

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 11:25-30

1. For Jesus the key to a personal knowledge of God and relationship with God is not primarily through academic study but through a mind and heart open to learn. Recall moments when you had a sense that your relationship with God took a significant step forward. What kind of dispositions prepared you for that growth?

2. Jesus was dealing with a society in which people were very conscious of status, dignity and external appearances. He wanted to break down the barriers this created so that all would be aware of their worth and dignity. Perhaps you can recall someone who was not highly thought of in human terms, but who was a light to you.

3. In v.27 Jesus lets us into the secret of his relationship with his Father, one of total trust. This trust freed him from anxiety and worry about himself. As a result he was a person of gentle and humble heart and was able to bring rest to those who were overburdened. Recall people whose trust in God enabled them to be supportive to others who were stressed or burdened. Perhaps you have experienced this yourself?

4. Recall and give thanks for people who, like Jesus in the story, were able to combine challenge with sympathetic support and

understanding. Perhaps you have been able to do this for others at times also.
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MUSINGS: I WILL GIVE YOU REST

In today's Gospel Jesus offers a lifeline. 'Come to me,' he says. Sounds simple, doesn't it? And yet we find it difficult to believe that reaching out to Jesus can make a difference.

Lord, you invite us to take your hand walk with you; how stubborn we can be sometimes. Help us to receive your whispered invitation and respond with faith. Jesus is inviting those who are not in the comfort zone, who feel oppressed by anxiety and uncertainty.

Lord, I do not ask that you bring my life completely under control; to be mortal is to face uncomfortable realities. I beg you to be my uncomfortable comfort zone.

Saint Ignatius thought that a thick and shapeless tree trunk would never believe that it could become a statue, admired as a miracle of sculpture, and would never submit itself to the chisel of the sculptor, who sees by her genius what she can make of it.

I ask for grace to let myself be shaped by my loving Creator.

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JULY 13TH : LET'S TALK FAMILY, LET'S BE FAMILY!

Hosted by the Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies. Cardinal Schonburn is a well known Christian speaker, and we are delighted to say he will be in Limerick in July at the Tara building, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick on Thursday 13th July 2017 from 10.00 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

JULY 17TH-19TH: ORGANISTS SUMMER IMPROVISATION SCHOOL

With Ansgar Wallenhorst: *Models of Creativity in Liturgy and Concert* in St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Open to organists at every level of ability who wish to develop their own creativity in improvisation either in the context of liturgical services or in concert performance. Full price is €225; student rate €195 and for an observer (half day) €50. For further info contact 061 621098.

JULY 22: FEAST OF MARY OF MAGDALA

Glenstal retreat with Noirin Ni Rian

The work of this day will be to learn and celebrate the great wisdom and beauty of the "Apostle of Apostles", as she is named in early Christian writings, but we will celebrate OUR own names too. This wonderful friend and follower of Christ was keenly aware of the power of the sound of her name; you remember when Jesus called her by name and she had that sudden miraculous acquaintance with him in the garden.

These times, we have forgotten how to serve our name with reverence and respect. Costing €85 (inc lunch, morning and afternoon tea/coffee & scones). Commencing at 10.00am, concluding at 5.30pm. For further info contact: 086 8137040 or theosonynoirin@gmail.com

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

No 5.45pm weekday Mass until Autumn
No Adoration on Mondays or Fridays.

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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 8 th	18:00	Brendan Bourke (A)
Sun 9 th	10:00	John Nunan (A)
	11:30	Brendan Murphy (A)
		Pat Corbett
		Brendan Burke (A)
Mon 10 th	10:00	
Tues 11 th	10:00	
Wed 12 th	10:00	Nora Casey (A)
Thurs 13 th	10:00	
Fri 14 th	10:00	
Sat 15 th	09:45	
	18:00	Betty Quilligan (A)
		Jim Fitzpatrick (1 st A)
		Carmel Fitzpatrick (A)
		Tom Hamill (A)
		Christy Cleary (A)
Sun 16 th	10:00	Gladys McMahon (A)
	11:30	Paddy, Brian, Geraldine and
		Clement McMahon (A)
		Bill Luby (A)

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