

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

1. Jesus sent out his disciples on a mission to let people know 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' Recall when you have reached out to another in word or in deed to help them realise that they were cherished, perhaps by a word of sympathy or encouragement, or by giving a hand with a difficult task. What was it like for you to experience yourself as a person bringing help and encouragement to another?

2. Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. When have you found it beneficial not to be working alone, but with another by your side? How did companionship change the experience, or what you were able to achieve?

3. The instructions Jesus gave the disciples suggest appropriate attitudes for the one who 'goes before Jesus'. Let the images speak to you and evoke memories of times when you were welcomed and times when you were not. When have you found that it was good news to have the attitudes Jesus describes?

When the disciples returned, Jesus warned them not to focus on the thrill of what they had been able to achieve. It was more important that their 'names are written in heaven'. Sometimes we also need reminders that who we are is more important than what we do. Who have been the people who

brought this home to you? Have there been experiences that helped you to appreciate this?

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MUSINGS

'I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions.' (Luke 10:19)

This Gospel was for many years the only option given for St Patrick's Day. I always thought the reason was in the sentence above. Christians were to be protected from serpents and scorpions, said the Lord who commissioned the seventy-two. So Patrick took good care to banish all snakes from Ireland, as part, perhaps, of this protection deal. Or maybe these were symbols of an ancient pre-Christian faith, or more likely, instances of all that might hurt a new Christian.

Snakes continue to be a reality in many parts of the world, outside Ireland. People bitten by snakes make news every day of the year, particularly when the ones bitten are unsuspecting western tourists. But Christians should not fear snakes or indeed anything harmful: nothing comes in the way of the Lord's work.

Lord, the power available to us believers is not fanciful or imaginary. You are close, you are with us, protecting us from all that might hurt us. Serpents and scorpions, even snakes must stay away.

Fr Bernard Cotter, Bandon, Co Cork

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will hold their monthly collection on Sat July 2nd and Sun July 3rd

THE MIGRAINE ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND has arranged a 'Migraine and Women' seminar in the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis, on Wednesday July 13th, 19.00-21.00.

Dr. Peter Boers, Consultant Neurologist from University Hospital Limerick, will speak specifically about how migraine affects women and how it can be treated. The event is free to attend, and everyone is welcome. To register please call 01 894 1280 or email info@migraine.ie with your contact details.

Please consider texting MIGRAINE to 50300 to donate €2. Some providers apply VAT which means a minimum of €1.63 will go to the Migraine Association of Ireland

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND are providing the QQI Level 5 Care of the older person module off the Healthcare Award on the 07/09/2016 in Georges Quay Limerick. If interested kindly contact our training department on 0579370221

JULY 6-9: CHURCH MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2016 Bookings are now being taken for The Irish Church Music Association's 47th Summer School which will take place from 6th to 9th July 2016 in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co Kildare. The theme for the Summer School this year is God Full of Mercy.

JOURNEY INTO AWARENESS. One day workshop in Glenstal Abbey, Murroe, July 9th, 2016.

An inspirational journey of self-discovery, creative visualisation and positive affirmation. Focus will be on the topics of Self-Awareness, Living Confidently in the Moment and the use of Experiential Mindfulness Techniques. Tel 061-367010 • Mobile 085-7032203.

ST MARY'S SENIOR CITIZENS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES; August 28th for 5 nights. Flight from Shannon, transfers, hotel and all meals €715 pps.

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17:00-17:30 Monday & Tuesday
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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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 18:15-19:00

Friday 10:30-17:30 (from September)

MEDITATION: Monday 19:00 – 19:45

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00 Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 2 nd	18:00	Mary Finucane (Rec. Dec.)
Sun 3 rd	10.00	John Nunan (A)
	11.30	Eithne & Tom Burke (A)
		Edmund Grean (A)
Mon 4 th	10.00	Special Intention
Tue 5 th	10:00	Deirdre Brosnan (Rec. Dec.)
Wed 6 th	10.00	
Thur 7 th	10.00	
Fri 8 th	10.00	Annette Ryan (Rec. Dec.)
Sat 9 th	09.45	
	18.00	Brendan Burke (A)
		Tom Hamill (A)
Sun 10 th	10.00	Brendan Burke (A)
	11.30	Brendan Murphy (A)

