

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

LUKE 17: 5-10

1. Faith can move mountains. Well, it can certainly get us moving. Recall a time when you were full of self-doubt, scepticism about a project, or lacking trust in God. What was that like? Contrast this with times when you believed in yourself, or in the value of a project you had undertaken, or when your faith and trust in God was strong. What kind of faith have you found that enriched your life?

2. Faith is like a mustard seed: small; and sometimes we may be tempted to wait till our faith grows. Part of the message in the gospel is to use the faith we have, even though it may be small. That is how we grow in belief in ourselves and in God's presence in our lives. Does your experience back up this?

3. It is nice when what we do is recognised and acknowledged, but the desire for recognition leaves us vulnerable. It is not always forthcoming. It can be helpful if our main motivation in doing something is the value of the action itself. Have you experienced this?

4. Love is a free gift. What is given lovingly is not given because of a claim. What is your experience of the freedom of love given and received?

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MUSINGS: Mere Servants

Anecdotally, it is recounted that the Kerry

man when asked at Sleah Head for travel directions to Dublin, replied that if he were going, he would not begin from here at all. To tune into this Sunday's gospel, it is better to begin four verses before the given beginning. The disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith because of the intimidating challenge he had put to them. His instruction to forgive the repentant one seven times a day left them bewildered. Their request for more faith was very apposite. Forgiveness and faith are intertwining relationships.

Faith is friendship with God. Sown in a receptive heart, it is nurtured through contact, experience, expression and tenderness. Sometimes damaged by failure, faith is restored and often enriched through genuine forgiveness. Forgiveness is the welcoming acceptance of the offending one back into a vibrant heart. It is a pure gift and can never be earned. To trade it, is to destroy it. It happens only between those who love.

No wonder the disciples were gasping for an increase in such forgiving friendship and challenged by Jesus to protect it by fidelity. Described as mere servants, perhaps, but we are called to be the faithful custodians of a vibrant treasure.

Fr. Tom Clancy

FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT: The girls from the Salesian Primary school will have their enrolment ceremony during 10.00 am Mass on Sunday 2 October.

THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP will meet in our Parish Centre with those who

have been bereaved, on the **First Friday 7 October** after the **10 am Mass**, to offer support in a relaxed friendly and confidential environment with tea, coffee and refreshments. **All are welcome**

NOTICE:

Every Monday from Monday 26 Sept., the Parish Centre will be open to all from 2.00pm -4.00pm to **Ramble in to share your interests and hobbies, have a chat and a cuppa.**

The hospitality group welcomes you.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY. We celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on the First Friday, 7 September, at 5.45pm Mass.

SESSIONS ON SACRAMENTS

Have you ever wondered about what the sacraments are all about? Why do we have them? Are you able to answer your children's questions about the sacraments? Have you questions of your own?

Following on the success last year of the sessions on the Creed, Christ the King Parish will run a series on the sacraments on the first Thursday of every month. This will provide you with answers and deepen your understanding of these key parts of our faith.

The sessions will be facilitated by Lorraine Buckley (Diocesan Faith Development Coordinator). The sessions are relaxed, reflective and informal with opportunities to discuss matters.

The first session will be on Thursday 6th October in the Convent at 7.30.

If you have queries contact Chris at 087-2271748.

Parish Website

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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

Sat 1 Oct	18:00	Dermot Fitzpatrick (A) Paddy Hartnett (B/Day Rem) Áine Dineen (M.M.) & her parents Jim & Nóra South (A)
Sun 2nd	10:00	Denis O'Keeffe (A)
	11:30	Michael Wrenn (A)
Mon 3rd	10:00	
	17:45	Jim Byrne (Rec. Dec.)
Tues 4th	10:00	Deceased members of the Lansdowne Retirement group
	17:45	
Wed 5th	10:00	
Thur 6th	10:00	
Fri 7th	10:00	Chris Cooney (Rec. Dec.)
	17:45	Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
Sat 8th	09:45	Caroline & Michael Ryan (A)
	18:00	Teresa Ryan (A) Paddy & Mary White (A)
Sun 9th	10:00	Patricia Griffin (A)
	11:30	Tim Leddin (A) Maureen O'Connor (M. M)