

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 7:11-17

1. The Reign of God which Jesus came to proclaim is marked by an inclusive love, a love which reaches beyond traditional bigotry and prejudice. When have you seen that kind of inclusive love in another? When have you been able to reach beyond your own instinctive prejudices? What was it like for you to be able to do this?

2. Perhaps you have had the contrasting experiences of being excluded because of prejudice, and of being accepted despite perceived difference. What were the effects on you in each case? What does this teach you about life-giving behaviour?

3. Jesus gave the woman an experience of being accepted as she was, despite her sinfulness. When have you had the experience of being accepted by another, warts and all? When have you been able to give that experience to another?

4. Forgiveness is one of the characteristics of the Reign of God announced by Jesus. When have you experienced the life-giving effects of forgiveness given or received?

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MUSINGS

'The one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.'
(Lk 7:47)

How come there was a woman at the Pharisee's house? How did a woman of 'ill-repute' get in? It would have been unusual to have a woman at such a gathering. Even more so at the home of this particular Pharisee who seems to be haughty and arrogant. It merits investigation.

It would appear that the Pharisee is self-opinionated and liked to rub shoulders with people who were popular or who were seen as celebrities. Jesus was making a name for himself as a teacher and preacher. Hence, the invitation to dinner. The woman must have slipped in with the crowd. The Pharisee could not humble himself, nor had he the manners to afford Jesus, his guest, the customary etiquette. Visitors were usually greeted with a kiss of peace, had their feet washed and their head anointed with oil or sweet-smelling incense.

The Pharisee, who is named as Simon, was so self-preoccupied that he was above showing any kind of welcome or love. The woman, on the other hand, who knew her need of mercy and love, let her love be shown. I suppose we could say that Simon was guilty of the greatest sin of all; no sense of sin! Or, as Pope Francis expresses it in *Misericordiae Vultus*, he has not recognised yet the grace that he, too, is a sinner.

Fr Iomar Daniels

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Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee of Mercy, September 28-October 2. Staying near the Vatican. Visiting St Peter's, the Catacombs and all the principal places of Rome. Special Jubilee Audience with Pope Francis. Please phone 057 9355050 for information and bookings.

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MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00 ; Saturday 09:45

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 18:15-19:00

Friday 10:30-17:30 (from September)

MEDITATION: Monday 19:00 – 19:45

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00 Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 11 th	18:00	Nancy Shanahan (MM)
Sun 12 th	10.00	Tom Noonan (Rec. Dec.)
	11.30	Bill and Ena Leonard (A)
Mon 13 th	10.00	Purgatorial Mass
Tue 14 th	10:00	John Phelan (A)
Wed 15 th	10.00	Sr. Evangelist OP (Rec. Dec.)
Thur 16 th	10:00	Jim Coffey (A)
Fri 17 th	10.00	John Lyons (A)
Sat 18 th	09.45	Michael, Anne and Catherine Russell (A)
	18.00	Anne Connolly (A)
Sun 19 th	10.00	
	11.30	James and Jimmy McCarthy (A)