

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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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.



CHANGE TO SUNDAY MORNING MASS TIMES DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Beginning the weekend of 3rd/4th August

Masses will be at 6.00pm Saturday

& 9.00am, 11.30am & 6.00pm on Sunday

Back to usual in September!

SUNDAY CLUB: needs more regular volunteers to help serve homeless and needy people on Sunday afternoons between 3-5pm. If you can commit to a regular slot, one Sunday in seven and would like to know more, please phone Molly on 020 8341 6826 or email mawislington@gmail.com

ORGAN RECITAL: by Adrian Gunning (St John’s Organist). Next Saturday 27th July at 7.30pm. Music by Buxtehude, Schmidt, Tournemire, Schroeder and Bedard. Admission Free/Collection for Church Funds.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR: St Anne’s home for the elderly, 77 Manor Road, Stoke Newington, London, N16 are looking to recruit Registered General Nurses for a full-time position. Any interest please contact Sister Mary Bridget on 020 8826 2500 or med.stanne@lsplondon.co.uk for an application form.

WEEKDAY SANDWICHES: During the holiday period from 1st August up to and including 2nd September we will not be needing sandwiches. Thank you to those who so faithfully provide these sandwiches for our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

JOIN OUR LEGION OF MARY (LoM) GROUP: For weekly praying of the Holy Rosary and voluntary work as part of the parish community. We meet every Tuesday at 7pm in the Convent at 40 Duncan Terrace. New members welcome!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Envelopes £248.03 Loose £742.67

Thank you for your generosity.**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:**

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who have died recently: John Clarke, Ignatius 'Iggy' Cagney **and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Marie Cunningham, Bryan Cunningham, Iris Kathleen Hutchings, Alan John Fennelly, James Duggan, Margaret Moloney, Margaret Christina O'Brien, Patricia Veronica Walker, Anne Adams Crossland, Mary Catherine Mungovan, Kevin Edward Peter O'Leary, Stuart Philip Dicks, Henri Theodore Jerome Lavens, Christine Levett, John Harney, Baby Cosmos Hugo Baron, Bernadette Quinn, Margaret Ann Dinan, Johnnie Patrick Horrigan, Peggy Buckley, Kim Mary Stevens (Edginton), James O'Pray.

HEALING: Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially : Frances Jennings, Mufide R Family, Igor Bernhart, Christiana Visentin & Family, Monika Szulc, Gerado, Mary Dunn, Tom Cuniffe, Roy Allen, Mary Wallace, Cliodhna McCorley, Alistair Goodman, Josie Harvey, Suzanne Greaves, Anita Hrebeniak, John and Elena Doherty, Alvito Noronha, Julie & Mike, Audrey Hamilton, Amalia Mastrobono, Margaret Crossworth, William Godber, Antonia Smith, Mary Gathney, Mary Harrington, Georgina George, Michael Treacy, Robert Callahan, Cath Walker, Stephen Henry, Sophia O'Donnell, Carmel Hawkes, Louisa Charlton, Margaret Rittner, Mary Pospiech, Pat Murphy, Diane Austin, Vicky Munday, Angela Tynan, Paul Jackson, Vanessa Anne, Lucas James, Sheila Dunne, Michael Bryant, Carmen Vargas, Lenny Cole, Mary Cerasoli.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	GOSPEL
Saturday 20th July	6pm	Noleen McPharlane RIP	Luke 10:38-42
Sunday 21st July SIXTEENTH IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.111)</i>	9am	Pietro Ronchetti RIP	
	10.30am	All our Parishioners	
	12noon	Patrick O'Malley RIP (B	
	6pm	Mrs Alice McCormack RIP	
Monday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene	<u>11am</u>	Funeral Mass for John Clarke RIP	John 20:1-2. 11-18
Tuesday 23rd July St Bridget of Sweden	10am	Intentions of Lenny Cole	John 15:1-8
Wednesday 24th July feria	10am	Marc Williams RIP	Matthew 13:1-9
Thursday 25th July St James	10am	Daniel Rice RIP	Matthew 20:20-28
Friday 26th July Ss Joachim and Anne <i>Friday Abstinence</i>	10am	Colwyn St Davids RIP	Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday 27th July feria	10am	Daniel Rice RIP	Matthew 13:24-30
	10.30-11.30am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction</i>	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	
	6pm	Anthony Debono RIP	Luke 11:1-13
Sunday 28th July SEVENTEENTH IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.114)</i>	9am	James Pender RIP	
	10.30am	Mollie Foskett RIP	
	12noon	All our Parishioners	
	6pm	Mrs Alice McCormack RIP	