



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 17TH JULY 2022

Have you ever had a day in which nothing you did was right? That seems to be how Martha felt in today's Gospel. For the modern audience, everything Martha does in the story seems correct. And the ancient audience would have agreed. Martha welcomes Jesus into her house and does exactly what a woman in ancient Palestine would have done: she waits on him and offers appropriate hospitality. In many parts of the Greco-Roman Empire this was standard procedure. Men in the household would visit with the guests, but women not as commonly. So, based on the standards of her own culture, Martha is justified in being angry at her sister, Mary. After all, this is her house. Martha's plea to Jesus as a religious teacher suggests that she expects him to agree with her and with conventional wisdom.

But, as is the case many times in his ministry, Jesus surprises everyone. Instead of affirming Martha's concern and conventional gender roles of the time, Jesus admonishes Martha for her anxiety over such matters and affirms Mary for her attentive listening and courage. Mary has risked disapproval in order to listen to the teacher; she has positioned herself so as to focus on him and learn. Jesus is not condemning Martha as much as he is trying to teach her, pointing out that being "anxious and worried" (Lk 10:41) is blocking her – not only from listening, but perhaps also from performing heartfelt service. He hopes for Martha to recognize the lesson that Mary already has learned: the presence of God's Kingdom trumps daily concerns and conventional wisdom.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 17th July 2022 (Cycle C)

Parish Diary

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am (Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays until Fr Britto returns)
Wednesdays	9.00 am – Eucharistic Service
Friday	Adoration following 9.00 am Mass
Confessions	Saturdays 9.30 am - 10.00 am
Legion of Mary	After Sunday morning mass (11.30 am onwards)
Baptisms	By Appointment (Saturdays 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm)

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 17th July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Friday 22nd July	St Mary Magdalene – Feast
Saturday 23rd July	St Bridget of Sweden, Religious Patron of Europe, European Feast
Sunday 24th July	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 17th July	10.00 am	Kevin Sullivan – RIP (donor – Janet Perry) For Parishioners
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 18th July	9.00 am	NO MASS
Tuesday 19th July	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 20th July	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 21st July	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 22nd July	9.00 am	NO MASS
Saturday 23rd July	9.00 am	NO MASS
Sunday 24th July	9.00 am	Margaret Thomas – RIP/ 90th Birthday (donor – Peter Thomas)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Kindly observe the timetable for the masses in case of any changes.

Parish Notice Board

2nd Collection – Sunday 10th July

Apostleship Of The Sea Second Collection

Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Our parish raised £189.75. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris Chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

Legion of Mary

Michael Okafor from the Legion of Mary will be making an appeal at both masses this weekend for new members.

Request

Dear Parishioners

As you will all appreciate, since Father Britto's sabbatical leave commenced, we have been graced with the assistance of Fr Jean-Laurent as well as the Rainham priests.

There are some up and coming dates on a Sunday where we may have the assistance of Fr Stewart Foster depending upon whether we are able to sort out transport for him, i.e.

Sunday 24th July 10am mass only

Sunday 21st August 10am and 6.30pm masses

Sunday 28th August 10am and 6.30pm masses

We therefore request the kind assistance of one/two or more of our parishioners to collect Fr Stewart from Witham and bring him here to English Martyrs and then kindly take him back that evening after 6.30pm mass.

If you are able to assist with this could you kindly either let Fr Jean-Laurent know after mass or alternatively contact the office and leave a message on the answer machine. Many thanks.

Parish Finance:

10.07.22- Gift Aid: £110.00 Loose Plate: £191.89 Total: £301.89

Apostleship of the Sea - £85.50 – Loose plate £104.25 Total: £189.75

Bukinda £0.5p

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Kathleen Clifford, Anna Heneghan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Pradeepan Rangunathan, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Voni Tesi, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

The 12th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage

"The 12th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place this year on the hundredth anniversary of GKC being received into the Catholic Church, Saturday 30th July. Please send any prayer requests to; CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayercards can be found on our website, www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk" Over the years we have raised over £15,000 for Good Counsel with sponsorship from the Pilgrimage. Donations can be made here <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gkcwalk22>

Pilgrimage - Transylvania: Religion, History & Culture

Fr Eduard Fartan from Holy Family in Benfleet is organising a Pilgrimage to Transylvania from 18th - 25th October 2022. The tour will include many beautiful churches and monasteries often set amongst the stunning Romanian countryside and focus on the melting pot of ancient cultures that have been present in the area. The approximate cost will start at £850 for one place in a double room. For more information or to register your interest please send an email to benfleet@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Adventure in Faith

Journey towards World Youth Day, Porto and Lisbon, July 26th – August 9th 2023. This amazing opportunity is for anyone who will be aged 17 – 27 in August 2023. Find out more at <https://bcys.net/events/wyd23/>. Express your interest with an email to WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Only 40 places available.

Vacancies

Please see the noticeboard for job vacancies within the Diocese.

A Prayer for Ukraine

*Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choice.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.*

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