirsted for some cause  
 you were merciful rather than vengeful  
 you were pure in heart – a person of integrity, whose actions and intentions correspond  
 you were a peacemaker  
 you were persecuted because you stood for something.

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### MUSINGS: The Beatitudes

When the founder of the Taizé community, Brother Roger, died in tragic circumstances in 2005, his monks resisted all efforts to turn his grave into a shrine. The work of Taizé is evangelical with its roots in the Beatitudes. The monks emphasise the value of the provisional over the permanent. We have, after all no lasting kingdom here.

During the summer months Taizé is a tented village; accommodations are simple in the fields, young people come for a week and then must leave. When the work of Taizé is done, one imagines the monks will fold up their tents and disappear like Bedouin into the sands.

Many of our fears about the Church are fears about the loss of permanence. What will happen us? The Church will survive wherever the Beatitudes are being lived; its tents will be wherever the Beatitudes lead.

Fr David O'Riordan

### ARDSCOIL RÍS PARENTS' COUNCIL FUNDRAISING EVENT

There will be a clothing recycling drive in aid of Ardscoil Rís on

Thurs 2 February between 8.00am and 8.00pm and Friday between 8.00am and 12 noon.

Drop off all items to the old gym

We accept: Clothing, Soft Toys, Shoes, Handbags, Belts, Curtains and Towels.

Laptops (Must be intact with lead) and mobile phones (under 4 years old) are accepted but please keep in a separate bag.

We cannot accept: Dirty or wet clothing, Mats, Carpets, Duvets, Pillows, Books.

If you cannot make it to the school during these times please contact 087 2738423, before Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February to make arrangements for collection.

Thank you for your support for taking the time and effort to support our fundraising drive.

**MASS TIMES:** Evening Mass at 5.45 pm will resume for First Fridays from Friday 3 Feb.

### NEWSLETTER

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a computer, can you type and send an e-mail? The preparation of the Parish Newsletter involves collecting information/news and a list of Mass Intentions by Wednesday from the Sacristy. Typing it up and emailing it to St Johns Parish office by Thursday morning, collecting the printed version and bringing it to the Church by Saturday morning. Training will be provided. Please contact the Sacristy.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** will hold their monthly collection on Sat/Sun 4/5 February at all Masses.

### CANDLEMAS DAY/THE FEAST OF ST BLAISE

**(2 FEBRUARY):** Candles are blessed on this day to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. You are invited to bring Candles for blessing before 2 February. They can be used in your home or in the Church. Thank you to all who donate candles for use in our Church.

**THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** will meet in our Parish Centre with those who have been bereaved on the **First Friday, 3 February**, after 10 am Mass to offer support in a relaxed friendly and confidential environment with a cup of tea/coffee.

**All are welcome.**

**RECENT DEATHS:** We remember all our Parishioners who have died during the month of January and express our sympathy to their families.

**Tony Bromell, Patricia Nash, Margaret O'Reilly, Bridget Gore, Eithne McCarthy, Eddie Benson, Eddie Gavin and Diana Walsh. May they rest in peace.**

**REFLECTION:** It's not the single, great, heroic deed that defines who you really are. It's the little things you do day by day that count.

### 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

Mon. & Tues and First Friday: 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 28 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Eithne Roberts (A) Shane Courtney (A) Ger O'Donovan (A) Eamon Cassidy (A)
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Eddie Cahill (A) Patricia Nash (M.M.) Liam Ahern (1st A) Carmel Corbett (M.M.) Paddy Ryan (M.M.)
	11:30	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Dec. Mem. of the Altar Society
	17:45	Robert Mulrooney (Rec. Dec.)
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Debbie Brosnan (A)
	17:45	Christy Barry (A)
Wed Feb 1	10:00	Special Intention
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	Michael Madigan (Rec. Dec.)
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Paddy Ryan (Rec. Dec.)
	17:45	Tony Bromell (M.M.)
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	09:45	Ita Leahy (A)
	18:00	Dermot Small (A)
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Liam Wrenn (A)
	11:30	Ena & Bill Leonard (A) Mary Anslo Morgan (A)

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