

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

LUKE 20:27-38

1. The question of the Sadducees suggests that how we will be in the afterlife is a continuation of how we are here. The reply of Jesus affirms that we are important not because of any 'status' we might have but because we are children of God. Recall moments when you saw your worth, or worth of another, saw something other than worldly status.

2. A common tactic in an argument is to make fun of the position of another. Then one does not have to take seriously the view being expressed. Have you ever found yourself doing this? Have you experienced others doing it with you? What were the effects of such an attitude? Is there life here? If not, where have you found a fuller life?

3. Jesus used the phrase 'Children of the resurrection' to describe his followers because we believe in something that cannot be proven. Life can sometimes present us with that kind of a challenge – an invitation to believe in things we cannot prove: another person, a cause, the value of a course of action, etc. What has been your experience of believing and acting on this kind of faith?

4. At the heart of our Christian faith is belief that death is not the end. We believe that the relationship we have with God, which starts in this life, survives death and continues after death. We recall this resurrection. In this month of November we recall those we have loved and who have died. How has belief in the resurrection helped you in thinking about those you have loved and who are no longer with you?

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MUSINGS: "Children of the Resurrection"

In today's Gospel, the Sadducees are trying to trap Jesus using a slightly exaggerated and absurd case study. They have no faith in the resurrection and therefore do not grasp that in a place of peace, justice and freedom, people cannot be 'owned' or 'given'. We should not be preoccupied with questions like theirs: Will I have a body? Questions like these ignore the radical freshness of the Kingdom of God.

We are all 'children of this world' who are called to be 'children of the resurrection'. You might recall today someone who has passed away. But who is very much alive because of their influence on people, their generosity and kindness and the difference they made to those around them. They are 'children of the resurrection'. They make huge sacrifices for the liberation of people around them, for those who need healing or are oppressed in any way. They 'cannot die' even though they, like Jesus, can be condemned by society.

'You were born a child of light's wonderful secret. You return to the beauty you have always been' Aberjhani

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: will hold their monthly collection this weekend, Sat/Sun 5/6 November at all Masses.

MASS TIMES: Evening Mass will be held each weekday at 5:45pm for November.

FAMILY MASS: Our monthly Family Mass will be held Sunday next 13 November at 11.30 a.m.

DESERT DAY – NOVEMBER REFLECTION:

Would you like to have a quiet peaceful day away from your busy schedule in a calm environment to remember your departed loved ones during

the month of November. The day will consist of quiet prayer, reflection and will conclude with the Eucharist.

Venue: Westbourne, Ashbourne Avenue, Limerick

Date: Saturday 12 November

Contact: Sr. Phyllis Moynihan -087 9636893

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DREAMING BIG; LIVING THE REALITY

Rediscovering Family Today: Bishop Brendan Leahy's pamphlet offering a few considerations for reflection on the identity and mission on the family today is available in the church. The next World Meeting of families will be hosted in Dublin in just 2 years time with the possibility that Pope Francis will be here for it.

MATERNITY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: The University Maternity Hospital Limerick holds its annual remembrance service at Our Lady of the Rosary church on Sunday next, 13 November, at 3pm. The service is an annual event which aims to acknowledge the pregnancies that were lost and the lives of babies who have died through ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, still birth and neonatal death. Parents who have experienced the death of their baby/pregnancy loss at any stage, together with their family friends and hospital staff are invited to this service. All are welcome to stay after the service for a chat and cup of tea. As some parents may be recently bereaved, those hoping to attend the service are respectfully asked not to bring babies or young children.

REFLECTION:

'To look is one thing. To see what you look at is another. To understand what you see is a third. To learn from what you understand is still something else. But to act on what you learn is all that really matters.'

Author Unknown

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17:00-17:30 Mon & Tue

09:00-12.30 Sunday

Mass Times: Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00 ;

Mon. to Fri. 17:45 (for November)

Saturday 09:45

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 18:15-19:00

Friday 10:30-17:30

Meditation: Monday 19:00

Baptisms: Saturday

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 5th	18:00	Rodger Hickey (A) Lars Peter Harvest (A) Denis Brown (A) John Finucane (A) Helen Keane Guerin (A)
Sun 6th	10:00	Mossy O'Grady (A) Purgatorial Society
	11:30	Eugene Feeley (1 st A) Esther & Joe O'Connor (A)
Mon 7th	10:00	Sr. Bridget Beggin (Golden Jub.)
	17:45	Purgatorial Society
Tues 8th	10:00	Dec. Mem. of Legion of Mary Anthony Wong (A)
	17:45	Kathleen Gleeson (A) Purgatorial Society
Wed 9th	10:00	Siobhan Galvin & Family (A)
	17:45	Purgatorial Society
Thur 10th	10:00	Eugene O'Sullivan (A)
	17:45	Purgatorial Society
Fri 11th	10:00	Purgatorial Society
	17:45	Special Intention
Sat 12th	09:45	Debbie Brosnan (R.I.P.) Donal Hanrahan (A)
	18:00	Breda Murphy (A)
Sun 6th	10:00	Paul Condon (A)
	11:30	Gerry Power (A) Brendan & Mary Ryan (A) Tom Hegarty (A)

