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17th July 2022

**Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Mary sat down at the Lord's feet
and listened to him speaking.

Martha was distracted with all the
serving.

(Today's Gospel)

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Pilgrimage season continued with our Parish
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Martha or Mary?

Jesus has come to visit. Martha is in the kitchen preparing the meal. Mary is sitting listening to Jesus and not doing anything to help her sister. Martha suddenly loses her rag! This isn't fair, Mary should be helping her. Then Jesus surprises us. He tells Martha not to worry about things that don't really matter. "Mary," he tells her "has chosen the

better part."

It's a parable that gets us all hot and bothered, but that's what makes it such a clever story. Jesus takes a very common domestic occurrence and turns it into a lesson. It's a lesson we will all identify with, argue over, discuss, and then hopefully take something from. That Jesus takes Mary's side is surprising, since most of us, especially women, will take Martha's side. This of course is where we all fall down in our appreciation of the lesson. We spend a lot of time deciding whose side we should be on, when it really isn't about taking sides. Perhaps we could argue that both women had got things a bit wrong. Perhaps both should have sat and listened and both helped serve up the meal, but the story is not about the logistics of organising a dinner party.

Jesus' point is about finding a balance between listening and taking action. Martha is a symbol of our modern world ... too busy to listen; too busy to stop and think. However, if Martha hadn't have busied herself in the kitchen, Jesus would not have eaten that night. Jesus clearly isn't condemning Martha for her action, but is pointing out that the better part is action based on listening and forethought.

The gospel today teaches us that listening and understanding is the prerequisite for discipleship. The real danger in our busy lives is that we simply run round like headless chickens doing the same jobs day in and day out, without ever developing spiritually. We are being asked to slow down a little, to stop and think and listen.

At the end of the day this story isn't about whether we champion Mary or Martha, but that we adopt a little of Mary and a little of Martha. Action is nothing without thought, and thought is nothing without action.

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Sunday: 9.30am

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CONFESSIONS

Saturday after 10am Mass & after 5pm Mass.



Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10

Psalm 14:2-5

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

St. Mary Magdalene

Friday 22nd July

Mary Magdalene stood by the Cross of Jesus, with two other women she discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance of the



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Bitesize

You can hear the footsteps of God when silence reigns in the mind.

Sri Sathya Sai Baba



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Laois/Offaly Families for Autism July's Monthly Meeting; Wednesday 27th July at 7:30pm in the Central Hotel, Tullamore, R35Y7P1. Guest Speaker; Denzil Jacobs (Occupational Therapist), "The importance of OT and understanding our child's sensory needs". Denzil is on our therapists panel and has worked alongside LOFFA for many years. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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3rd F. Gleeson 4th M. Delaney



Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist continues every Tuesday in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

Laois Age Friendly Strategy: Laois County Council are holding a Public consultation on the new Laois Age Friendly Strategy, on 26th July in Bloom HQ in Mountrath, commencing at 10.30am, refreshments served on arrival and lunch before activities in the afternoon followed by dancing. This is a free event. Numbers are limited so pre-booking is required. Please contact Tom Curran on 05786 64150 / 086-0363426 or agefriendly@laoiscoco.ie

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How did it make you feel when someone else was too distracted to listen to you?

It can be disappointing and frustrating when that happens. But let's be honest...Have any of you been so distracted that you forgot to pay attention to a friend? Or that you lost sight of what was happening right in front of you? I know I have!

Being distracted isn't anything new and phones aren't the only reasons we get distracted. When Jesus walked the Earth, people didn't have mobile phones like we do. But that didn't keep people from becoming distracted. The gospel today tells a story about a woman who became distracted - even when Jesus was a guest in her home!

Jesus was in the village of Bethany where His friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived. Jesus went to their home to visit. Martha invited Him in and began to prepare dinner. While she was busy working away, her sister Mary just sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to the words He had to say. The Gospel says Martha was too distracted by all the preparation that had to be done to listen to Jesus. She got upset with her sister and went to Jesus and said, **"Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"**

"Martha, Martha," Jesus said, **"you are worried and upset about many things. But there is one thing that is the most important and Mary has discovered it."** Martha was doing her best to make Jesus feel welcome in her home, but Mary had discovered something even more important. That was sitting at the feet of Jesus and receiving His words into her heart. It is important for us to be careful that we don't get so busy doing activities - even good ones - that we forget to listen to Jesus' words and take them into our heart. If we become too distracted, we just might miss the most important thing.



Dear Jesus,

help us to remember that You are the most important thing in our lives. Don't let us get so busy with other things that we forget to spend time with You.

Amen.





