

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 20:19-23

1. Jesus comes into a room full of fear. Sometimes it is fear itself that makes us close the door on others and on God. Occasionally a person comes along with the gift of breaking through our closed doors, a person who comes to be with us in our fears. Do you have memories of people getting through to you and being with you despite your closed doors? Who brought you peace in a time of anxiety?

2. Jesus showed his wounds to his friends. Moments of grace can occur when another shows us their vulnerable side, or when we do that with them. Let your memories speak of such experiences to you.

3. As Jesus was sent by the Father, so he sent out the disciples. This evokes images of receiving and handing on the things that give life: values, meaning, sense of purpose, love. Who are the people who gave you life by what they handed on to you? To whom have you handed on what is life-giving?

4. In our tradition the final verse reminds us of the Sacrament of Reconciliation but its meaning is broader than that. Spirit-filled people are people who forgive. You might like to recall memories of when you have forgiven, or retained, another's sins. What difference has it made to you and others when you forgive rather than hold sins against others?

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MUSINGS: Spirit Alive

Someone dies and we say he kept his spirit alive to the end; or we say that 'his spirit

lives on'. A word we talk of easily. It's something elusive, you can't pin it down. It comes from somewhere. Maybe from parents, a spirit of endurance or being able to make it through a tough time; or from our prayer and faith. Today is the feast of the Spirit of God, alive, active and joyful.

Pentecost is the flame of God's own love, given to his followers to mark the birth of the community, the body of Jesus, the Church.

It is the spirit of forgiveness always, a gift of the first Pentecost. Compassion, mercy, forgiveness and a hope of justice for all are gifts we ask from the Spirit who blows among us strongly today.

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Strengthening our relationship of belonging to the Lord Jesus, the Spirit enables us to enter into a new experience of fraternity. By means of our universal Brother – Jesus – we can relate to one another in a new way; no longer as orphans, but rather as children of the same good and merciful Father. And this changes everything! We can see each other as brothers and sisters whose differences can only increase our joy and wonder at sharing in this unique fatherhood and brotherhood.

Pope Francis

Prayer for Exams: Let us pray for all students doing exams: **Lord, pour out your Spirit of Wisdom on these students:**

Help them to remain calm

To attend carefully to the questions asked,

To think clearly, to remember accurately,

and to express themselves well.

Grant that they may reflect the best of the work they have done, and the best of the teaching they have received.

Accept their best efforts in these exams and in the great test of life on earth.

May your love be upon them, O Lord, as they place all their trust in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed to help with alter flowers.

Names can be left in the sacristy.

June 8-10: Where Are All The Irish Female Playwrights?

Where Are All The Irish Female Playwrights? A conference in Mary Immaculate College to shine the light on Irish Women Playwrights and Theatremakers.

Limerick diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes!

It's getting closer to the time for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

This pilgrimage takes place every year from June 21st to June 26th, with direct flights from Shannon airport. The Lourdes Office can be contacted at the Social Service Centre, Henry Street, Limerick. Tel. 061-314111.

St Saviours parish: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Enrollment is open for Autumn classes for children age 3-12 for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: A Montessori based Religious Education Programme taught by the Dominican Sisters.

To enroll your child or for more information, contact limerick@op-tn.org or 085 2255796 before June 15.

Pope Francis on Twitter:

Let us learn from the strong and helpful faith of our Mother Mary in order to become living signs of God's mercy.

Changes to Masses Times:

No 5.45pm weekday Mass until Autumn

No Adoration Mondays or Fridays after May.

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09:00-12:30 Sunday

Mass Times: Weekends

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. 10:00

Saturday 09:45

Baptisms: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3 rd	18:00	Paddy Hartnett (A) Phyllis Murphy (Family Appreciation Mass)
Sun 4 th	10:00	
	11:30	James Byrne RIP
Mon 5 th	10:00	Thomas Brosnan
Tues 6 th	10:00	Dollie Brosnan (A)
Wed 7 th	10:00	Nora Noonan & Dec family
Thurs 8 th	10:00	
Fri 9 th	10:00	Sr. Ann Finkers (Rec Dec)
Sat 10 th	09:45	Nancy & Michael Roche (A)
	18:00	Bill Campbell (A)
Sun 11 th	10:00	Fr. Charles O'Grady (A)
	11:30	Phyllis & Jim Dempsey (A)

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