

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Matthew 21:28-32

1. It is possible to be a dutiful and observant Christian, and yet feel there is something missing. It makes such a difference when your heart is in what you are doing – so much better than just going through the motions. Where do you experience that most in your life?

2. The desire of Jesus for us is that we grow in that kind of committed, enthusiastic involvement in life. What encourages you to grow in this way?

3. The elders probably thought well of themselves in contrast to the tax collectors and sinners. Perhaps you know some unconventional people, ones who appear to ignore the 'right' way of doing things, and yet they have taught you something about true goodness.

*John Byrne OSA,*

## MUSINGS

**Pope Francis.**

**Dear Pope Francis: The Pope Answers Letters from Children Around the World**

Why does Jesus choose this person or that one? Look, Jesus doesn't choose a crowd. He chooses each person, one by one. So he chose the first twelve as his apostles. But we – you and I – are also chosen, with a first name and a family name. I have been chosen as Jorge Mario and you as Juan Pablo. We have been chosen to be Jesus' friends and to do something in this life.

## THE DEEP END: Practise what you preach

We have all heard the expression 'Do as I say, not as I do'. According to one online dictionary, it is 'an expression used to call out hypocrites, including "environmentalists" with private jets, politicians who send their children to private school while opposing measures to give other kids the same chance, or those who accuse others of racism while not hiring minorities'. We could all come up with examples of people who do not practise what they preach.

The accusation appears to have been made for the Scribes and the Pharisees that Jesus talks about in today's gospel. He criticises them for placing heavy burdens on people, while not lifting a finger to help them, and for making themselves look important in order to attract attention. If we are honest with ourselves, there are areas of our own lives where we value style over substance, where we wish to give a certain impression to others that does not reflect the truth of the matter. We like to look good, and for people to think highly of us.

There are also times when we do not live up to the expectations we set for others. We expect people to be honest and fair with us, yet we are not always honest in our dealings with others. We expect others to help us, but we might not always repay the favour. Today's gospel is a wake-up call. It tells us what Jesus expects of us. We must be humble and genuine, thinking of others rather than worrying about what people will think of us.

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co Roscommon

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Sat 4th and Sun 5th November.

## HOME BOUND IN HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME:

As Priests, we welcome the opportunity to visit the sick in their homes hospitals or nursing homes. Please let us know.

## NOV 5 CEMETERY PRAYERS IN CASTLEMUNGRET

You are invited to attend a brief Prayer service in Castlemungret Cemetery on Sunday November 5th at 2.30pm

## NOV 9: INFO NIGHT FOR POSTGRAD STUDIES IN LMK

Postgraduate Information Evening - 9 November 2017

Learn more; be more at MIC.

Mary Immaculate College (MIC) has for decades been a leading provider of postgraduate education at Graduate Diploma, Taught Masters, Research Masters and Doctoral levels in both Arts and Education. You will have the opportunity to find out why at MIC's Postgraduate Opportunities Information Evening on Thursday 9 November from 6pm – 8pm. Venue: T118, Tara Building, MIC.

## FAMILY MASS

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 11.30am.

Our thanks to the Hurley family for the music and the volunteers who help and provide refreshments afterwards.

## CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

**& ADORATION:** Evening Mass at 5.45 pm during November, Adoration Monday after 5.45pm Mass until 7pm. Adoration held after 10.00am Mass till 5 pm on **First Fridays** followed by Mass at 5.45pm

## Parish Website

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

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Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays

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

Mon (from 9 Oct) 10:00 and 17:45

First Friday: 10:00 & 17:45

**Baptisms:** Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Jim Condon (M/M) Denis Browne (M/M) Phil Murphy (M/M) Tommy Moore (M/M) John Finnucane (A) Roger Hickey (A) Peter Phillips (A) Esther & Joe O'Connor (A) Lars Peter Harvest (A)
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 11.30	Purgatorial Special Intention
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 5:45pm	Nora Dore (A) Purgatorial
Tues 7 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 5:45pm	Kathleen Gleeson (A) Andy Wong (A)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 5:45pm	Purgatorial Mai & John O'Meara (A)
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 5.45pm	Michael Byrne (A)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 5.45pm	Eugene O'Sullivan (A) Purgatorial
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	09:45 6:00pm	Breda Murphy (A) Gerry Bennis (A)
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 11:30	Helen Keane Guerin (A) Jerry Power (A) Bernard & Mary Ryan (A)

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