

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 2: 13:25

1. In the Old Testament the privileged place of God's presence was the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Covenant, this was replaced by the person of Jesus. This is the symbolism of the action of Jesus in the Temple. Recall how Jesus has helped your relationship with God and give thanks for this.

2. But we are the body of Christ. When have you been particularly aware of the sacredness of people (yourself or others)?

3. There are many ways in which people, the temples of God are being profaned today. Where are you aware of the sacredness of the human person being violated? Who are the people seeking to cleanse the temple, by promoting respect for the dignity of every human person? Perhaps in ways you have done this.

4. We may also think of institutions as in some way temples of God's presence. In this time when aspects of our institutions are crumbling we can perhaps identify with the Jews who were horrified at the suggestion that the Temple would be destroyed. What is it like for you living in a time when some of the things you have taken for granted are collapsing? Where do you find hope in such circumstances?

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NOTICE: Please note that morning Mass on Wednesday 7 March will be replaced with a Service of Readings and Holy Communion.

MUSINGS

'No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love. This is a never-ending vocation born of the full communion of the Trinity, the profound unity between Christ and his Church, the loving community which is the Holy Family of Nazareth, and the pure fraternity existing among the saints of heaven. Our contemplation of the fulfilment which we have yet to attain also allows us to see in proper perspective the historical journey which we make as families, and in this way to stop demanding of our interpersonal relationships a perfection, a purity of intentions and a consistency which we will only encounter in the Kingdom to come. It also keeps us from judging harshly those who live in situations of frailty. All of us are called to keep striving towards something greater than ourselves and our families, and every family must feel this constant impulse'.

Pope Francis: Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love), 325

CHOOSE LIFE NEWSLETTER:

In a recent pastoral letter Bishop Brendan Leahy invited us to read the newsletter **CHOOSE LIFE 2018** prepared for parishes by the Catholic Communications Office. The newsletter promotes the Church's position on the unborn human life and encourages family discussion on this important subject. 'I invite you to be missionaries for the cause of life. It is a noble cause to uphold the sacredness of human life'

Weekly issues of the newsletter are available in the parish and can also be viewed on the diocesan website at: www.limerickdiocese.org

THE READINGS OF THE EASTER VIGIL AT GLENSTAL ABBEY: Continue this Sunday 4 March at 4.30pm in the Abbey Library.

This week's reading is: **Crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 14:15-15:1)**

Francis Cousins

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

NEWS ITEMS: Two news items have been placed on the wall at the back of the Church.

-Photographs of the school participants at Ecumenical Service held during the Celebration of Christian Unity Week on 23 January.

-Details of the personnel and activities of the Limerick Diocesan Pastoral Council.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD: The 24 Hours for the Lord initiative, is an opportunity for us to experience the merciful love of God, especially in Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). There will be time for Adoration, Prayer, Music, Silence and Reflection. In the Diocese of Limerick this initiative will be held in St Augustine's Church, O'Connell Street, Limerick, beginning on Friday afternoon 9 March after 4.00pm Mass and conclude on Saturday afternoon 10 March after Mass for the Sick which begins at 3.00pm..

RECENT DEATHS: We remember all our Parishioners who have died during the month of January and February and express our sympathy to their families.

Christy Glynn, Humphrey Murphy, Geraldine Larkin, Peter Meehan, Mary (Molly) O'Carroll, Emilie O'Sullivan, Barry Sheppard, Tony (Anthony) O'Sullivan.

May they rest in peace.

RALLY FOR LIFE - Sat 10 March at 2pm Parnell Square Dublin. Limerick bus to Rally for Life. Please come along to help save Ireland's Prolife 8th Amendment, that protects both women and their unborn children
Contact Philip 086 1542832, or Caitriona 086 8161411.

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09:00-12.30 Sunday

Mass Times: Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45

Baptisms: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3 rd	18:00	Aidan Larkin (A) Mary DeLoughrey (A)
Sun 4 th	10:00	
	11:30	Kitty & Matty Cooney (A) Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick (A) Cormac and Corrie McGowan (A) Tony O'Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)
Mon 5 th	10:00	Mick Hurley (A)
Tues 6 th	10:00	Dec. Mem. of the Egan Family
Wed 7 th	10:00	Service of Readings and Holy Communion
Thurs 8 th	10:00	Bridget Cantillon (A)
Fri 9 th	10:00	Bridie Cuffe (Rec. Dec.)
Sat 10 th	09:45	John & Elizabeth Leahy (A)
	18:00	Noel & Rita Sweeney (A) Clodagh Foelster
Sun 11 th	10:00	
	11:30	Tom Fox (A) Mary Fox (A) Dan Healy (A) Gerard Barry (1 st A)

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