

SEEING YOUR LIFE

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 20:1-16

1. 'I was there first'. Envy easily comes to the surface when faced with the good fortune of others, especially when compared to what seems less favourable treatment of ourselves. Can you recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to you? Can you also recall times when you were content with your lot, even though it seemed others had greater gifts, better opportunities, etc.

2. A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to a difficult child does not love the others less, but if we are one of those other children we may not see that. Recall a 'Jesus person' in your life who helped you to overcome feelings of envy and helped you appreciate that the apparently more favourable treatment of another did not mean a lessening of love for you.

3. This leads us to the core message of this parable, namely, that God's love is a free gift and not earned. Recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gifts that God has given you by counting all the blessings that you have, no matter how small.

4. 'It is too late now' are words sometimes uttered to justify doing nothing about a situation. This parable tells us that where love is involved, it is never too late. Can you recall times when you got a positive response after taking action when you thought it was 'too late'?

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MUSINGS

I should like to speak with you, my God, and yet what else can I speak of but you? Indeed, could anything at all exist which had not been present with you from all eternity, which didn't have its true home and most intimate explanation in your mind and heart? Isn't everything I ever say really a statement about you?

On the other hand, if I try, shyly and hesitantly, to speak to you about yourself, you will still be hearing about me. For what could I say about you except that you are my God, the God of my beginning and end, God of my joy and my need, God of my life?

... But what am I really saying, when I call you my God, the God of my life? That you are the meaning of my life? The goal of my wanderings? The consecration of my actions? The judgment of my sins? The bitterness of my bitter hours and my most secret joy? My strength, which turns my own strength into weakness? Creator, Sustainer, Pardoner, the One both far and near? Incomprehensible? God of my brethren? God of my fathers?

Are there any titles which I needn't give you? And when I have listed them all, what have I said? If I should take my stand on the shore of your endlessness and shout into the trackless reaches of your Being all the words I have ever learned in the poor prison of my little existence, what should I have said? I should never have spoken the last word about you.

Karl Rahner, Encounters With Silence

HOME BOUND, IN HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME: As priests, we welcome the opportunity to visit the sick in their homes, hospitals or nursing homes. If you wish us to call, please let us know.

LIVING LINKS: For people bereaved by suicide. An information night for the annual Healing Programme for people bereaved by suicide will take place in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Denmark Street on Tuesday 26th September at 8.00 p.m. For details, telephone 087 7998427 from 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE will hold a blood donor clinic in the Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick on Tuesday 26th Sept from 5.00 p.m to 8.00 p.m.

PETITION BOX

In August 2017, at the National Novena to our Lady at Knock Shrine, the programme of preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018 was launched.

Arising from this, each Diocese has received a Petition Box in which families and individuals can write their petitions and ask for prayers for families.

The Petition Box will be in Our Lady of the Rosary Church from 25th September to 1st October.

These petitions will be collected and sent to the Poor Clare Sisters who have committed to continue to pray for our petitions. They will also be brought to the celebration of the Eucharist – which we hope Pope Francis will celebrate with us – in August 2018.

Our priests will preach about this at weekend Masses on 23rd and 24th September and families will speak at the Vigil Mass and the 11.30 Mass on the following weekend.

FAMILY FUN DAY IN MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE on **SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER.** (including food stalls, music, sport, film and family fun activities for all generations). All welcome

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES, ADORATION
Adoration on first Fridays resumes on 6th October.
5.45pm Monday Mass resumes on 9th October, followed by Adoration

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Meditation will resume on Monday 18th September at 7.00 p.m. (in the church "Crying Room". New members welcome.

PARISH WEBSITE

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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 23 rd	18:00	Breda Carmody (A)
Sun 24 th	10:00	Philomena Gill (A)
		Kevin Gill (A)
	11:30	Brian Corbett (A)
Mon 25 th	10:00	Paddy O'Toolle and deceased O'Toolle family members.
Tues 26 th	10:00	Marie Power (A)
Wed 27 th	10:00	Jim Kenny (A)
Thurs 28 th	10:00	
Fri 29 th	10:00	Jack Cooney (A)
Sat 30 th	09:45	Martin Sexton (MM)
	18:00	Denis O'Keeffe (A)
Oct 1 st	10:00	Eithne and Tom Burke(A)
		Terry McGowan (1 st A)
	11:30	Rose and Jim Hurley (A)

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