

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

LUKE 4:21-30

1. The people of Nazareth could not accept that this local boy had something to teach them. Fixed ideas about people can at times block us from hearing what is being said. What a difference when we drop our prejudices! Perhaps you have experienced hearing an important truth when you focussed on what was being said, rather than on the person saying it?

2. The anger of the people arose when Jesus confronted them with God's inclusive ways. For them, God was 'their God' and God's blessings were for them. Jesus reminded them that this is not God's way. When have you been challenged to think in new ways and not to be excluding some people from your thoughts or concerns? Was there good news for you in the challenge?

3. Jesus continued his work despite the opposition. Have there been times when despite opposition you have been able to 'walk through the people' and 'continue on your way'? Have you seen this courage in others.

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THE DEEP END: Joseph's Son

A prophet is never welcome in his home town. This familiar saying paraphrases the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

We might find ourselves sympathising with Jesus on this front: that feeling that no matter what we have done in our adult life,

in our homeplace we are still identified with the child we were or the family we came from. Sadly there are some who seem to delight in taking others down a peg or two and ensuring they don't get ideas 'above their station'.

Perhaps we ourselves have this tendency sometimes. We can be guilty of pigeonholing people, of silencing their voices because their message comes in the wrong package. We don't always recognise the prophets among us. Do we listen to young people's opinions? Do we dismiss the experience and wisdom of elderly people? Are we biased against certain groups of people, or do we shoot people down before they even speak, just because we have disagreed with something they said in the past?

Jesus, the carpenter's son, faces this attitude in today's Gospel. Returning home to Nazareth he impresses his former neighbours at first with his preaching. But as soon as he challenges them, they turn on him. They refuse to listen to his message of hope and inclusion. They hustle him out of town and attempt to throw him from a cliff. 'Joseph's son' should not be speaking to them in this manner. Joseph's son should know his place.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will hold their monthly collection this weekend on Sat/Sun 2nd/3rd February at all Masses.

FAMILY MASS: Our monthly Family Mass is next Sunday 10th February at 11.30.

CATHOLIC PAPERS: The Irish Catholic newspaper is available at the back of the church. Please put your payment in the box.

PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN CHURCH GATE COLLECTION this weekend 2nd/3rd February: The Pro-Life Campaign promotes and defends human life at all stages from conception to Natural death. It also campaigns for resources to support and assist pregnant women and those in need of healing after abortion. They ask for support this weekend for their church gate collection.

SALESIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL FERNBANK is now enrolling for the school year 2019/20. Enrolment of children in the parish is now closing as there is a waiting list for children from outside the parish. If you are living in the parish and have a child/children who will be 4 years of age **on or before** 1st September 2019, please enrol them now. Closing date for same is Friday 8th February 2019. Please bring your child's **Birth Certificate** and **P.P.S. number** with you to the school when enrolling.

JFK SCHOOL is now enrolling for boys going into 2nd class in September 2019. Application forms are available from school reception, Tel No. 061 452090.

LUKE THE ARTIST: 5 Saturdays @ Glenstal exploring selected passages as interpreted through Icons, Art, Drama, Liturgy, Music and Cinema.

Beginning Saturday 2nd February. €70 Lunch, tea & Coffee included. Booking Info: events@glenstal.com / www.glenstal.org / 061 621005

REFLECTION 'Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.'

(Pope Francis: Laudato Si 217)

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**Office Hours: 09:00 - 09:45 Weekdays
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 2 nd	18:00	Dermot Smalle (A) Bill O'Brien (M.M.)
Sun 3 rd	10:00 11:30	Eddie Cahill (A) Richard & Bridie Fitzpatrick (A) Bill & Ena Leonard (A) Pat Ebrill (A)
Mon 4 th	10:00	
Tues 5 th	10:00	Ita Leahy (A)
Wed 6 th	10:00	
Thurs 7 th	10:00	Living and Deceased members of Our Lady of the Rosary Active Retired Group
Fri 8 th	10:00	Nora & Charles Brosnan (A)
Sat 9 th	09:45 18:00	Prayer Service Vincent Collins (M.M.) Mary Mulcahy & her parents Bridget & Thomas (A)
Sun 10 th	10:00 11:30	Liam Wrenn (A) Anne & Liam Moloney (A) Noel Power (M.M.)

