

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

LUKE 17: 11-19

1. The cure of the lepers is not just a physical cure, it also brought the people healed back from exclusion into the community. Perhaps you have experienced the movement from exclusion to inclusion. What was it like for you to be accepted once again when you had felt excluded?
2. Who were the people that brought about this change for you? For whom you have been able to do this, perhaps by healing a rift with a friend, or by listening to the opinion of someone you had dismissed out of hand, or by opening the door in some other way to another?
3. Some people work hard at breaking down barriers in society seeking inclusion for those who find themselves labelled as lepers by society or by a section of society. Where have you seen this happening? Who has been doing this kind of work? Where is the Good News in such action?
4. When we do good for another we may not do it for the thanks we hope to get, but it can hurt when no gratitude is shown. How have you experienced the positive effects of thanks given and received?

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MUSINGS: Where are the other nine?

As we know only too well, prejudice, ignorance, betrayal and social class can create apparently insurmountable divisions among us. But traditional barriers often crumble in the face of a common crisis or a great opportunity for a better life. This is particularly obvious nowadays in groups helping with recovery from addiction. It is not surprising, then, that it happened among the lepers of Christ's time. Lepers were total outcasts, banned from all contact with settled

community. Food was left for them by their families at designated outposts only. Living such a disrespected way of life, the centuries old and bitter barrier between Jews and Samaritans gave way to a survival camaraderie that led to a racially mixed group of lepers approaching Jesus for healing. All were healed but only the one who was an outcast, through both race and health, returned to give thanks. The others felt that the healer was one of their own, so they were entitled to healing.

Our expectations about our entitlements because of our family background or our education or hard work, often blind us to how gratuitous all God's gifts to us really are. Failure to appreciate the graciousness of such goodness leads to a hardening of the arteries of love that quickly deprives the heart of contentment, generosity and joy. Happiness is the flowering of appreciation and giving thanks. The Samaritan leper knew this. He seized his opportunity. Saying thanks opened up a new relationship with Jesus for him. Where are the other nine? Where are we?

Fr. Tom Clancy

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY: The Priests of our Diocese will meet for their Diocesan Assembly on Thursday and Friday, 20 and 21 October. This means that we will not have Mass in our church on those days. However, we will have a service of Readings and Holy Communion at 10.00am each day. Let us pray for the Lords blessing on our Priests at this time.

ARDSCOIL RÍS INDIA IMMERSION 2016:

On 21 October, twelve students and four teachers will set out on a spiritual and physical journey to India. During their trip, the students will visit railway schools, orphanages and leper centres.

Ardscail Rís has donated much needed funds to the Christian Brothers and Sisters of Mercy located in the main cities of India.

The students will speak at all Masses next weekend 15/16 October and will accept donations outside the church after Mass.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Persons

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish values and encourages the participation of children and persons who may be vulnerable in parish activities.

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish wishes to ensure families can have confidence that all of their members are safe and respected, when participating in the life of the church. We do this collectively by committing ourselves to good and safe practices in accordance with Diocesan Safeguarding Policies. These are consistent with all relevant legislation and the Standards of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland.

Comprehensive information is available in the Diocesan Website www.limerickdiocese.org and we welcome feedback and suggestions which can help us improve our safeguarding arrangements.

Any person with a safeguarding concern should contact the Diocesan Safeguarding office. G.Crowley, Director of Safeguarding Designated Liaison Person: email: ger@ldo.ie Mob: 087 3233564

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Parish Website

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Office Hours: 09:00-09:45 Weekdays
17:00-17:30 Mon & Tue
09:00-12.30 Sunday

Mass Times

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00 ;

Mon. & Tues. 17:45

Saturday 09:45

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 18:15-19:00

Friday 10:30-17:30

Meditation: Monday 19:00

Baptisms: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 8th	09:45	Caroline & Michael Ryan (A) John Masterson (A)
	18:00	Teresa Ryan (A) Paddy & Mary White (A)
Sun 9th	10:00	Patricia Griffin (A)
	11:30	Maureen O'Connor (M. M) John Masterson (A)
Mon 10th	10:00	Stephanie Hartnett (1 st A) Glenn Quin (M.M.)
	17:45	Sr. Mary Carmel Feeley (A)
Tues 11th	10:00	Martin, Elizabeth & Terence Warren (A) Jimmy Quilligan (A)
	17:45	
Wed 12th	10:00	Joseph Casey (A)
Thur 13th	10:00	
Fri 14th	10:00	Kieran Moylan & Family (A)
Sat 15th	09:45	Gerry Collins (A)
	18:00	Betty & John O'Connor & Carmel Terry Wall (M.M.)
Sun 16th	10:00	Christopher & Noreen Lynch (A)
	11:30	Irene & Eddie O'Neill (A) Tim Leddin (A)

