

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

### LUKE 19:9-14

1. There can be an element of defensiveness in our relationships with others. We are reluctant to let another see us as we see ourselves. Occasionally, we meet someone with whom we can be totally open and know we will be accepted. With whom have you had that kind of a relationship? What was it like for you to have that freedom?

2. Likewise with God, when we come to prayer pretending to be better than we are, we are hiding from God. What difference does it make when you pray to God, acknowledging your faults and limitations? Have you ever found that when you are humble in this way in prayer, God lifts you up?

3. The parable is also a cautionary tale against judging others negatively on the basis of externals. Perhaps God, who looks into the heart, sees another picture. When have you discovered there was more to another person than the negative picture you got from first impression?

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### MUSINGS : From bargaining.....

Hard bargaining is inimical to robust loving. Effective bargaining is built on perceived strengths. Enriching love thrives on trustful acceptance. A bargaining heart misses out on the fulfilment of generosity. Self-righteousness blocks out the balm of enriching friendship.

The Pharisee in this Sunday's Gospel sets out his stall very well. His fidelity to the accepted norms is above reproach. His report card merits ten out of ten at least. He is a cut above the rest. He can bargain with the Lord from strength. What he wants in prayer is affirmation in self-righteousness, approval from his peers and first place in the pecking order.

The man at the back of the temple has no bargaining chips. He believes in a different God. His heart is just open to healing mercy; to a tender welcome; to new beginnings; to ongoing, enriching love; true friendships, human and divine. The two men may be in the temple at the same time, but have very different agendas.

**Fr. Tom Clancy**

**INDUCTION CEREMONY:** Bishop Brendan Leahy will concelebrate Mass on Saturday 29 October during which there will be a formal induction of Fr Des McAuliffe as our Parish Priest.

**ARDSCOIL RÍS INDIA IMMERSION 2016** wish to thank our parishioners who generously donated approximately €2,500 at last weekend's Masses.

The Parish wish to congratulate the boys on their presentations and commend their great work.

**THE SALESIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL** will hold their school Mass in the parish church on Wednesday 26 October at 1.00 pm.

**MISSION SUNDAY:** Today, 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.

**THE PURGATORIAL SOCIETY:** The envelopes for the Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls are being distributed at present to all households in the parish. Please return your envelope as soon as possible. A Novena of Masses will be said from 2 November – 11 November. The names of our departed family and friends will be placed before the altar and remembered in the Mass each day during November and will be retained in a receptacle behind the altar for the following year.

### PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

May His love enfold you  
May His strength uphold you  
May His light shine upon you  
And may His peace surround you

### REFLECTION:

If your foot slips you may recover your balance. But if your tongue slips you cannot recall your words.

*Martin Vanbee*

### Parish Website

[www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie](http://www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie)

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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 ;

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

<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>18:00</b>	Carol Moran (A) Louis & Patricia Byrne (A)
<b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Maura & Randal Howlett(A)
	<b>11:30</b>	Joe Costello (A) Phil & Gerry Brinn (A)
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	John O'Donnell (A)
	<b>17:45</b>	
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	John Kenny (A)
	<b>17:45</b>	Special Intention
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Nora Noonan (B. Day Rem.)
	<b>13:00</b>	Salesian Primary School Mass
<b>Thur 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Mary Murphy (A)
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Lil Kenny (A)
<b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:45</b>	Tom Nally (Rec. Dec.)
	<b>18:00</b>	James Irwin (A)
<b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	Joe Costello (A)
	<b>11:30</b>	Hubert Maye (A)

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