

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

MATTHEW 5:13-16

1. Jesus uses the image of salt as something that makes food tasty. Without it food can be tasteless. Who are the people who give zest to your life and make it enjoyable? For whom have you done this? When have you been particularly aware of your potential in this regard?
2. The second image is that of light. Who have been the people who have been a light for you, particularly in moments of darkness? For whom have you been a light? Recall these experiences and give thanks.
3. The images of salt and light can also be applied to communities to which we belong, a family, a parish, or other group. Thinking of the groups of which you are a member, how can their potential be enhanced to enrich the lives of members and offer them a guiding light? How can you make a contribution to this?

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THE DEEP END: Salt and Light

In today's Gospel we hear of two scenarios where salt is concerned: one is that we are called to be 'salt of the earth'. What salt does for food, Christians are called to do for the world – to give life 'taste'. You might recall someone who brought 'taste' to your own life, encouraging you on your journey, offering hope, a new insight or project, someone you followed and learned from. What gifts did they bring?

The other scenario in the Gospel today is where salt has lost its taste – how can it be restored? You might recall someone you placed great hope in, whether it be a family member, a public figure, a Church leader or politician; someone who had vision and inspired others. Yet the 'salt' or the 'taste' was lost. We see this all around us in our world, when someone's potential is lost.

There are many situations in our world today where people's light is not allowed to shine. It is controlled, hidden, prevented from being used for the benefit of all because of jealousy or perhaps others are afraid of the consequences. Jesus tells us that these lights must shine, for all, and then we can give glory to God in heaven for the fruits it may produce. To help lights shine and to give flavour to the world is our task today. Another way of putting it might be: how are the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ evident in our lives?

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MASS TIMES: Please note there will be no evening on Mondays, beginning Monday, 12th February.

Also note that morning Mass on both Friday 9th and Saturday 10th February will be replaced by a Prayer Service.

FAMILY MASS: Our monthly Family Mass will be held next Sunday 11 February at 11.30.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In Preparation for Easter
In a relaxed atmosphere,
Each Monday morning for 6 weeks
Starting **Monday 12th February**
Time: 10.30 to 12.00
Includes tea/coffee/ refreshments
Where: **Salesian Convent ,Fernbank**
If you are interested please contact:
Elizabeth Mulvin (087-2546492)
Sr. Margo (086-3795654)
Please give your name by 5th February

DÓCHAS (Hope for people with Autism) would like to thank everyone who collected and contributed to our recent church gate

collection. €868.50 was collected on the day.
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THE LITURGY GROUP will meet in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm on Tuesday February 6th.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY hold their monthly collection this weekend on Sat/Sun 3rd/4th February at all Masses.

SALESIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL In association with HOLMAN LEE AGENCY

Inaugural FASHION SHOW

Venue: **THE STRAND HOTEL**
22nd February at 7.30pm

Tickets: €20

available from: Centra, O'Connell St; Loraine at 087 2701680 or email, salesianstickets@gmail.com

Please support our local school.

BEREAVEMENT INFO EVENING, MILFORD:

Milford Care Centre and Anam Cara, the national organisation that provides support services to bereaved parents and families, are hosting a Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 15th February from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. (Registration from 6.45pm). This event gives parents an opportunity to hear an experienced bereavement professional talk about the many challenges their family may face after the death of a son or daughter. Please note this event is open to all bereaved parents, regardless of the age of their child or the circumstances of their death.

We would appreciate if you could RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Wednesday 14 February or contact 01 4045378/0852888888

REFLECTION: Stop everything and take five minutes just to lean back in your chair, close your eyes, and think of someone that you love. Send him or her your love in prayer, by asking God to bless the one for whom you care.

Parish Website

www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

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Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays

17:00-17:30 Mon

09:00-12.30 Sunday

Mass Times: Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00 ;

Mon. 17:45

Saturday 09:45

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 18:15-19:00

Baptisms: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3 rd	18:00	Dermot Small (A)
Sun 4 th	10:00	Eddie Cahill (A)
	11:30	Liam O'Shanahan (A)
		Liam Wrenn (A)
		Bill & Ena Leonard (A)
		Mary & Declan Walsh (A)
Mon 5 th	10:00	Mary Anslow Morgan (A)
		John J. Anslow (A)
	17:45	Eithna McCarthy (A)
Tues 6 th	10:00	Ita Leahy (A)
Wed 7 th	10:00	Charles & Nora Brosnan (A)
Thu 8 th	10:00	Living and Deceased members of Our Lady of the Rosary Active Retired Group Prayer Service
Fri 9 th	10:00	Prayer Service
Sat 10 th	09:45	Prayer Service
	18:00	Patricia Ebrill (A)
Sun 11 th	10:00	
	11:30	Liam & Anne Moloney (A)

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