

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:13-21

1. 'One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions,' says Jesus. What have you found to be more important in life than possessions?

2. 'Be on your guard against all kinds of greed'.

Perhaps you have seen how greed can lead to trouble in public life, in family life, and in the personal life of individuals. What has helped you to guard against greed? What benefits have you experienced when you were less greedy?

3. The message of the parable could be summed up as 'if you want to give God a laugh, tell him your plans'. Life takes many unanticipated twists and turns. When have you found that you have had to change your plans because of unexpected circumstances? What has helped you to be flexible and resourceful at such times?

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THE DEEP END

Living the Dream

Some of us may hear today's Gospel reading and think: 'Well, what is so wrong with that?' In a lot of ways, the actions of the man in the parable make sense. He has had a good harvest (presumably a result of his own hard work) and is making provisions for the future – building bigger barns to store his crops, ensuring he has enough to live on for the coming years, allowing himself to

enjoy the fruits of his labour. He is living the dream! He is a good businessman, he has achieved security in life, so why shouldn't he 'eat, drink, have a good time'?

Yet God brands him a 'fool'. Why? As it turns out, the man is to die very soon. He certainly can't take all his treasure with him. He has not thought beyond his own enjoyment. He is living only for this life, without any thought for the bigger picture. As Jesus warns: 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Furthermore, there is no indication that he considered sharing his wealth with anyone else. His focus is 'me, me, me.' He comes across as selfish and greedy. What does he have to show for his life? Yes, he had a good time, but has he helped anyone else, or left the world a better place?

We do not need to renounce all our worldly possessions or stop planning for the future, but we do need to keep things in their proper perspective.

'If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.' CS Lewis

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION 15th August

The Annual Mass at the Shrine to Our Lady in Cratloe takes place at 7.00pm on the Holy Day, 15th August. We hope that some of our parishioners will attend as Our Lady of the Rosary is part of the cluster with Caherdavin and Cratloe Parishes.

VISITING THE SICK: If you are aware of someone who is housebound or in hospital and would like a visit from Fr. McAuliffe or Fr. Ryan, please contact Margaret in the sacristy.

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive weekly Holy Communion please contact Margaret in the Sacristy.

MILFORD HOSPICE HARVEST FAIR celebrates its 34th anniversary and is scheduled for Sunday 1st September at the University of Limerick. There will be a fun filled programme of activities and entertainment. Items such as plants, bottles for the bottle stall, and homemade cakes along with new items for the Wheel of Fortune will be accepted on the day only. All other goods such as toys, fancy goods, designer/good quality handbags & scarfs are being accepted at the Hospice from the 19th August 2019

For further details, please contact the Fundraising Office on: 061 485859/485860

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL will hold their monthly collection this weekend, Sat/Sun 3rd/4th August at all Masses

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL : The annual Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place August 15-18 at Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co. Kildare for young people ages 16 – 35. Please book online at www.youth2000.ie

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK (21st August)
The Knock Shrine Shop will be running a bus to Knock on Sunday 18th August, the nearest Sunday to the feast day. Tickets at the shop or Ph. 061 419458

REFLECTION: The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They make the best of everything.

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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 3 rd	18:00	Dan Hickey (A)
Sun 4 th	10:00	Peter Sweeney (M.M.)
	11:30	Patrick Ryan (A)
Mon 5 th	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 6 th	10:00	Nuala Taylor (Rec. Dec.)
Wed 7 th	10:00	
Thur 8 th	10:00	
Fri 9 th	10:00	Jerry & Hannah Ryan (A)
Sat 10 th	09:45	Prayer Service
	18:00	Sean & May Morrissey (A)
		Tony McDonald (A)
Sun 10 th	10:00	Jim & Rose Hurley (A)
		Tony McDonald (A)
	11:30	Peggy McCarthy (A)
		John McCrory (1 st A)

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