



# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosary Monday to Friday Clonmellon 9.35am followed by Mass @ 10am



Most people on hearing that gospel feel some sympathy for Martha. There she is working hard in the service of Jesus and Jesus declares that Mary has chosen the better part. 'Poor old Martha' would be a fairly common response. Jesus is clearly not opposed in principle to people working hard in his service, in the service of others. The immediately preceding passage in Luke's gospel is the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan was very active on behalf of the injured man by the roadside; Jesus points to him as someone who exemplifies his own compassionate love. Yet, as the book of Ecclesiastes says, 'there is a time for every matter under heaven'.

Apparently, Jesus understood that his visit to the home of the two sisters was a time for them to refrain from activity so as to listen to his word. Jesus had something to say and he wanted them to listen. It was Mary who recognized that this was the kind of hospitality Jesus wanted on this occasion, the hospitality of listening rather than the hospitality of activity. Mary was more attuned to what the Lord really wanted than Martha was. Yes, the Lord wants us to work on his behalf, but he also wants us to listen to him. Wisdom consists in knowing when it is time to be active and busy in the Lord's service and when it is time simply to sit and listen to his word. - **Fr Martin Hogan curate in the parish of Finglas**



**KILLALLON:** Sun 10am: Anniv. Christy & Kitty Connell & d.f.m. M.M. Maisie Fox

**CLONMELLON:** Sun 11.30am: Anniv. James Flynn, Sheepstown & d.f.m. Anniv. James & Annie Fitzsimons & d.f.m. **Feast**

**Days: Tue:** St. Mary Magdalene **Fri:** St. James, Apostle **Sat:** Ss Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**KILLALLON:** Sun 10am:

**CLONMELLON:** Sun 11.30am: 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Michael Hetherton

**Adoration:** Every Monday 2.30pm – 8pm Clonmellon Church **Baptism:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 11am in Clonmellon

**Collections:** *Thank you for your generosity.*

	<u>Plate Collection</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>Shrine</u>	<u>Donations for the Hungry</u>
<b>Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	€615	€160	€50	€100
<b>Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	€455	€510	€110	€90

The **Parish Choir** gathered during the week to discuss the vacant position of Choir Director as Karina Buckley is no longer available to fulfil that role. A big thank you on behalf of the Parish for your enormous effort, time & attention to every detail of ministry in both Clonmellon and Killallon Churches. As a token of appreciation on behalf of us all, please enjoy the Gift Voucher for the Hodson Bay Hotel.

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**Your opinion matters – please bring this bulletin home with you and ponder the following suggestions and return to the Church next weekend or add to collection baskets.**

➤ Would you like to see a **webcam facility** for Clonmellon to live stream daily mass, funerals, weddings etc?  
Yes    No

➤ **Trip to Knock** Tue. August 19<sup>th</sup> departing Clonmellon 9.30am, Mass in the Apparition Chapel 1pm, lunch served after mass and departing for home approx. 3pm. Cost €20 incl. lunch in St. John's Centre (payment can be on the day). Please only sign & return if pretty definite you will attend to accommodate as many as possible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Tel no. \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Proposing to have a **Saturday Vigil Mass in Clonmellon Church** if you agree. What time would you deem most suitable?

6pm ☐    6.30pm ☐    7pm ☐    7.30pm ☐

➤ **Altar Servers** – Hope you will all be available for a fun day out. Details to be decided soon

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**POINTS TO PONDER:** 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?

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