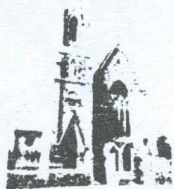


# Parish of St. Mary's

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**Sixteenth Sunday - 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

### • Reflections •

Jesus scolded Martha for being so anxious and worried. Then He told Martha: 'There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.'

Put yourself in Martha's shoes. How do you think you would respond to this reprimand? Would you react as Martha did or would you pause and reflect on Jesus' statement and your reaction to his words? Would you be rational enough to ask yourself: 'Am I jealous of Mary's relationship with Jesus? Are my priorities out of order?'

Today Jesus asks each of us: What takes priority in your life? One way to answer this question is to ask ourselves: How do I use my time? Do I fritter it away? Do I work 12 hours a day? Am I involved in activities I enjoy? Do I spend quality time with the people I care about? Do I make time for prayer and spend time with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?

No one else needs to know the answers to these questions. However, our answers to these questions may give us some insight into our lives. In our busy and distracting world, it is easy to get off-track. Today Jesus is inviting us to come away and spend time with Him. What a wonderful invitation! Today will we accept His invitation or will we ignore it because we are too busy?

### • Thought for the Day •

Do we ever labor at serving  
Till voices grow fretful and shrill,  
Forgetting how to be loving,  
Forgetting how to be still?  
Do we strive for 'things' in possession,  
And toil for the perishing meat,  
Neglecting the one thing needful –  
Sitting at Jesus' feet?

Service is good when he asks it,  
Labor is right in its place,  
But there is one thing better,  
Looking up in his face;  
There is so much he can tell us,  
Truths that are precious and deep;  
This is the place where he wants us,  
These are the things we can keep.

- Annie Johnson Flint

### Seven Catholic social teaching principles

Catholic social teaching (CST) is rooted in Scripture, formed by the wisdom of Church leaders, and influenced by grassroots movements. It is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world.

- Dignity
- Solidarity
- The common good
- The option for the poor
- Peace
- Creation and Environment
- The dignity of work and participation

Our faith calls us to love God and to love our neighbours in every situation, especially our sisters and brothers living in poverty. Following in the footsteps of Christ, we hope to make present in our unjust and broken world, the justice, love and peace of God.

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JULY

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Mark Cassidy.

**Sunday 11.00 a.m.:** John Cahill.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JULY

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Gerard Haughey, Angela Kelly.

**Sunday 11.00 a.m.:** Mathew Family.

*Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.*

### WEBCAM

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### This Weekend July 19<sup>th</sup> / July 20<sup>th</sup>

**7.00 p.m.** No Intention.

- 11.00 a.m.**
1. Liam Tuite (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.).
  2. James Coyle (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) and deceased family members.
  3. Pat Joe Donohoe, Lisnageeragh (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.).

**Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor**

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> July** People of the Parish.

**Next Weekend: July 26<sup>th</sup> / July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00 p.m.** Deceased members of the Lynn Family - Jack, Katie, Micky, Josie, Billy, Paddy and Johnny.

**11.00 a.m.** Seamus Martin (First Anniv)

**Offertory Collection:** Sat 12<sup>th</sup> / Sun 13<sup>th</sup> July - €935 - sincere thanks.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** - Please pray for Martina Dempsey, Auburn Park who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescat in pace.



**DAILY MASSES** - will continue in the Parish Church until Wed July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Masses will resume in Our Lady's Manor @ 11.00 a.m. on Thurs July 24<sup>th</sup> next.

**Sunday Scriptures - First Reading** - When Abraham gave hospitality to three strangers he did not know that he was entertaining God himself. The strangers reward him with the good news that his wife is to bear him a child.

**Second Reading** - Paul suffers for his converts. He is a minister of 'that mystery hidden for generations,' namely the calling of the Gentiles to salvation.

**Gospel** - The sister of Martha and Mary welcome Jesus into their home in Bethany, though each does so in a different way.

**SUNDAY REFLECTION** - Religious communities make up a small percentage of the Christian population but nevertheless play a dynamic and central role in the spreading of the Kingdom of God. To belong to a religious society is a call to witness with one's life to what one believes in. The most effective form of witness is the testimony of a person's life - St Paul's Sunday Missal.

### PRAYER

In times of difficulty, Lord,  
we appreciate the support and encouragement of others.  
In better times, we feel stronger and more secure.  
Remind us then, to co-operate with other people and look out for the needs of others,  
Being ready to offer a smile, a word and other support and encouragement. Amen.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Parish Holy Hour in Our Lady's Manor on Saturdays from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. All are welcome.

- Fr Tom Healy -