

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 15:1-8

1. In a relationship, connectedness is important. Relationships cannot be taken for granted and need time and care to be life-giving. What does your experience tell you of the truth of this in your relationships with God? With your friends? With your family? With communities or groups to which you belong?

2. In The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis wrote: 'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.' He goes on to suggest that when individuals, or groups, focus on Jesus there is an increase of energy and vitality. Have you seen this happen?

3. The parable also reminds us that we are not the source of our own life. It is a gift from God, from our parents, and from all who have nourished us. Give thanks for those who have been a source of life for you.

4. God is glorified by our being fruitful. When has human fruitfulness reminded you of God at work in our world?

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### MUSINGS: Why Pope Francis is happy ...

Question from a young boy during an interview between Pope Francis and young people in 2014: Everyone in this world is trying to be happy. But we have wondered are you happy? If so, why?

Response from Pope Francis: Absolutely, absolutely, I am happy. And I am happy because ... I don't know why ... Perhaps because I have a job,

I'm not unemployed, I have a job, a job as a shepherd! I am happy because I found my path in life and travelling that path makes me happy. And it is also a peaceful happiness, because at that age it is not the same happiness as a young person feels, there's a difference. A certain inner peace, a happiness that also comes with age. And also with a path that has always had problems; even now there are problems, but that happiness doesn't go away with the problems, no: it sees the problems, suffers them and goes on; it does something to resolve them and goes on. But in the depths of the heart there is that peace and that happiness. It is a grace of God, for me, really. It is a grace.

Interview with young people, 31 March 2014

**FAMILY AND LIFE MEETING on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7.30pm in the Southcourt Hotel, Raheen. Speakers include Prof Patricia Casey, Peadar Toibin TD, John Waters, Niamh Uibhriain, Vicky Wall.

### POPE APPOINTS THREE LAY WOMEN TO CHURCH WATCHDOG

In an unprecedented move, Pope Francis has appointed three female academics as consultants to the Vatican's doctrinal watchdog, paving the way for women to have a more integral role in the Church's central administration.

The Vatican announced on April 21 that the Pontiff had named three women and two priests as consultants to the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF). The women are Dr Laetitia Calmeyn, lecturer of theology at the Collège des Bernardins in Paris, Dr Linda Ghisoni

and Dr Michelina Tenance, respectively Professor of Canon Law and Professor of Theology at Rome's Pontifical Gregorian University.

Dr Linda Ghisoni was appointed last year to head the laity section in the Vatican's Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, while her fellow Italian Dr Tenance is a judge in the First Instance Court of the Vicariate of Rome.

She is a consecrated woman, as is Belgian Dr Calmeyn, who has in the past worked as a palliative care nurse and a religion teacher.

The historic new appointments mark the first time ever that women or laity have been appointed as consultants to the CDF.

### ST JOSEPH THE WORKER RESOURCES: MAY 1ST

"May Day" has long been dedicated to labour and the working person. It falls on the first day of the month that is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Pius XII expressed the hope that this feast would accentuate the dignity of labour and would bring a spiritual dimension to labour unions. It is eminently fitting that St. Joseph, a working man who became the foster-father of Christ and patron of the universal Church, should be honoured on this day.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL will hold their monthly collection next Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**THE PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** will meet in our Parish Centre with those who have been bereaved, to offer support in a friendly environment with tea, coffee and refreshments on the first Friday, May 4th after 10.00 Mass. **All are welcome.**

### SUPPORT FOR ADOPTED ADULTS GROUP

Peer support group for Adults that were Adopted. This takes place the **last Tuesday of every month** in Ennis from 7-9pm.

If interested in attending please contact 0879212530 between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

### PARISH WEBSITE

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17:00-17:30 Monday & Tuesday  
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

<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Ray Barriscale (A), Mary MacAndrew (MM)</b>
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>George Lynch (A), Sarah Maye (A)</b>
	<b>11.30</b>	<b>Earl Connolly (A) Bridget and Frank Murphy, Paddy Keane and Helen Keane Guerin (A), Nora Foley (MM)</b>
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Dec. Members Sloan Family NO EVENING MASS</b>
<b>Tue 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Catherine O'Carroll (A), Maurice Toomey (A)</b>
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Thur 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Marie Hanrahan</b>
<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09.45</b>	
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Patricia Irwin(A)</b>
<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Jerry O'Sullivan (MM)</b>
	<b>11.30</b>	<b>Tim Frawley and Deceased</b>

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