

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st July 2019



Choosing the Better Part

“Don't just stand there gawping,” we're told as children,” do something!” we have grown up knowing that we all must pull our weight, and so when the overworked Martha complains to Jesus that her sister Mary has not helped with the meal, we get understandably hot under the collar when Jesus condones Mary's choice to sit at his feet in conversation. There is of course a big danger in the story of Martha and Mary. The danger is that we feel the need to side with one sister, thereby judging the other wrong. In truth, both sisters have something to teach us.

Martha we are told, was concerned with many things, but we're led to believe that all of them were finite and transitory. If we took time to make a list of the concerns in our own lives we might find that we have a lot of Martha in us. We worry about work, we worry about money and we worry about how we are going to fit our chores in. If we look back at our anxieties of last year, or last month, or even last week, we might be forced to admit that most of those worries had no lasting significance, yet they still managed to dominate our lives and rob us of what was important. Mary on the other hand was only concerned with one thing,... the Kingdom of God ... finite, ultimate and lasting.

It is important to note that Jesus was not reproaching Martha, after all without Martha there would have been no meal on the table that night. Without the Martha's of the world nothing would get done. On the other hand, it doesn't matter how hard we work, without God at the centre of our lives, our actions are hollow. Mary chose 'the better part', but we all need a little of Martha too.

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WELCOME: to Fr Michael Doyle from Allen Hall Seminary who is celebrating both the Sunday Masses here at Blessed Sacrament this weekend. I am very grateful to Fr Michael for stepping in to give me some help while Fr Larry continues to recover from his little 'turn' the week before last. Once again, there will be no Mass here on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. *Fr Séamus*

BARBECUE: Thanks to all who prepared for and took part in last Sunday's Barbecue. Those who came enjoyed good food and company. There were fewer folks than usual as there was lots of competition for attention last Sunday! For those who can, please stay today after the 11:00 Mass for a short review of the BBQ to record what to remember for next time.

EVERY PENNY HELPS: We're off to a good start with "Church Care Coins" Till now we've banked almost £37.00. Please continue using the jar you'll see near the middle aisle.

COPENHAGEN STREET FOODBANK: Our foodbank now has containers at Iceland and the Co-op on the Cally to receive food donations from customers. Could anyone volunteer please to be on a rota for picking up the donated items from the stores? Please let Sr Miriam or Attracta know.

BLESSED TANSI PILGRIMAGE: The annual pilgrimage to Mount St. Bernard Abbey in honour of Blessed Tansi is on Saturday, 31st August. Coaches leave London at 7:00 a.m. Contact Antoinette Kamara (07930184347) or Josephine Onwuka (07853862672) for details and booking.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £345.05 Loose plate: £209.22
Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Cecelia Obiogbolu (Rosemary Emencheta's sister) & Margaret Rees **who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: especially Liam Buckley, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Anne Griffin, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Catherine Barnes, Hazel Hoyte, Angela Neary, Irene Cullen, Gerry Twomey, Barbara Johnson, Josephine Onwuka, Pauline Timlin, Kevin Corcoran, Patrick McShane, Margaret Walsh, Florence S Philip, Amidu (Blessing) Yamba, Evelyn Corcoran, Gerry Corcoran, Eamon Hanahoe, Mary Paditey, Kieran Vos, Bridget Ryan, Barbara Baggs, Eleanor Macauley, Peter McNally.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 21 st July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.111)</i>	8.30am	John Gilmartin RIP
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 22 nd July	St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	<u>NO MASS TODAY</u>
Tuesday 23 rd July	St Bridget of Sweden	10.30am	<u>NO MASS TODAY</u>
Wednesday 24 th July	feria	10.30am	<u>NO MASS TODAY</u>
Saturday 27 th July	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 28 th July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.111)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Private Intention

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Confessions: Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome

Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm