

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 9:38-43, 45,47-48

1. John objected when a person, who was not in their group, cast out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus himself had no problems with this. Jealousy can poison our outlook even when what is done by another is good. 'They are invading my patch.' Perhaps you have seen, in yourself or in others, the negative effect of jealousy and the contrasting positive effect of being able to rejoice that good is being done, irrespective of the person doing it.

2. In strong terms Jesus condemns those who are destructive of the life of others, particularly the 'little ones'. Just as Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full, we likewise are here to make a positive difference to others. What was it like for you when you were able to do something that was helpful to another?

3. Rather dramatically Jesus tells us to cut off a hand, or tear out an eye, rather than harm another. It is not to be taken literally but it does mean that we should not be casual about our efforts to live a good life. When have you experienced the benefits of an element of seriousness in your approach to life? John Byrne osa

MUSINGS

'... more than bureaucrats and functionaries, the Church needs passionate missionaries, enthusiastic about sharing true life. The saints surprise us, they confound us, because by their lives they urge us to abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity. Let us

ask the Lord for the grace not to hesitate when the Spirit calls us to take a step forward. Let us ask for the apostolic courage to share the Gospel with others and to stop trying to make our Christian life a museum of memories. In every situation, may the Holy Spirit cause us to contemplate history in the light of the risen Jesus. In this way, the Church will not stand still, but constantly welcome the Lord's surprises.' Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate 138-139

THE DEEPEND: Be tolerant. In the second reading from St James today we hear of a condemnation of the rich who exploit the weak. This theme carries on to the gospel where Jesus has harsh words for anyone who would try to bring down 'the little ones'. It is a lesson in tolerance. As we approach the end of this annual celebration of the Season of Creation let today's gospel be a call to care for the weak and vulnerable. Through our exploitation of the earth's goods it is the poorest of the world who suffer. Let us always be conscious of our responsibility to be stewards of creation, to connect more deeply with the wonderful world around us, to take action against all that threatens our natural environment.

In a few days we celebrate the Feast of St Francis (4 October), patron saint of ecology. Perhaps by hosting a blessing for animals, a local clean up, trying to go plastic free, we

can mark this special time in some way and embrace our role as stewards of creation.

'God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.' Laudato Si', 245

Hospitality Group meeting Monday 1st Oct 2pm to 4pm and on Wednesday 3rd Oct after 10am Mass for a cuppa & chat.

Parish Bereavement Support Group will meet in the Parish Centre to offer support in a friendly environment with tea, coffee and refreshments on the First Friday 5th October after 10am Mass. All welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council for 2018/2019 meet every second Tuesday of the month usually except for Summer months and the next meeting is on **Wednesday, 10th October, 2018** at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre:
Members: Martin Duffy, Chairperson, Fr. Des McAuliffe PP, Fr. Tom Ryan, CC Anne Kennedy, Secretary, Bridie Burke John Paul Cronin, Treasurer, Roger Daly Fergal Deegan, Dermot Maloney Brian McCarthy, Elizabeth Mulvin Margaret Naughton, Melanie O'Shea Sarah Phillips, Majella Sutton

St Vincent De Paul monthly collection Sat/Sun 6th & 7th October at all Masses.

Christian Mediation – Every Monday evening in the church at 7pm, all welcome

Adoration – First Friday in October. Please note that adoration starts First Friday in October after 10am Mass to 5pm.

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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

Saturday 09:45

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 29th	18.00	Dermot Keyes (A) Phil Murphy (A)
Sun 30th	10.00	Margaret Wrenn (A)
	11.30	Rose & Jim Hurley (A) Cyril Culligan (A) Betty Connolly M/Mind
Mon 1st	10.00	Denis O'Keeffe (A)
Tue 2nd	10:00	John Lysaght (A)
Wed 3rd	10.00	
Thur 4th	10:00	Prayer Service
Fri 5th	10.00	Pauline O Grady Rec Dec
Sat 6th	09.45	
	18.00	Paddy & Mary White (A)
Sun 7th	10.00	Paddy Hartnett Birth Rem
	11.30	Billy Hurley (A) Jim & Nora South (A)

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