

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 18:21-35

1. Jesus surprised Peter by telling him he needed to forgive seventy-seven times. Perhaps you have known the truth of this when something reminds you of a past hurt and you find you need in your heart to forgive again the person who hurt you. What was this like for you? How has a capacity to have a forgiving heart helped you?

2. Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves for things we regret about past behaviour. What happens to you when you cannot do this? How has your ability to forgive yourself for past mistakes influenced your attitude towards yourself now?

3. Are there people whose ability to forgive has inspired you? Recall them and the forgiveness they showed and give thanks for their example.

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MUSINGS: The Good Seed

Just as the Son, on coming into the world and becoming man, chose people's company to the point of joining sinners at table, so the Church has to keep the same company, because her faith, her adherence to the Lord and to the Word she receives from him, does not remove her from the world, but demands that she live in the company of men and women

'Company' means wanting to reach people where they are, including in their sinfulness and their refusal of God; it means meeting people with sympathy and love, because 'Christ died for us while we were still sinners (Rm 5:8) and 'reconciled us to God while we were enemies' (Rm

the enmity of sinners and the love of God is an essential part of the word of the cross. Christ has broken the logic of enmity, and so Christians live 'company' when they follow him in breaking down barriers, walls and borders, contradicting every day the logic that creates and perceives enemies ...

The 'company' of others implies being patient with them, it implies longsuffering, the capacity to remain in a position of support ... participating in the patience of God. And so, Christians are precluded from every attitude ... that would harden them in the logic that divides people into allies, friends and enemies.

Enzo Bianchi, Christians in Society [transl. Ed]

THE MONDAY AFTERNOON GET TOGETHER will commence on September 18th at the usual time of 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.

THE LANSDOWNE ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP reopens on Tuesday, September 19th at the Parish Centre.

THE PARISH LITURGY GROUP will meet on Tuesday, September 19th, at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The annual Mass for the Bereaved will be celebrated on Wednesday, 20th September at 7.30 pm. Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.

MILFORD HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING will take place on Wed, 20th September in the Parish Centre. If you wish to donate €2.00 (or any other amount) on that morning, the proceeds will go to the Milford Care Centre. Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE FAMILY

We read in the Gospel: He went down with them then and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature and in favour with God's people *Luke 2:51-52*

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us the model of family life. He went down with Mary and Joseph and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man. Let us pray for God's blessing on this family.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, giver of life: give your strength and wisdom to the father of this family.

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit, bearer of love: give your compassion and understanding to the mother of this family.

(Blessed are you, Holy Trinity, eternal and almighty: shadow with your protecting wings the absent/departed members of this family.)

Let us pray

Father,

We want to live as Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MINISTRY OF THE WORD FORMATION

Ministry of the Word – Proclaiming the Word of God at Mass:

Whether we are 20 years serving as "readers", or new Ministers of the Word, we all need some reflection and formation in this important service in our parishes.

Workshops for Ministers of the Word will be held from 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. on the first Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of October. For details, telephone 061 400133.

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

No 5.45pm weekday Mass until Autumn

No Adoration on Mondays or Fridays.

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Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays
09:00-12.30 Sunday

MASS TIMES:

Weekends

Saturday Vigil 18:00
Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon to Fri 10:00
Saturday 09:45

Baptisms:

Saturday 17:00
Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 16th	18:00	Billy Hurley (A)
Sun 17th	10:00	Tom and Bridget Callinan
	11.30	(A) Donal Curtin (A)
Mon 18th	10:00	Joe McNamara (A)
		No Evening Mass
Tues 19th	10:00	Kathleen Norden (A)
		No Evening Mass
Wed 20th	10:00	Pauline Purcell (MM)
	19.30	Mass for the Bereaved
Thurs 21st	10:00	Christopher and Noreen Lynch (A)
Fri 22nd	10:00	Joe McNamara (A)
Sat 23rd	09:45	Catherine Deegan (Rec. Dec.)
	18.00	Breda Carmody (A)
Sun 24th	10:00	Philomena Gill (A)
		Kevin Gill (A)
	11.30	Brian Corbett (A)

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