Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

The images of salt and light can be applied to communities to which we belong, a family, a parish, or other group. Thinking of the groups of which you are a member, how can their potential be enhanced to enrich the lives of members and offer them a guiding light? How can you make a contribution to this?

A Thought – This Little Light of Mine…..

I'm gonna let it shine! Perhaps you are familiar with this popular hymn. It is often used in children's liturgies, and was in fact written as a gospel song for children in the 1920s. It later became something of an anthem for the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s, associated in particular with civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer. The song was seen as a way of expressing unity, as people fought for equal rights and freedom.

'This Little Light of Mine' is based on the words of Matthew's Gospel that we hear today: 'No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub… your light must shine in the sight of men.' Without the light of those who were part of the civil rights movement, our world would be a very different place. There are good people everywhere who continue to fight for justice and freedom, who use their 'light' to help others and make sure people are treated fairly and with dignity – both those who campaign and speak out about injustice, and the people on the ground who support the sick, the homeless, refugees and others experiencing difficulties. Witnessing so much suffering, it might be tempting for these 'people of light' to become disheartened, but they carry on, using their compassion and skills to bring about change, shining their light in the darkness. As followers of Christ, we are called to light up the world. Take some time this week to think about how you can let your light shine.

'A community of Jesus which seeks to hide itself has ceased to follow him.'
DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

Exposition and Holy Hour takes place at St Elizabeth's Church on Friday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.00pm.
All are welcome.

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Liverpool Bach Collective

Johann Sebastian Bach Cantata 73:
'Herr, wie du willt, so schcick's mit mir.'
('Lord, do with me as you will.')
at Christ Church, Crosby Road South on Sunday 16th February at 6.30pm.
More details at www.liverpoolbach.com or email liverpoolbach@icloud.com

Annual Mass for Marriage and Family Life

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to join him in celebrating the Annual Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Sunday 9th February 2020 at 11.00am.
All are welcome to attend.
The Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those celebrating significant anniversaries.
Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room

Newman Circle Talk

'An Introduction to Canon Law' – a talk by Father John Poland at St Helen's Parish Centre, Alexandra Road, Crosby on Thursday 20th February at 7.30pm.

Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass will be celebrated at Christ the King Church, Queens Drive on Tuesday 11th February at 7.30pm.

All are welcome

Synod 2020

The third Synod Theme is **'How we Pray Together'**

In this theme we will explore how we can help people to engage more profoundly with and understand how they fully and actively participate in the celebration of the Eucharist in our Parishes?

Reflection forms and leaflets are available at the back of Church and in the George Inch Room. Please take time to explore the information at the Synod Prayer Station.

You can submit Proposals on this third Theme by handing them to our Synod members at Church, placing them in the Synod box, at the Parish meeting to be held on 16th February 12.15pm – 1.15pm or via the Synod website: www.synod2020.co.uk

Recovery from Divorce and Separation

A course for any person who is going through, or has gone through, a relationship breakdown, will begin on Wednesday 12th February to Wednesday 16th March.

For more details contact Maureen on 07967 753371 or Jacqui on 07793 825815

Synod 2020 Talks

The fifth talk takes place on Monday 17th February at LACE at 7.30pm. Tea and coffee from 7.00pm.
More details on the poster at the back of Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

THE FIRST MASS OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY	**6.30 pm**	**Parishioners Intentions**	
SUNDAY	**11.00 am**	**Eric Kelly (Anniversary Remembrance)**	
Monday	9.00 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's	St Scholastica
Tuesday	**9.00 am**	**Paul Jones & Pam McHugh (Birthday Remembrance)**	**Our Lady of Lourdes**
Wednesday	9.00 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's	
Thursday	9.00 am	Mass at St Elizabeth's	
Friday	**9.00 am**	**Eugene Callaghan (Anniversary Remembrance)**	**St Cyril and St Methodius**

THE FIRST MASS OF THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY	**6.30 pm**	**Parishioners Intentions**
SUNDAY	**11.00 am**	**Anne Delamere (Anniversary Remembrance)**

Confessions – St Elizabeth's – Saturdays -11.30 – 12 noon and on request

Please pray for the following who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.
Please remember the sick and those who care for them.

Lately Dead: Elizabeth Stevens

Anniversaries: Violet Kelly, John Kelly, Eric Kelly, Alice O'Meara, James O'Meara, Anne Delamere, Margaret Dolan, Father Pat Murray, Robert Jones

Sick; James Roche, Daniel Harden, Robbie Pennington, Bill Sainsbury, Amanda Fessey, Christopher Brown, Joyce Sainsbury, Jonathan Noble, James Johnson, Philip Shepherd Eleanor McCaffrey, Sheila Thompson, Jacqueline Johnstone, Peter West, Julie Machell, Katie Rushton, Sandra Dryhurst, Thomas Smith, Dorothy Corris, Eddie Swarbrick, Ann Mardell, Colin Faulke, Richard Potts, Poppy Jessop, Mary (Traynor) Hemmings, Ann & Joe Johnson, Chris Parkes, Gerard Burke, Cayle Royce, David Morgan, Tom Niblock, Jose Howard, Michael Hanton, Hilda Prince, Roisin Dooley, Baby Lucy Hand, Ethan Hand, Ann Bretherton, Thomas Bainbridge, Mary Wild, Karl McGee, Arthur Snellgrove, Seanie Jones, Ann Bailey, Susan Neary, Jimmy Doyle, Mary Simpson, Doug Faulke, John Rimmer, Phil Jones.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

6.30pm – J Rehm, S Jolley, M Murphy
Reader – J Jones

11am – D Faulke, P Faulke, M Wildman
Reader – T Wainwright