

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

LUKE 18:1-8

1. The purpose of prayer is not to change God's mind, but to change ourselves; and we can be slow to move. When have you found that persistence in prayer strengthened your faith in the presence of God with you in that struggle?

2. The context of the story may be a concern about the delay in the final coming of the Lord. Have there been times when your persistence in prayer, or action, was eventually rewarded after a period when you had doubts about the outcome? What were the fruits of your persistent prayer?

3. Behind the story lies the final question of Jesus: Who does have faith? Who have been models of faith and trust in God for you? How has that trust been shown in their lives? How is it shown in yours?

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MUSINGS : *God does not need reminding*

I have just paused to notice my breathing. The heart is working away. Both are steady and normal. The normality almost deadens my awareness of God's creative presence giving me life with all its blessings, opportunities, challenges and difficulties. It sometimes takes the absence of one of His gifts to alert us to our total dependence on God. In times of crisis, we pleadingly voice our needs, even our panic, with a persistence that seems discourteous to our

benefactor. This persistence in intercessory prayer is strongly encouraged by Jesus in this weekend's Gospel. There, the carefully crafted parable has a deeper message than just bullying God into changing his mind. God does not need reminding, but we do. Highlighting our needs is a reminder of all we have received. Such remembering evokes gratitude that leads to praise and worship culminating in happiness. Jesus does not explain the parable. He expects us to mine it. Some miners find diamonds.

Fr. Tom Clancy

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY: The Priests of our Diocese will meet for their Diocesan Assembly on Thursday and Friday, 20 and 21 October. This means that we will not have Mass in our church on those days. However, we will have a service of Readings and Holy Communion at 10.00am each day. Let us pray for the Lords blessing on our Priests at this time.

ARDSCOIL RÍS INDIA IMMERSION 2016:

On 21 October, twelve students and four teachers will set out on a spiritual and physical journey to India. During their trip, the students will visit railway schools, orphanages and leper centres. Ardscoil Rís has donated much needed funds to the Christian Brothers and Sisters of Mercy located in the main cities of India.

The students will speak at all Masses next weekend 15/16 October and will accept donations outside the church after Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MASS:

Saturday 22 October at 6.00 pm - Boys and their families from the JFK school.

Sunday 23 October at 10.00 am - girls and their families from the Salesian Primary School.

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

will hold a blood donor clinic in the Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Rd., on Wednesday 19 October from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

SCHOOL MASSES: Ardscoil Rís will hold their school Mass in the parish church on Tuesday 18 October at 2.30 pm

The Salesian Primary School will hold their school Mass in the parish church on Wednesday 26 October at 1.00 pm.

MISSION SUNDAY: Next Sunday, 23 October is 'Mission Sunday' The Holy Father has chosen as a theme for this day 'Every Christian is a Missionary'.

A Lay Missionary, Ms Dympna Clancy, who did volunteer work in Zambia and Lesotho (Africa) will speak at all our Masses during the weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2017 may be arranged after 10.00 am Mass on Wednesday 26 October and Thursday 27 October.

PARENTS – BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Milford Care Centre will hold a Bereavement Information Evening on Monday 17 October from 7.00 pm-9.00 pm. (Registration from 6:45 pm) This event gives parents an opportunity to hear an experienced bereavement professional talk about the many challenges their family may face after the death of a son or daughter. Please note this event is open to all bereaved parents, regardless of the age of their child or the circumstances of their death.

REFLECTION: If you are lucky enough to find a way of life you love, you have to find the courage to live it (Author Unknown)

Parish Website

www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

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17:00-17:30 Mon & Tue

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Mass Times

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00 ;

Mon. & Tues. 17:45

Saturday 09:45

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 18:15-19:00

Friday 10:30-17:30

Meditation: Monday 19:00

Baptisms: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 15th	18:00	Betty & John O'Connor & Carmel Terry Wall (M.M.)
Sun 16th	10:00	Christopher & Noreen Lynch(A)
	11:30	Irene & Eddie O'Neill (A) Tim Leddin (A)
Mon 17th	10:00	Andy Donovan (A)
	17:45	The Connaughton Family (A)
Tues 18th	10:00	Edward Webster (A)
	14:30	Ardscoil Rís School Mass
	17:45	Tim O'Brien (A)
Wed 19th	10:00	Mary Murphy (A) Terry McGowna (M.M.)
Thur 20th	10:00	No Mass – Prayer Service
Fri 21st	10:00	No Mass – Prayer Service
Sat 22nd	09:45	Special Intention
	18:00	Carol Moran (A) Louis & Patricia Byrne (A)
Sun 23rd	10:00	Maura & Randal Howlett(A)
	11:30	Joe Costello (A) Phil & Gerry Brinn (A)

