

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

1. The cure of the lepers is not just a physical cure, it also brought the people healed back from exclusion into the community. Perhaps you have experienced the movement from exclusion to inclusion. What was it like for you to be accepted once again when you had felt excluded?

2. Who were the 'Jesus people' for you who brought about this change? For whom, and how, have you been able to do this? Perhaps by healing a rift with a friend, or by listening to the opinion of someone you had dismissed out of hand, or by opening the door to another in some other way?

3. Some people work hard at breaking down barriers in society, seeking inclusion for those who find themselves labelled as lepers. Where have you seen this happening? Who has been doing this kind of work? Where is the good news in such action?

4. When we do good for another, we may not do it for the thanks we hope to get, yet it can hurt when no gratitude is shown. How have you experienced the positive effects of thanks given and received?

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### The Deep End : I wish you goodness

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'Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.'

Melody Beattie

What a difference an 'attitude of gratitude' can make! Pope Francis has spoken of the importance, in family life, of saying 'thank you.' Of course, it is not the words that are important but the intention and meaning behind them. To say thank you means 'I appreciate you.' The Irish for thank you, *go raibh maith agat*, is much more expressive than the English. It translates, 'May you have goodness,' or, 'I wish you goodness'. It serves to soften and deepen a relationship.

Today's Gospel is often described as a story about faith, and it is true that Jesus emphasises the faith of the man who was healed. But it is also very much a story about gratitude. The man who turns back to Jesus has had his life transformed, and he is eager to thank him. I was always puzzled by the meaning of the last words spoken by Jesus: 'Your faith has saved you.' Surely he had already been saved from his illness, as indeed had the other nine who showed no gratitude? They all received the same gift. But by thanking Jesus, the Samaritan man has entered into a relationship with him; he has become his friend and disciple. That is what Jesus means when he says he has been saved.

Gratitude is an important part of faith.

What blessings do you have to be grateful for today? Have you let God know?

**Pro Life Campaign National Conference 2019** takes place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1pm to 4.30pm in the RDS Concert Hall Ballsbridge Dublin 4 For more information see [www.prolifecampaign.ie](http://www.prolifecampaign.ie) or Ph 01 6629275. Great speakers, admission free. Ashley Bratcher, lead actress in the movie **Unplanned** will be keynote speaker at the conference.

### Unplanned Movie Omniplex Limerick 6pm

The movie 'Unplanned' is in Irish cinemas. The movie which tells the **true story** of Abby Johnson's change of mind from being the director of one of Planned Parenthood's largest abortion clinics to one of the most prominent pro-life advocates in the US. Honest, thought provoking and highlights the power of prayer. Shows at 6pm every evening till Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct at Omniplex, Crescent Shopping centre.

### Mission Month – October 2019

October will be celebrated as an 'Extraordinary Mission Month' throughout the Universal Church. The theme of the Extraordinary Mission Month will be **Baptised and sent**: the Church of Christ on Mission in the World. The official website launched recently. [www.october2019.va](http://www.october2019.va)

### How to Live the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019

There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of preparation for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019:

1. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in His Church through the Eucharist, the Word of God, personal and communal prayer;
2. Testimony: missionary saints, martyrs and confessors of the faith, as an expression of the Church scattered throughout the world;
3. Missionary formation: biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological;
4. Missionary charity.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION:** There will be Adoration each First Friday beginning on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 10:30 to 12:30.

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#### PARISH WEBSITE

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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 12 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Kitty, Sean & Celine Penny (A) Roma O'Connor (A)
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 11:30	Michael Tiernan (A) Irena & Eddie O'Neill (A)
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Ciara Tiffy & Bernadett Moylan (A)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Special Intention
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Mary Murphy (A)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Mary Nalty (Rec Dec)
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	09:45 18:00	Prayer Service Shile Quilligan (A), Teresa Ryan (A)
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 11:30	Hugh Maye (A) Tim O'Brien (A) Carol Moran (A)