

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 24:13-35

1.Jesus joined the despondent disciples and listened to them. 'We had hoped...' When you have been upset or disappointed, who has joined you along the road? To whom have you been able to pour out your heart? Who was a 'Jesus person' to you, listening to you in respectful silence? To whom have you been a Jesus person?

2.Jesus then helps them to see things in another light by opening the scriptures to them. When did you have the experience of finding your heart 'burning within you' with new hope for the future? Who/what helped you to change after a setback?

3.The disciples invite Jesus to join them at table – there follows a recognition of who he is. We meet many people on the road of life. Usually we meet and pass on. Occasionally we meet someone who we invite into our home, into our hearts, in a deeper way, in a way we had not done before. With whom has this happened for you? Where in these relationships have you experienced the presence of god or of Jesus?

4.After Jesus had gone the disciples went to bring the good news to others. When have you met others who told you what happened to them along their road? What affect did this sharing have on you? When have you done this with others? When was such a conversation 'good news' for you or others?

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MUSINGS

Pounding hearts, wounded hearts and burning hearts... the image of the human heart permeates the beautiful Easter Gospel of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. It is a very human story, full of pathos; stylised in pattern, and suggesting a Eucharistic celebration. The disciples come with their questions and doubts; the Scriptures are recited; words of clarification and instruction are exchanged on the road; and finally the moment of recognition comes in the context of a meal.

The stranger on the road to Emmaus takes the scepticism and curiosity of the disciples and weaves them into the fabric of the Scripture. Jesus challenges them to reinterpret the events of the past days in light of the Scriptures.

At table in Emmaus, the disciples' hearts began to gradually burn within them as they came to understand with their minds the truth about the suffering messiah. The 'Good News' descended from their head to their heart, and they experienced that strange and wonderful feeling of their hearts gradually on fire. The analogy of the 'burning hearts' is the only way for them to adequately describe their recognition of the Lord. I remember a beautiful phrase of the great French Catholic author of the last century, Francois Mauriac: *'If you are friends with Christ many others will warm themselves at your fire... On the day when you no longer burn with love, many will die of the cold.'*

(Father Thomas Rosica, CSB CEO Salt + Light Catholic Television Network)

MILFORD HOSPICE MEMORIAL WALK takes place on Sunday 28 May at the UL with a start time of 12.00 noon. The event is suitable for those with all levels of fitness and ability. There is no entry fee, but the organisers are encouraging people to seek sponsorship or make a donation. To register please contact 061-485859 or email fundraising@milfordcarecentre.ie

THANK YOU: Many thanks to all the parishioners who supported the Quiz in aid of the Youth travelling to Lourdes in June. They raised €1,065 on the night. Well done to all who helped make the night such a success.

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES: Weekday Evening Mass will only be held on Mondays and First Friday. There will be no Mass on Monday 1 May due to the Bank holiday.

THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP will meet in our Parish Centre with those who have been bereaved on the **First Friday, 5 May**, after **10 am Mass** to offer support in a relaxed friendly and confidential environment with a cup of tea/coffee.

All are welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will hold their monthly collection on Saturday/Sunday the 6/7 May at all masses.

LETTER FROM POPE FRANCIS TO BISHOP LEAHY:

'The Holy Father has received your letter of 10 January concerning the recent Synod of the Diocese of Limerick and he has asked me to thank you in his name. He appreciates the contribution offered in time and talents by so many generous people during this important event and gives thanks to the Lord with you for the abundant blessings received. Please be assured of His Holiness's gratitude and his continued prayers for you and all the faithful entrusted to your care. With my own prayerful good wishes, I am,
Yours sincerely in Christ,
+ Angelo Becciu'

CONRADH NA GAEILGE: Ba mhaith liom thar cheann Choiste na Craoibhe, fíor-bhuíochas

a ghabháil leat agus le muintir an pharóiste as ucht bhur gcabhrach le linn bhailiúcháin 17^ú Márta. *Cathal MacCarthaigh (Cisteoir)*

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09:00-12:30 Sunday

Mass Times: Weekends

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Mon. 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 29 th	18:00	Gertie McCormack (A) Sarah Maye (A)
Sun 30 th	10:00 11:30	Maurice Toomey (A) Earl Connolly (A) Paddy Keane (A) Helen Keane-Guerin (A)
Mon	10:00	
MAY 1 st	17:45	No evening Mass
Tues 2 nd	10:00	Catherine O'Carroll (A)
Wed 3 rd	10:00	Marie Hanrahan (A)
Thurs 4 th	10:00	Ger & Mary Cleary (A)
Fri 5 th	10:00 17:45	Dec. Mem. of the Sloan Family
Sat 6 th	09:45 18:00	Maura Holiday (A) Patricia Irwin (A) Mary Deloughry (M.M.)
Sun 7 th	10:00 11:30	Michael Roberts (A) Tim Frawley (A) Dec. Mem. of the Fitzgibbon Family

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