

## Reflection

The context of today's gospel reading is Jesus' lengthy conversation with his disciples at the Last Supper. While fully aware of his enemies' determination to destroy him, Jesus' concern is not for himself but for them. Sensing their sadness and apprehension, he prepares them for his imminent departure with words of comfort and encouragement. He urges them to trust in God and also in him, assuring them that *'there are many rooms in my Father's house'*; that he is going *'to prepare a place'* for them, and that he will return to take them with him (cf. Jn 1-3).

We tend to interpret these words of Jesus, frequently read during funeral liturgies, to mean that he is going to prepare a place for his disciples in heaven. However, Jesus is also preparing his disciples to continue his mission. His concern is not primarily with life after death, but with life here and now on earth. He is opening up a new way of relating to his disciples so that they will continue to abide in him, and be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. He is calling on them to have faith in him as *'the Way, the Truth, and the Life'* (Jn 14:6).

These words of Jesus clearly captured the imagination of the earliest followers of Jesus who referred to themselves as *'followers or the way'* or *'people of the way'*. It was not until they established a presence in Antioch, around the middle of the first century AD, that they became known as Christians (cf. Acts 11:26). Following the Way of Jesus involved more than obeying a set of instructions from their Master. It meant a deeply personal relationship with Jesus who identifies himself as the Way to the Father because of his oneness with the Father: *'No one can come to the Father, except through me.'*

*If you know me, you know my Father too'* (Jn 14:4).

### Maranatha healing Retreat

**Sunday 10th May at 2.30 pm**

St Michaels Church, Denmark Street, Lim.

Beautiful music and song led by Aoife on the harp followed by Mass 4.30 pm.

All are welcome.

### Annual Service of Remembrance

will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of May at 3pm

in Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Milford, Limerick.

**Information and Support for Birth Mothers** whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at [www.birthinginfo.ie](http://www.birthinginfo.ie) or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500

### Monday 4th May Bank Holiday, There is no evening Mass at 5.45pm.

#### Priests of the Parish

Canon Gerard Garrett  
Fr Daniel Tomasik  
Fr Peter Claver Emeka Eze  
Fr Krzysztof Tyburowski  
In residence Canon John Daly

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Friday's 4pm—5.30pm in the Adoration Chapel.

#### Mass Times

Mon—Fri 10am, 5.45pm  
Sat 10am & 6pm Vigil  
Sun 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon

#### Confessions

Saturday 10.30am

#### Baptisms

Saturday 4.30pm

#### Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers  
**Margaret Nash RIP**  
**Rose Collins RIP**  
**Joseph Murphy RIP**  
*May they rest in eternal peace.*

#### Cathedral Shop

Mon - Sat, 10:30am - 1pm.  
Sympathy cards, First Holy Communion, Confirmation cards, gift sets & other religious goods available to buy.

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*May the month of Mary*

**May Month Of Mary**

Because May is a time of new life in nature, it is seen as an ideal time to honor Mary, who brought new life into the world through Jesus.

**May Altars:** Families often set up small, altars in their homes, featuring a statue or picture of Mary, flowers, and candles.

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