

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

1. In the prayer Jesus gave us as a model, the focus is not on getting God to do what we want, but on trying to be open to what God wants: 'Your kingdom come.' That openness implies a trust that what God wants for us is our good. When have you found that it was good for you to take life as it comes, trusting that the Spirit was with you no matter what happened?

2. One of the points in the parable of the friend knocking at the door, is that in the case of true friendship it will not be necessary to browbeat the friend into giving what you seek. Recall times when you had a friend who gave willingly and readily. What was it like to have such a generous and willing response? Perhaps you can also recall when you have been that kind of a friend to others.

3. In the culture of the Middle East, hospitality is a priority. It would be unimaginable not to help a friend. Just so, it is unimaginable that God will ignore our prayer. When you think of the reliability of God, what are the images that you find helpful and that encourage you to persist in prayer?
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The Deep End – When asked how we should pray, Jesus teaches the Our Father

'Lord teach us to pray.' If someone asked this today of a faith leader, we might get a long list of possibilities based on different tastes, cultures and trends. Millions of books have been written on prayer, how to pray, what method, where, when, how to sit, what to wear, what attitude one should have, and so on. Yet here, Jesus gives his disciples a very direct response, actual words in a formula, that they should recite.

In Jesus' time there were many rabbis who would have certain prayers for their followers to say, almost as a way of identifying their group. The Lord's prayer is the prayer of Jesus' disciples, so it is our prayer too. It is among the first prayers we learn as children. It is a prayer of identity for Christians. When we are in a moment of crisis, when all other words fail us, it is often the 'go-to' prayer.

After teaching the Lord's prayer, Jesus tells a story about a man whose friend goes to him at midnight looking for bread for another friend. It might appear to be a confusing story, but the emphasis is on the power of praying for another's need. In the early church and today, this is seen as the work of the people of God, the baptised: to pray for

the world and the needs of others. Then we go beyond ourselves and our own interests, reaching out and opening up, rather than being closed in on ourselves.

Ask, and it will be given you search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. (Jane Mellett)

National Day for Priests Knock Shine
Monday 5th August 2019 10am - 5pm
including talks, Eucharistic Hour of prayer, Mass and concluding with Eucharistic Healing service with Sr Briege McKenna, All Welcome.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival! *The annual Youth 2000 summer festival will take place August 15 - 18 at Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Kildare for young people ages 16-35. Please book online at www.youth2000.ie*

Feast of Our Lady of Knock (21st August)
The Knock Shrine Shop will be running a bus to Knock on Sunday 18th August, the nearest Sunday to the feastday. Tickets at the shop or Ph. 061 419458

Sat 3rd Aug – Five First Saturdays Devotion of Reparation *as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, asked us – For 5 consecutive months –*
1. Confessions,
2. Pray the Rosary (5 decades),
3. Receive Holy Communion, 4. Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary. All with the intention of making Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold their monthly collection **Sat/Sun, 3rd & 4th of August** at all masses.

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MASS TIMES: **Weekends and Holy Days**

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45 : Prayer Service

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 27 th	9.45	Prayer Service
	18:00	Pat Hegarty (A) Nellie Crowe (A) Lilly McKillican (A) Evelyn O'Hehir (M/M)
Sun 28 th	10:00	Jack Healy (1 st A) Joe McNamara (A) Bernard Griffin (A)
	11.30	Pro Popolo,
Mon 29 th	10:00	Nuala Taylor (Rec Dec)
Tues 30 th	10:00	Nora Casey (A)
Wed 31 st	10:00	
Thurs 1 st	10:00	
Fri 2 nd	10:00	Michael Smyth (Rec Dec)
Sat 3 rd	9:45	Prayer Service
	18:00	Dan Hickey (A)
Sun 4 th	10:00	Peter Sweeney (M/M))
	11.30	Patrick Ryan (A)