

**SEEING YOUR LIFE  
THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS**  
John 15:9-17

1. A commandment of love could seem a contradiction in terms. Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved. Recall times when you received gestures of love from another – a spontaneous embrace from a husband or wife; a wave from a friend; words of comfort and affirmation – not because the other person felt obliged to reach out to you but because they wanted to let you know that you were loved. What effect did that have on you? Did it bring you joy? Perhaps you have had a glimpse of the truth of what Jesus said, that it is in loving that our joy is complete.
2. Often love and friendship make demands on us. Parents give freely of their times and energy to the care of their children but sometimes it requires a lot of effort. Also in responding to the needs of friends or spouses we can be challenged to ‘lay down’ our own ‘lives’ at least for a time. Can you recall when a time when putting yourself out for others bore fruit for them and for you?
3. ‘I chose you.’ Have you had the experience of being ‘chosen’ by someone? What was it like for you to be chosen? What is it like for you to consider yourself as one chosen by Jesus? That is what we are – chosen by Jesus to bear fruit through our love.

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**MUSINGS:**

Jesus’ light is a humble light. It is not a light that imposes itself, it is humble. It is a gentle light, with the strength of meekness; it is a light that speaks to the heart and it is also a light given by the cross. If we, in our inner light, are gentle people, we hear the voice of Jesus in our heart and look fearlessly at the cross in the light of

Jesus ... We must always distinguish: where Jesus is there is always humility, gentleness, love and the cross. We will never find Jesus without humility, without gentleness, without love and without the cross. He was the first to travel this path of light. We must walk fearlessly behind him, because Jesus has the strength and the authority to give us this light.  
Pope Francis, Homily at Domus Sanctae Marthae, 3 September 2013

**PARISH FAMILY FUN DAY**

**Fun and Games for all the family**

**SUNDAY, 13th MAY**

**12.30 – 2.30pm**

**Parish/JFK Grounds**

**FAMILY MASS:** Our parish family Mass will be held on Sunday next, 13<sup>th</sup> May and this will be followed by our Parish Family Fun Day

**MAY DEVOTIONS:**

Every Friday after 10am mass: Holy hour.

Evening Rosary (8pm): Our Lady’s Shrine Salesians Fernbank.

**MAY FEAST DAYS:**

- Sunday, 6 May 2018: Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Sunday, 13 May 2018: The Ascension of the Lord
- Sunday, 20 May 2018: Pentecost Sunday
- Monday, 21 May 2018: Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
- Sunday, 27 May 2018: The Most Holy Trinity

**POPE FRANCIS TWITTER:**

Today, at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Divine Love, as we recite the Rosary, we pray especially for peace in Syria and throughout the world. I invite you to pray the Rosary for peace during the entire month of May.

**NIGHT PRAYER:**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, the Dominican Sisters will hold a night prayer at 5.30pm in St. Saviour’s Dominican Church.

**COSMOLOGY REFLECTION:**

*This weekly reflection is created by the Salesian Cosmology Group to help us all to take small positive steps in our care for our common home.*

An Irish Times editorial, entitled “A Plastic Plague”, lists how plastic is very functional and is used for a wide number of activities. It is important in food safety, transport and medicine. Campaigning for its complete elimination is probably unrealistic. However, we need to have a more critical examination of our use of plastic. Above all we need to find more sustainable ways to deal with its management.

**OTHEREVENTS:**

Sat. 5th May after 12 noon mass: Sacred Heart Church, The Crescent: Procession.

Sat. 12th May: Rally, Dublin.

Sun. 13th May: St. Saviour’s Dominican Church, Limerick.

**PARISH WEBSITE**  
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**Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays**  
**17:00-17:30 Monday & Tuesday**  
**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**

<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Patricia Irwin (A)</b>
<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Jerry O’Sullivan (M/M)</b>
	<b>11.30</b>	<b>Tim Frawley and Deceased Members of Fitzgibbon Family</b>
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00</b>	
<b>Tue 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Maemie Golden (Rec Dec)</b>
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00</b>	
<b>Thur 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Susan McInerney (Rec Dec)</b>
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09.45</b>	
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Margaret Shearin (A), Michael Shearin (A), David Bourke (A), Bernie McMahon (A),</b>
<b>Sun13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Anne Keane (M/M)</b>
	<b>11.30</b>	<b>Nancy Shanahan (A) and Gussie Shanahan, Shane O’Donovan (A)</b>