

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

1. Certain sections of the Jewish people put great store on the importance of rules and conventions as a measure of the goodness of a person. Jesus challenges this view. Where have you seen goodness in unconventional people? What brought it home to you that being a good person meant more than getting appearances right?

2. Even fidelity in religious practice is not enough. 'This people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me'. How have you experienced the importance of carrying your faith beyond attendance at Mass on Sundays? When have you seen that in others? What brought this home to you?

3. What Jesus seeks are followers whose faith is whole-hearted and warm, people whose religion is not primarily in dutiful observance but in their enthusiasm for life and their care for one another. It is good to be with them. Give thanks for the people you know who are like that. 4. 'It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come.' It is also from within that good intentions come. We have choices. When have you been faced with the choice between good and evil? When did you realise the importance of accepting responsibility for your own choices? How has this helped your growth as a person? John Byrne osa Email jpb Byrneosa@gmail.com

MUSINGS

'... we begin to see how love requires truth. Only to the extent that love is grounded in truth can it endure over time, can it transcend the passing moment and be sufficiently solid to sustain a shared journey. If love is not tied to truth, it falls prey to fickle emotions and cannot stand the test of time.

'... If love needs truth, truth also needs love. Love and truth are inseparable. Without love, truth becomes cold, impersonal and oppressive for people's day-to-day lives. The truth we seek, the truth that gives meaning to our journey through life, enlightens us whenever we are touched by love. One who loves realises that love is an experience of truth, that it opens our eyes to see reality in a new way...' Pope Francis, Lumen Fidei 27

THE DEEP END: 'Every Generous Action is a gift from God'

The second reading today reminds us that as Christians we are called to put our faith into practice; every generous action is a gift from God. St James speaks of the word that is planted within each of us and through that word we are sent out to work together for a more just world. From 1 September until the Feast of St Francis on 4 October Christian churches are encouraged to celebrate the Season of Creation. This is an annual celebration of prayer and action inviting us to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the Earth and the

environmental destruction which threatens our world. The theme this year is 'Walking Together'. As pilgrims, let us walk together to awaken again to the wonder of the Earth, our common home, and the web of life which it shelters.

In the gospel Jesus tells the Pharisees that it is what comes out of a person that defiles a person, emphasising how through our actions we show what is in our heart. Let us encourage one another during this Season of Creation by praying with and for creation; encouraging small actions in our homes and parishes to try to live more sustainable lives.

'God has written a precious book, whose letters are the multitude of created things. From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe ... Alongside revelation in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night'. Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 85

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National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock on Sept 9th. A bus will leave outside Salesian Primary School at 8.30am All welcome, contact Sr Susan 085 7491270. Children's Prayer Appeal to all children to write a prayer for their Grand's parents. All prayers will be blessed at the Pilgrimage.

Parish Bereavement Support Group will meet in the Parish Centre to offer support in a friendly environment with tea, coffee and refreshments on the First Friday 7th Sept after 10am Mass. All welcome.

Annual Mass for the bereaved on Wednesday 19th Sept at 7.30pm. Celebrant Fr Frank O'Connor.

Adoration – First Friday in October Please note that adoration starts First Friday in October after 10am Mass.

St Vincent De Paul collection Sat/Sun 1st & 2nd September.

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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	Ian Cumisky Rem
Sun 2 nd	10.00	Cathy Deegan (A)
	11.30	Teresa Lynch (A)
		Maureen & Tom O'Connor (A)
Mon 3 rd	10.00	Prayer service
Tue 4 th	10.00	Prayer service
Wed 5 th	10.00	Prayer service
Thur 6 th	10.00	Prayer service
Fri 7 th	10.00	Patricia Conroy (A)
Sat 8 th	09.45	Patricia Conway (A)
	18.00	John O'Connor (A)
		Glenn Quinn (A)
		Anne Hanrahan (A)
Sun 9 th	10.00	(A)
	11.30	(A)

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