

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Matthew 22:34-40 Oct 29

1. You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with 613 laws and wondering which were the important ones. But have you ever felt overwhelmed by the rules and regulations of your own tradition? And have you ever been blessed by meeting someone, or reading something, that was able to cut through all the layers and point out to you what is essential in life? Who was that person? What did they say or do? Is there some phrase or text that encapsulates such wisdom for you?

2. If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how s/he could live a full life?

*John Byrne OSA,*

### MUSINGS

#### Prayer of Pope Francis to Mary, Mother of Silence

Mother of silence, who watches over the mystery of God,

Save us from the idolatry of the present time, to which those who forget are condemned.

Purify the eyes of Pastors with the eye-wash of memory:

Take us back to the freshness of the origins, for a prayerful, penitent Church.

Mother of the beauty that blossoms from faithfulness to daily work,

Lift us from the torpor of laziness, pettiness, and defeatism.

Clothe Pastors in the compassion that unifies, that makes whole;

Let us discover the joy of a humble, brotherly, serving Church.

Mother of tenderness who envelops us in patience and mercy,

Help us burn away the sadness, impatience and rigidity of those who do not know what it means to belong.

Intercede with your Son to obtain that our hands, our feet, our hearts be agile: let us build the Church with the truth of love.

Mother, we shall be the People of God, pilgrims bound for the Kingdom.

#### THE DEEP END: Charity and Dignity

A number of years ago, I began working for a well-known homeless charity. At the induction week we had the privilege of being addressed by a leading campaigner against homelessness in Dublin city. 'Do not give broken cups to broken people' resonated from the address and has stayed with me ever since.

As acts of charity many people are often inclined to give or donate old items that they no longer have use for. Within this there is a sincere act of generosity and perhaps a desire of not letting anything go to waste. However, there is a challenge here to consider the recipient's feelings on being handed worn out clothes, almost out of date food or damaged toys. How, perhaps, is this impacting on their feeling of worth in society today? Are they not worthy of some new clothes to regain their sense of pride? Some fresh and tasty food to nourish their bodies?

Some new, clean toys, the same as other children their age?

These are superficial examples but point towards a challenge to society to provide services of the highest standards to vulnerable people. Good intentions need to be coupled with thoughtfulness and a determination to give only the best to our neighbour most in need, to show them that they are respected and loved. Mary Anne Stokes Vincentian Lay Missionaries (VLM)

**Parish Bereavement Support Group** will meet in the Parish Centre on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, after 10am Mass, to offer support with tea, coffee and refreshments. All welcome

**All Saints Day Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Day of obligation** Masses Tues 31<sup>st</sup> 6pm, Wed 1<sup>st</sup> 10am, 11.30. No Evening Mass on Wed 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Holy Souls Day Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov** Masses 10am & 5.45pm  
**First Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** Masses 10am & 5.45pm  
**Adoration** after 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 10am Mass to 5pm  
**During November** week day Masses 10am & 5.45pm **Holy Souls Envelopes** distributed and maybe returned during the week.

**St Vincent De Paul Church gate collection.**  
*Next weekend Sat 4<sup>th</sup> and Sun 5<sup>th</sup> November.*

#### Nov 5 Cemetery Prayers in Castlemungret

*You are invited to attend a brief Prayer service in Castlemungret Cemetery on Sunday November 5th at 2.30pm*

**HOME BOUND IN HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME:**  
 As Priests, we welcome the opportunity to visit the sick in their homes hospitals or nursing homes. Please let us know.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** Mondays at 7.00pm in the 'Crying Room' in the Church.

**CHANGES TO MASS TIMES & ADORATION:**  
 Evening Mass at 5.45 pm during November,  
**Adoration** Monday after 5.45pm Mass until

7pm. Adoration held after 10.00am Mass till 5 pm on **First Fridays** followed by Mass at 5.45pm

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Saturday Vigil 18:00		
Sunday 10:00; 11:30		
<u>Weekdays:</u>		
Mon. to Fri. 10:00		
Saturday 09:45		
Mon (from 9 Oct) 10:00 and 17:45		
First Friday: 10:00 & 17:45		
<u>Baptisms:</u> Saturday 17:00		
Sunday 12:15		

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	James Irwin (A)
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Hubert Maye (A)
		Carol Moran (A)
	11.30	Joe Costello (A)
		Paschal Ryan (A)
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Frank Gallagher (A)
		No evening Mass
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Joe Dalton (Rec Dec)
	6.00pm	Max Norden (A)
Wed Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Special Intention
	11.30	John Lysaght (Rec Dec)
		No Evening Mass
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	Special Intention
	5.45pm	Martin O'Brien (A)
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	James Condon (A)
	5.45pm	Purgatorial
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	09:45	John & Bridget Ryan (A)
	18:00	Jim Condon (M/M)
		Denis Brown (A)
		John Finucane (A)
		Phil Murphy (M/M)
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Roger Hickey (A)
	11:30	Ester & Joe O'Connor (A)
		Lars Peter Harvest (A)

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