

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL: Luke 24:46-53

1. The Ascension of Jesus was an important growth point for the disciples. Jesus would be with them in a different way from now on. Painful though it was, it was necessary for them to let go of his physical presence and adjust to the new reality. Perhaps you have known similar transition points in your own life.
2. Jesus invited the disciples to be witnesses to the good news they had learned. The way we live, speak and relate to others speaks of what we have learned about life. We all are witnesses. How have you been a witness to the goodness of life?
3. In particular, Jesus invited them to be witnesses to the good news of forgiveness. Recall people who have been witnesses to you of forgiveness and reconciliation. What effect did they have on your life? Have you been able to be a witness to the good news of forgiveness in your life?
4. Stay in the city until...Jesus instructs the apostles to wait patiently for the moment of grace. What has been your experience of waiting for a moment of grace? What are the moments of grace that you particularly recall (a friendship, a new opportunity, the birth of a baby, etc)?

The Deep End – O Captain! My Captain!

cinema. Beloved teacher, Mr Keating (played by the late Robin Williams), is saying a final farewell to his students, who have been inspired by his unorthodox teaching methods and his encouragement to make your lives extraordinary. 'As he leaves the classroom, the students, in defiance of their strict headmaster, stand on their desks and salute him with the words, 'O Captain! My Captain!' – referring to a poem he taught them. Goodbyes are often emotional, particularly if we know we might not see the other person again for a long time, if ever. In films and TV programmes, a farewell scene can be a pivotal moment, or even the climax of the drama. In this context, one line in today's first reading always grabs my attention: 'They were still staring into the sky.' The apostles had just witnessed Jesus being 'lifted up' and taken from their sight. They had lost him once with his death, and now they are losing him a second time, after precious time spent with him following his resurrection. But the scene in today's first reading for the Ascension is no ordinary goodbye. It is not a dramatic scene written for a film script. In fact, Jesus does not seem to say goodbye at all. His last words are a promise to the disciples: the Holy Spirit will be with them as they set out on their mission. They have not been left alone.

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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Annual General Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council at 8pm, Tuesday 28th May 2019, at the Parish Centre. Please make the effort to attend as in this new era for the church it is

imperative that we participate in the parish community.

MILFORD HOSPICE 5KM MEMORIAL WALK:

will take place on Sunday, 16th June at the University of Limerick with a start time of 12:00 noon. This event is suitable for those of all levels of fitness and ability. Entry fee is €20 with the option of taking a sponsorship card. The walk will commence on the Main Plaza (outside Library) at the University of Limerick and will finish on the grounds of Milford. A special Memorial Pin will also be presented to each participant. Refreshments will be available after this memorial occasion. Register for the event by logging onto www.milfordcarecentre.ie alternatively registration and sponsorship cards can be arranged by contacting the Fundraising Department at 061 485859, between 9 am and 5 am, Monday to Friday; by email to fundraising@milfordcarecentre.ie. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

Are you or is someone you know **celebrating a significant milestone** in your life commitment (Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond Jubilee)? Please put the name in the box provided and all will be prayed for at **11.30am Mass on June 9th**.

ROSARY at 8pm every night at The Grotto of Our Lady.

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, 7th June, after 10am Mass. This will be the last meeting until our annual Mass on Wednesday 4th September at 7.30pm which will be celebrated by Canon Johnny Daly who started this group when he was in our Parish. **All are welcome.**

RECENT DEATHS: We remember our parishioners who died during the month of May and express our sympathy to their families: **Clare Burns O'Keeffe, Ted Motherway, Tony McSweeney, Carmel Ronan, Frank O'Donoghue.** May they rest in peace.

Reflection: It is the spirit who makes us arise from our limitations, from our deaths, because we have so many necroses in our life, in our soul. The message of the Resurrection is this: we must be reborn. (Pope Francis Twitter)

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MASS TIMES: Weekends and Holy Days

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45 : Prayer Service

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 1st	18:00	Paddy Hartnett (A) Fiona O'Donnell (A)
Sun 2nd	10:00	Grainne Hinchy (A)
	11:30	Noel Kennedy (A)
Mon 3rd	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 4th	10:00	Purgatorial John Garry (Rec. Dec.)
Wed 5th	10:00	Paddy Condon (Rec. Dec.)
Thurs 6th	10:00	Mary Curtis (A)
Fri 7th	10:00	Noel Clancy (Rec Dec)
Sat 8th	9:45	
	18:00	

Sun9th

10:00

John Moloney (A)

11:30

James & Patricia Carroll (A)

Ed Tierney (Rec.Dec.)