

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

1. Jesus comes into a room full of fear. Sometimes it is the 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 person shows us their vulnerable side, or when we do so with them. Let your memories speak of such experiences to you.
3. *As the father sent me, so am I sending you.* 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 the 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 forgave rather than held sins against others?

The Deep End – Gifted communicators

Have you ever watched a TED talk? There are thousands available to view online. The powerful talks are generally less than 18 minutes long and cover a huge range of topics, from science to business to social and global issues. There are talks in more than 110 languages, and they are used in schools, businesses, and many other settings, to educate, motivate, and open minds. While the speakers come from a variety of backgrounds, the one thing they have in common is their ability to communicate. For every talk I've listened to, the speaker has the audience in the palm of their hand. They are gifted communicators, with a passion for a particular subject, and the ability to draw their listeners in. We often hear that in order to be a good communicator, we have to learn how to speak another person's language. On the day of Pentecost, when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, each of the people gathered heard them speaking in his or her own language. The ability to communicate and to be understood was the first gift they received from the Holy Spirit. Today, we need the gift or communication more than ever. There are times when we have the opportunity to share our faith in a way that others can understand. In order to meet people where they are, we first need to 'speak their language' – to know them, listen to them, and recognise God's presence in them. The Spirit

that came upon the early believers is the same Spirit that guides us today.

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MILFORD HOSPICE 5KM MEMORIAL WALK:

will take place on Sunday, 16th June at the University of Limerick with a start time of 12:00 noon. This event is suitable for those of all levels of fitness and ability. Entry fee is €20 with the option of taking a sponsorship card. The walk will commence on the Main Plaza (outside Library) at the University of Limerick and will finish on the grounds of Milford. A special Memorial Pin will also be presented to each participant. Refreshments will be available after this memorial occasion. Register for the event by logging onto www.milfordcarecentre.ie alternatively registration and sponsorship cards can be arranged by contacting the Fundraising Department at 061 485859, between 9 am and 5 am, Monday to Friday; by email to fundraising@milfordcarecentre.ie. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

Are you or is someone you know **celebrating a significant milestone** in your life commitment (Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond Jubilee)? Please put the name in the box provided and all will be prayed for at **11.30am Mass on June 9th**.

ROSARY at 8pm every night at The Grotto of Our Lady.

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sacredspace102@gmail.com or text 087 6088667.

RECENT DEATHS: We remember our parishioners who died during the month of May and express our sympathy to their families: **Clare Burns O'Keeffe, Ted Motherway, Tony McSweeney, Carmel Ronan, Frank O'Donoghue, Patrick Quilligan, Bridget Brosnan.** May they rest in peace.

Reflection: Without wonder life like faith becomes grey and routine. (Pope Francis Twitter)

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MASS TIMES: Weekends and Holy Days

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45 : Prayer Service

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 8th 18:00 Grainne Hinchy (A)

Sun 9th 10:00 John Moloney
Phylis & James Dempsey (A)

11:30 James & Patricia Carroll (A)

Mon 10th 10:00 Pro Popolo

Tues 11th 10:00 Special Intention

Wed 12th 10:00 Nora Noonan & All the Noonan Family

Thurs 13th 10:00

Fri 14th 10:00 Debbie Brosnan (A)

Sat 15th 9:45 Prayer Service

Sun16 th	18:00	Nancy & Michael Roche (A)
	10:00	Jim Coffey (A)
	11:30	Jim McCarthy (A)

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