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16th Sunday - 20th/21st July 2019

This Weekend July 20th/21st

- 7.00p.m. 1. James Gilchrist, Richfort, Ardagh
2. Paddy and Chrissie Glennon, Aughfin
- 10.00a.m. Billy Lynn
- 12noon James Coyle and deceased members of the Coyle family, Cranley

The Manor – Sunday 21st July – William McGuinness (Months Mind) and Kathleen McGuinness (Anniv), Kilcoursey

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Next Weekend: July 27th/28th

- 7.00p.m. Sean Nolan (1st Anniv.) & his wife Eileen (18th Anniv.), Devine Crescent
- 10.00a.m. 1. Deceased members of the Mulryan & Brady family, Lisnagrish
2. Christine Dunne (nee Gorman).
- 12noon Ned & Katie Flood and son Paddy.

The Manor – Sunday 28th July – Pearse and Jenny Tuite

Offertory Collection: Sun July 14th - €1,285 - sincere thanks.

The Deep End - Martha and Mary

Jesus visits the home of Martha. For such a short Gospel passage, this text has created much discussion among biblical scholars. It seems everyone in this story is breaking the rules: Jesus rebukes his host, Mary does not help her sister, and Martha is not sitting at Jesus' feet like a good disciple. Luke's gospel is all about 'reversal': what you expect to happen does not happen, often the opposite happens! Confused? Mary is positioned here as a disciple learning from her Teacher. Martha as one who is trying to serve through 'many tasks.' Throughout his Gospel, Luke places a special emphasis on the wider circle of Jesus' disciples, and names the women who follow Him. Luke is perhaps reminding us in this text that being a follower of Jesus requires an upset of the norms and a reversal of roles.

This story occurs in Luke immediately after the Good Samaritan, where the importance of service and action are clearly emphasised. It seems unfair that Martha is being told off for serving those who come to her. If Jesus arrived with a hungry entourage, what host would not be stressed out! Jesus frees Martha from these duties, not because they are not important, but so that she too can be nourished by him. Frantic activity is never good or sustainable for us.

Let today's Gospel be a reminder that when we are bogged down in the craziness around us, we can sit and listen to Him. Then we may be better prepared for the challenges that we face, whether they be in our homes or our wider communities.

Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE

1. The two sisters symbolize the contemplative and active dimensions of life, at times difficult to balance. What wisdom have you learned through life experiences on how to strike a balance between prayer and action?

2. Many people misunderstand hospitality. They worry and fret about decorating the house

and preparing abundant food. Yet sometimes it is something else that is needed to make people feel at home; namely, to sit with guests and to listen to them. What has been your experience of being a cherished guest and when have you been able to make others feel welcome and at home?



3. We can make the same mistake in relation to people who are important to us: children, friends, parents, or others. We can worry and fret about doing things for them when perhaps the important thing is to give them time and listen to them. What does your experience tell you?

4. When it comes to welcoming God into our lives, one appropriate response is to spend time listening to God's word. When have you found time devoted to the word of God enriching for you? - John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

THE IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION Church Gate Collection will take place on Sat 27th & Sun 28th July. With your support IWA can continue to maintain vital services to people with disabilities in Co. Longford.

Where's The Piccolo?

At certain times in life we may feel insignificant and useless. Surrounded by people with greater talent than ours, we are tempted in our weak moments just to settle back and let somebody else do the work. We reason that what we have to offer won't make much difference anyway. We forget the truth suggested by our Lord's use of five loaves and two small fish to feed a multitude (John 6:1-14). Each of us has something important to offer in His service.

Sir Michael Costa was conducting a rehearsal in which the orchestra was joined by a great chorus. About halfway through the session, with trumpets blaring, drums rolling, and violins singing their rich melody, the piccolo player muttered to himself, "What good am I doing? I might just as well not be playing. Nobody can hear me anyway." So he kept the instrument to his mouth, but he made no sound. Within moments, the conductor cried, "Stop! Stop! Where's the piccolo?" It was missed by the ear of the most important person of all.

It's much the same way with the use of our abilities for the Lord. Whether our talent is great or small, the performance isn't complete until we do our best with what we have.

-Richard De Haan

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JULY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Mikie Doyle, Monica Coyle.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Ruth McKeon, David Greene.

Sunday 12 noon: Aishling O'Reilly, Gerard Greene.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JULY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford, Sr. Dympna Kelly, Diane Spillane.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Ita O'Farrell, John Cahill.

Sunday 12 noon: Colm O'Reilly, Mary Kelly McGrath, Angela Dockery.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

Fr. Tom Healy P.P.