

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 10:37-42

1. Jesus never wanted suffering for anyone but he knew that if anyone was going to follow in his footsteps promoting love and respect for every person, they would meet with opposition. Fidelity has its price, but also rewards. Would you agree?
2. The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?
3. 'Hate' is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?

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MUSINGS:

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me

Welcome is at the heart of today's readings but in 2017 what is a host's obligation to his or her guests? What should the good host do?

Greet guests at the door. We don't have to offer bread and salt to symbolise protection,

Facilitate conversation. Introduce guests who don't know each other and offer conversation starters: 'Mary didn't you just go to Tuscany? I think John and Joan are planning a trip next spring.'

Watch over guests and make sure they are enjoying themselves, but if they enjoy themselves too much, be prepared to step in and take them home. Safety trumps everything else.

Remain calm. Even in the face of a disaster – the grill ran out of gas before the steak was even turned – the good host is poised and adapts to the circumstances. Calmness – and sense of humour – radiates and affects everyone else.

Be flexible and gracious. The worst guest faux pas is to arrive with uninvited guests, but the gracious host rolls with the punch and sets an extra place.

Be appreciative. Makes sure to say good night to each guest and thank them for coming. Doing so sets the stage for the next get-together.

A thought for the Sunday celebrant?

Peter Post – The E-word

THE DEEP END:

Life is busy, there is sometimes little time to pause and take stock of things. When we do get a minute to assess things, do we find ourselves wanting? Many of us have the idea

that we would like to live better lives, If only we had time to do more. The desire to do more is an important part of our Christian journey but often we think it requires a grand gesture or dramatic change of direction.

If we are overwhelmed by what we can't do, Jesus has some good news for us today. A cup of water isn't much, and offering hospitality to a stranger might not seem like a lot, but that is where Jesus starts. Instructing his twelve disciples, he tells them that anyone who welcomes them or offers them a cup of cold water will be rewarded. What's more, he adds that anyone who welcomes them in fact welcomes Jesus. Small acts of kindness and hospitality have significance beyond what we might expect.

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POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

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CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

No 5.45pm weekday Mass until Autumn

No Adoration on Mondays or Fridays.

REFLECTION: 'Experience is the hardest kind of teacher. It gives you the test first and the lesson afterwards.'

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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 1 st	18:00	Ann Connolly (A)
Sun 2 nd	10:00	Benny Fitzgibbon (A)
	11:30	Etna & Tom Burke (A)
		Eddie Crean (A)
		Patrick Leahy (A)
Mon 3 rd	10:00	
Tues 4 th	10:00	
Wed 5 th	10:00	
Thurs 6 th	10:00	Anne Carr (Special Rem)
Fri 7 th	10:00	Thanksgiving Mass
Sat 8 th	09:45	
	18:00	Breandan Bourke(A)
Sun 9 th	10:00	John Nunan(A)
	11:30	Brendan Murphy (A)
		Pat Corbett (A)

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