

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

LUKE 13:22-30

1. The question put to Jesus is one that many still ask: 'Will many be saved?' In his answer Jesus is not concerned about numbers but warns his listeners about complacency. Just as his listeners could not regard the mere fact of being Jews as sufficient for salvation, neither can we regard being Christians as enough. That entitlement will come from our acceptance of Jesus. For any relationship to be alive – either with God or with another human person – the real question is 'Is my heart in this relationship?' What does your experience tell you of this?

2. 'Strive to enter by the narrow door' Jesus himself is on his journey to Jerusalem, purposeful and determined. His true followers will also be purposeful and determined. That is true in any journey, career, or relationship if there is to be growth or progress. What is it like for you when you fail to do this? What is it like for you when the effort is there?

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MUSINGS

'Men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast.' (Luke 1:29)

This is one of the times when it's useful to live in a rural parish. When I hear of people coming from the fringe to take their places

at the feast, I imagine the dwellers in the townlands at the edge of the parish pushing out the people at its core. These residents sometimes have divided loyalties: we who live at the centre of the parish, near the parish church, feel it is left to us to keep everything going. But in the vision in today's gospel, it is these people on the edge who will come to the feast, while we dwellers at the heart of things are pitched out. Is this just or unjust? Jesus is clear. The people at the feast are the ones who deserve to be there.

Lord, help me not to forget that there are no reserved spaces at the banquet, that there is equal access, by your grace Amen.

Fr Bernard Cotter, Bandon, Co.Cork

PLEASE NOTE:

Evening Masses on Monday Tuesday and First Friday will commence the week beginning Monday 19 September.

Meditation and Adoration will resume on 19 September also.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a **BLOOD DONOR CLINIC** on Tuesday 23 August from 5 – 8 pm in the Greenhills Hotel, EnnisRoad.

YEAR OF MERCY (Limerick Group):

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni and Assisi, 30th September, for 6 nights ex Dublin. Celebrating the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. on the 4th October in Assisi. Price €919pps. Payment can be made in

instalments. Contact James Treacy on 061-921470 or 086-0572216

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: The next **Bereavement Support Information Evening** will take place in Milford Care Centre on **Tuesday 23rd Aug 2016 from 7-8.30pm.**

The bereavement information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends.

Members of the Bereavement Service will be in attendance to provide general information on grief and bereavement.

The evening will comprise of: Short talk by members of the Bereavement Service, Different experiences of Grief, Services available and Question Time.

The information evening is Free.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND are providing the QQ1 Level 5 Care of the Older Person module on 7 September one day a week for 5 weeks per module.

Also being scheduled is a one day workshop on Understanding Dementia. To express an interest please contact 057 9370221

IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE classes will commence shortly for the Limerick Diocese for clerics, volunteers, pastoral workers, professionals from parish, school, youth service and other settings.

This eight weeks course is designed to give a basic introduction to Irish Sign Language - the first and/or preferred language within the Deaf Community including family, friends and co-workers.

Contact: John Patrick Doherty, Chaplain for The National Chaplaincy for Deaf People (NCDP).

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REFLECTION: 'Every now and then go away, even briefly. Have a little relaxation, for when you come back to your work, your judgment will be surer since to remain constantly at work will cause you to lose power' Leonardo da Vinci

Parish Website

www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie

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Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays

17:00-17:30 Mon & Tue

09:00-12.30 Sunday

Mass Times

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00 ; **Saturday 9:45**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 18:15-19:00 (from September)

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

Meditation: Monday 19:00 (from Sept)

Baptisms: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 20th 18:00 Chris Cooney (Rec. Dec.)

Sun 21st 10:00 Eileen Quill (A)

11:30 Jim & Rose Hurley (A)

Jean Guerin (A)

Mon 22nd 10:00 Jerome Murphy (A)

Tues 23rd 10:00 Dan O'Neill (Rec. Dec.)

Wed 24th 10:00 Chris Cooney (Rec. Dec.)

Thur 25th 10:00 Fr. Frank Cassidy (Rec. Dec.)

Fri 26th 10:00 Chris Cooney (A)

Sat 27th 09:45 Jim Quinliven (B.day Rem.)

18:00 Gerard Goodwin (A)

Sr. Helen Downey (1st A)

Sun 28th 10:00 Teresa Lynch (A)

11:30 Michael Brosnan(A)

