

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

LUKE 14:1, 7-14

1. The parable brings out two contrasting experiences, but each in its own way can be a moment of grace, a moment of truth, a moment of growth. You may be able to recall such experiences in your life. In the first (verses 8, 9) we discover that we had claimed a place that is too high for us; we are not as selfless, generous or compassionate as we thought we were. In the second (verse 10), when others point out a goodness in ourselves that we may not have acknowledged to ourselves. How have you grown through such experiences?

2. In verses 12-14, Jesus warns us against the danger of ulterior motives in doing good. We can do good things partly because of the benefit we will get from what we do. That is natural but can lead to disappointment and resentment when our expectations are not met. When the good deed in itself is our reward, we have a greater freedom. Feedback will be a bonus but not necessary. What does your life experience tell you about this?

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MUSINGS

‘Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely’ (Luke 14:1)

It’s no fun to be watched, to have your actions checked against what you say. Jesus had been preaching love and tolerance, now

his fellow-guests wondered if he would let his true feeling slip. Just a sideways comment or a flippant remark would be enough to confirm their suspicion that he was not all he seemed. The leading Pharisees were acutely aware of tiny errors that revealed infidelity to law-keeping. They were master-observers.

Jesus remained consistent however. He not only believed in humility, he preached it – and he lived it. The Pharisees saw that Jesus was true to his word.

Consistency is a hard standard to measure up to. It’s much easier to preach one thing and live another. But we don’t get away with it when our actions are being monitored, when we are watched as is often the case.

Lord, help me to remember that what I do and say has an impact on others and that my words and deeds have to match.

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 BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP will meet in our Parish Centre with those who have been bereaved, on the **First Friday, 2 September**, after **10 am Mass**, to offer support in a relaxed friendly and confidential environment with a cup of tea/coffee.

All are welcome.

THE ANNUAL MASS FOR THE BEREAVED OF THE PARISH

Will be held on Wednesday 14 September at 7:30pm

The celebrant is : Fr Frank O’Connor
Tea/Coffee/Chat after in the Parish Centre.

All are welcome

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

URSULA STOKES AGENCY will commence classes from Saturday 17 September at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Centre. ‘Club Pitter Patter’ (Girls 5-8 yrs) Sat: 3-4pm & ‘Pre Teen Club’ (Girls 9-12 yrs) Sat: 4-5pm

Modelling, Deportment & Personal Development Classes will commence on Monday 12 September 7-8pm & 8-9pm.

Enrolment by phone only to 087-2569244

LOUGH DERG ONE DAY RETREATS: Lough Derg offers One Day Retreats on 4th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 17th, 18th & 24th September.

Places are still available on two alternative Special Retreat Days –

‘A Day of Friendship & Prayer’ on Wednesday 14th September.

‘Living With Suicide’ on Wednesday 21st September.

Advance booking is essential for all Retreats. For further information contact Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9861518.

Email: info@loughderg.org

www.loughderg.org

REFLECTION: ‘The same set of stones may be stumbling blocks or stepping stones, depending on how we use them’

Russian Proverb

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 27 th	18:00	Gerard Goodwin (A) Sr Helen Downey (1 st A)
Sun 28 th	10:00 11:30	Teresa Lynch (A) Michael Brosnan (A)
Mon 29 th	10:00	Michael O’Shea (Rec. Dec.)
Tues 30 th	10:00	Chris Cooney (Rec. Dec.)
Wed 31 st	10:00	Annmarie Jensen (Bday Rem)
Th 1 Sept	10:00	Paddy Byrne (A)
Fri 2 nd	10:00	Chris Cooney (Rec. Dec.)
Sat 3 rd	09:45 18:00	Ian Cumiskey (A) Billy Hurley (A)
Sun 4 th	10:00 11:30	Paddy Mulrooney & deceased family members Catherine Kelly (1 st A)

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