

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 21:21-33 Oct 8

1. The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching, and as a consequence losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development and new life when these were presented to you?
2. The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed – doing violence to the rights of others and eventually destroying the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace in yourself and at peace with others?
3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given we can ask ourselves 'are we good tenants?' Recall times when you have been a good tenant, and reached out caring for those around you.
4. 'It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it was wonderful to see'. Sometimes a person not highly regarded plays a key role in a project, and it is wonderful to see. Can you recall examples of this?

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MUSINGS

When God wants to speak to our hearts he leads us to the wilderness. This was his pedagogy with the people of Israel. They had lessons to learn and he had much to teach them. They were schooled and seasoned in the desert. And the schooling was a good forty years!

The forty years in the desert for the Israelites was a fairly long novitiate. God was their Novice Master! He formed them well with lessons that would last a lifetime! They needed to know that he alone was their God and that they were his people. They had to know too that they needed him for they depended entirely on him as he screened them from the scorching sun during the day and sheltered them at night from the freezing cold.

The desert is the place between promise and fulfilment. God had delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt but they still had to cross the desert to reach the Promised Land. It was not an easy lesson that they had to learn. It took them some forty years!

We who are time bound and always in a hurry find it difficult to keep pace with God's eternal rhythm.
Mgr Alex Rebello,
Wandering in the Wilderness: Discovering the Divine in Everyday Things

HOME BOUND IN HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME:

As Priests, we welcome the opportunity to visit the sick in their homes hospitals or nursing homes. If you wish us to call, please let us know.

FAMILY FUN DAY: Limerick Diocese is launching its preparations for the World Meeting of Families with a Family Fun Day at Mary Immaculate College on **Sunday, 8 October**.

This event will begin at 1pm with marching bands and will include a huge variety of professional events for all the family (*Mobile Farm, Hoverboard Archery, Water Zorbs, An Puc Fada, Limerick Youth Services and much more. There will be food stalls, prayer space, WMoF resources and information about family support services in Limerick*).

It will conclude with a festive family Mass led by Bishop Leahy at 4pm. **All welcome**

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

Sacrament of the Sick Wed Oct 18th 10am will be administered in Church during 10am Mass Oct 18th feast of St Luke. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Parish centre. If you can help someone to attend, by providing transport and care, please do.

TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS @ Pontifex:
Joy multiplies when you share it

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES AND ADORATION: Mass at 5.45 pm resumes on **Mondays** only, from Monday 9 October followed by Adoration until 7pm. Adoration will be held after 10.00am Mass until 5 pm on **First Fridays** followed by evening Mass at 5.45 pm.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Meditation has resumed on Mondays at 7.00pm in the 'Crying Room' in the Church.

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Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays
09:00-12.30 Sunday

Mass Times: Weekends

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45

Mon (from 9 Oct) 10:00 and 17:45

First Friday: 10:00 & 17:45

Baptisms: Saturday 17:00
Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7 th	18:00	Paddy Hartnett(Rem) Mary & Paddy White (A)
Sun Oct 8	10:00	
	11.30	Margaret Wren (A)
Mon 9 th	10:00	
	5.45pm	Caroline & Michael Ryan (A)
Tues 10 th	10:00	Dec Memb Landsdowne Retirement Group
		Stephanie Hartnett (A)
Wed 11 th	10:00	
Thurs 12 th	10:00	
Fri 13 th	10:00	Maeve Lynch (Rec. Dec.)
Sat 14 th	09:45	Brendan Cosgrve (A)
	18:00	John, Betty & Carmel O'Connor (A)
Sun 15 th	10:00	
	11:30	Irene & Eddie O'Neill (A)
		The Connaughton Family (A)

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