

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 2:41-52

1. Luke's skill as a storyteller comes through in the details of the story in a way that many people can identify with: the loss of a child, the frantic search, the seemingly offhand speech of the teenager. Let the drama of the story speak to you. Where do you find good news in it?

2. In Luke's Gospel this story serves to give a glimpse of the future greatness of Jesus, the teacher of his people. Sometimes we can look back over our own life, or the lives of others and with hindsight can see in childhood or teenage years a glimpse of gifts and talents that were later to blossom. Where have you seen this?

3. 'Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?' This seemingly insensitive reply by Jesus to Mary serves to highlight that in his life the mission given him by God would take precedence over family ties, painful though this would be. Perhaps you have known situations in your own life where there was pain for family members as you followed your own destiny? Where in the midst of the pain was the good news?

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: Today is the Feast of the Holy Family But also every Family's Feast Day since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian Families. We remember the visit of Pope Frances and the World Meeting of Families.



**Athbhliainfaoishéan
'isfaoimhaisedaobh**

From

*Fr. Des, Fr. Tom, Margaret & the
Parish Council*

CHRISTMAS DUES: We wish to acknowledge and thank all who have returned their Christmas Offering Envelopes for the Priests and the Sacristan and all who are in the process of doing so. If you are contributing by cheque, please make the cheques payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish' and in relation to the Sacristan to 'Margaret Clifford'.

PARISH ENVELOPES 2019: Parish Envelopes for 2019 will be distributed at the end of this Calendar year. We acknowledge all who give to the Parish in whatever way that suits. We also encourage you, if you can, to consider giving through the Envelope System as the Parish receives tax refunds based on your contribution. Anyone who wishes to join the Envelope System should contact the Sacristy.

Tuesday, 1 January 2019 is the feast of Mary, Mother of God and World Peace Day. Mass at 10.00a.m.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

We are fascinated by the claim that this Christmas song was written when the Catholic faith was proscribed in England under severe penalties. It was a kind of catechism to teach young Catholics the tenets of their Faith. The 'true love' refers to God Himself the 'me' who receives the gifts is the baptised Christian and the partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God

*The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus

*The 2 turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments

*The 3 French hens stand for faith, hope and charity

*The 4 calling/collybirds stand for four gospels

*The 5 gold rings recall the Hebrew Torah (law) or the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament

*The 6 geese a-laying stand for the 6 days of creation

*The 7 swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the holy Spirit

*The 8 maids a milking are the 8 Beatitudes

*The 9 ladies dancing are the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit

*The 10 lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments

*The 11 pipers piping represent the 11 faithful Apostles.

*The 12 drummers drumming symbolize the 12 points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed

THANK YOU to the gentleman who found and handed in a parishioner's purse to the sacristy, it is very much appreciated.

REFLECTION: 'We spend the early days of January walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk the rooms of our lives not looking for flaws but for potential.' – Ellen Goodman

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09:00-12.30 Sunday**

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 29 th	18:00	Pat O'Connor (A) Paddy Ryan (A) Ita Duffy (A) Humphrey Murphy (1 st A)
Sun 30 th	10:00	Anne O'Brien (A)
	11:30	Dec. Mem. of the Hurley Family Lily O'Brien (A) Carmel Corbett (A)
Mon 31 st	10:00	Special Intention
Tues 1 st	10:00	Alice O'Donoghue (Rec. Dec.) Charles O'Connor (Rec. Dec.)
Jan		Tony & Áine Bromell (A) George & Kitty O'Mahony(A)
Wed 2 nd	10:00	James, William & John O'Rourke(A)
Thurs 3 rd	10:00	Gerry Goodwin (A) Nora DeHoir (Rec. Dec.)
Fri 4 th	10:00	Prayer Service
Sat 5 th	09:45	Eamon Beston (A)
	18:00	Tom & Kathleen Hegarty (A) Derek Crowe (A)
Sun 6 th	10:00	
	11:30	Seamus McGrath (M.M.)

