

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

### John 1:1-18

1 This prologue to the Gospel of John is a piece of poetry. Like all poetry one of the ways to enter into it is to read it a few times slowly and let the words and images speak to you.

2. The prologue proclaims Jesus as the true light come into the world. How has Jesus, and the message of Jesus, been a light for you in your life?

3. The prologue also affirms the transforming power of faith: 'to all who received him...he gave power to become children of God' How would you describe the difference it makes to you to have faith as part of your life?

4. In Jesus we get a glimpse of God and of the love of God. But as 'Jesus people' in the world today we also are called to be witnesses to the light. Who has been a witness to you? To whom have you been a witness?

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**MILFORD CARE CENTRE:** The lights on the Light Up a Memory Tree will be switched off today **Sunday, 3 January** at 6pm when Mass will be celebrated at Milford Care Centre for all those remembered.

**MASS TIMES:** Evening Mass will resume on Monday and Tuesdays at 5.45 beginning on Monday 4 January.

**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS:** On Sunday 10 January we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Next Sunday at 11:30 Mass we will have a special celebration when all those who were baptised during 2015 will be invited to attend. Please leave a photo of your child in the sacristy to display on the notice board as part of this celebration.

**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.

**FAMILY MASS:** Our monthly Family Mass will be held Sunday next 10 January at 11.30a.m. Practice will be on Tuesday 5 January at 2.00p.m.

### THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:

**Wed: 6 January.**

**Mass times: Vigil Mass Tues: 6.00pm**

**Wed: 10.00, 11.30 and 6.00pm.**

This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed

how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

### OUR HOPE FOR YOU THIS YEAR

That the single most significant dimension of life is your relationship with the source of Goodness who never ceases to sing love songs to your soul. That you find meaning, purpose and vitality in what you do daily.

That you treasure your loved ones and let them know how dear they are to you.

That you make choices and decisions that reflect your truest self.

That you look in the mirror at least once a day and smile in happy amazement.

That you remember that relationships are what count above all else – more than work or money or the material things we spend so much time tending.

That you live in an uncluttered manner, enjoying the freedom to be content.

That you keep your sense of humour when things don't go the way you want.

That you find adventure in each new day and marvel at the wonders of creation which constantly present themselves to you.

That you never give up on yourself when others turn away or do not understand.

That you are attentive to the health of your body, mind and spirit.

That you take risks and accept the growth-full experiences that come to you.

That you draw on your inner strength and resiliency when you are in need.

That you carry peace within yourself, and encourage it to slip into the hearts of others, so that our planet becomes a place where violence, division and war are no more.

### Parish Website

[www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie](http://www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie)

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Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays

17:00-17:30 Mon & Tue

09:00- 12.30 Sunday

### Mass Times

#### Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

#### Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00 ; **Saturday 9:45**

Mon and Tues 17:45

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 18:15-19:00

Friday 10:30-17:30

**Meditation:** Monday 19:00 – 19:45

**Baptisms:** Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	18:00	Pat O'Connor (A)
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Sr. John & Rita Barry (A)
	11:30	Lily O'Brien (A)
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	John Clifford (Rem.)
	17:45	Sr Brid O'Dwyer (Rec.Dec.)
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Nellie O'Sullivan (RIP)
	18:00	Dec. Mem. of the Levins Family
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Dec. Mem. of the Moriarty Family
	11:30	Dec. Mem. of the Moriarty Family
	18:00	
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Marie Heenan (A)
		Anne Kenny (A)
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Nellie O'Sullivan (RIP)
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	09:45	Special Intention
	18:00	Vincent, Ursula & Barry O'Callaghan (A)
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Liam Shanahan (A)
	11:30	Brenda Fitzgerald (A)
		Nuala McElligot (A)

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