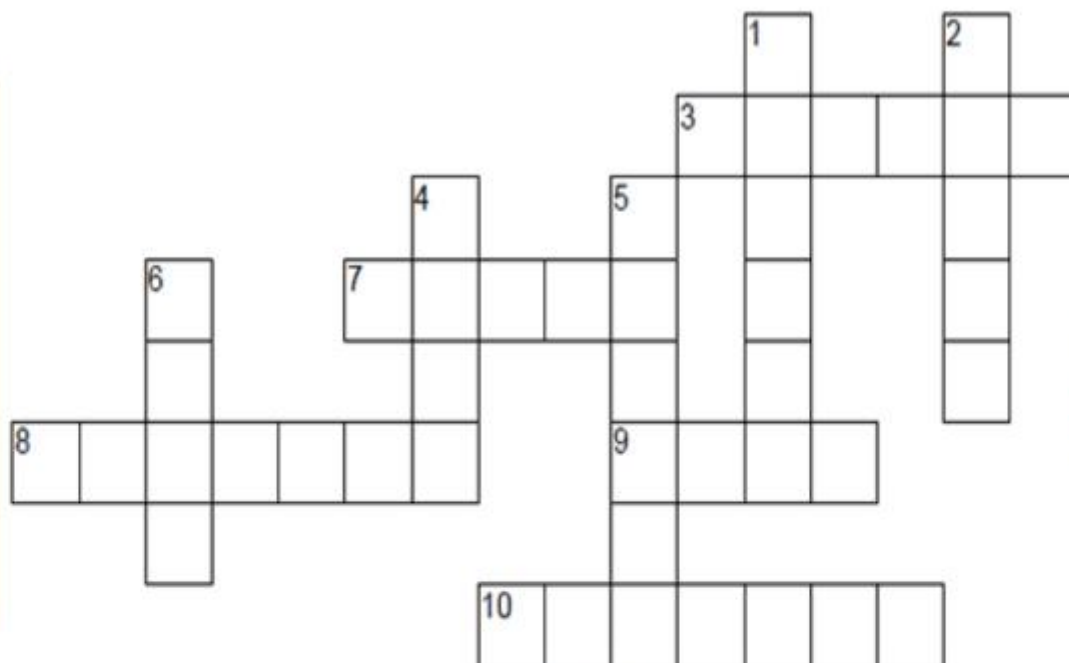
At the Feet of Jesus

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed - or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Puzzle is based on Luke 10:38-42



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ACROSS

3. To pay attention to what someone says
7. An adult female human
8. A very small town
9. Activity, such as a job, which a person, performs; labour
10. To be concerned about something; to be troubled



DOWN

1. A female having the same parents as another person
2. The son of God
4. The place where a family lives
5. A spoken or written reply to a question
6. To give assistance to someone

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Night time Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
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night, and wake me with the
morning light.
Amen.



Time to Think!

A GUIDE TO PRAYER

In the secular world, mindfulness is much embraced and practiced. Personally, I find it difficult to differentiate between practicing mindfulness and prayer. Prayer and meditation similarly are extremely nourishing and beneficial to our mind, body and spirit.

Prayer is the language of the soul, it's often in the stillness of our contemplation that God's Amazing Grace can pour hope, light and energy into the depth of our humanity. The following suggestion that is tried and tested for centuries by the great St. Ignatius.

There are normally three parts:

1. Entering - trying to get some inner stillness and get 'out of our heads' or thoughts.
2. Praying with my desire - As God is in our deepest desires, this longing can help us connect.
3. Exiting - Reviewing what has happened and making decisions.

Here are some suggested steps for a 15-20 minute session, well worth a practice, especially during these summer months when we are all invited to relax and recreate.

1. Entering - Find a quiet place where you won't be interrupted if possible. Believe that you are 'looked at' or in the gaze of God; this helps to take the focus off ourselves and to accept the reality that we are infinitely loved and forgiven, which is transformative. Ask for what you want. In Ignatian language it's known as 'asking for a grace'. It's a simple step but has a big impact, it gets you in touch with your desire. Something like, "help me be still within and listen", "show me a solution to this problem I'm wrestling with" or "help me face this awful situation".

2. Praying - Being real with God. Take a moment to review how you are at this moment, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Imagine how God looks at you; this is the way the Father receives the prodigal son, the way Jesus greets those who are suffering or in trouble, how a mother looks after her child. Remember that for the first 10 minutes or so, it can seem like a waste of time, you can be tortured by stress or



thoughts going through your head and you have to trust that things will improve. Again, it helps to make a prayer of this: "help me to get calm, I need a break". Imagine if you could talk to God or Jesus face to face, what would you say, what is it that you really have to get off your chest, what do you want for your life (your heart's desire)? Then listen, conversation is always two-way, so listen to what words are being spoken to you; what is the message of love or compassion you need to hear? Stay with the conversation as long as it works for you, then take your leave knowing that you can always come back to this moment.

3. Exiting - Finish by being grateful for the prayer (sometimes you have to work at this but there is always something that is helpful). Review how this prayer went and what helped and what didn't, figure out what you would change for next time (e.g., a different place, spending more time, earlier in the day etc.). Work out if there is any practical decision you have to make. Commit yourself to another session soon. Build it in as a regular part of your life, a recovery space.

"Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look turned toward Heaven, and it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." - St. Therese of Lisieux

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Your rod and your staff - they comfort me.*

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Our sympathy to their families.

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**In Loving Memory of
KAY DEVOY**

Late of Borris Great, Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurred 12th July 2022.



*It doesn't take a special day to
bring you to our mind,
For days without a thought of
you are very hard to find.
You always tried to do your best,
Your heart was true and tender,
You simply lived for those you
loved, and those you loved
remember.*

Loved and remembered by all your family and friends.

May Kay Rest in Peace

**Treasured Memories of
CAMILLUS RYAN**

O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.

2nd Year and 3rd Birthday away from Home



*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Unseen, unheard, but always
near, still loved, still missed and
forever dear.*

Sadly missed by his son James,
daughters Denise, Aileen and
Melissa, daughter-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren,
brothers, sisters and extended family.

Rest in Peace Camillus

**In Loving Memory of
EILEEN GRIFFIN**

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

13th Anniversary occurred 16th July 2022

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Saturday 16th July at 6:30pm.



*A loved one never leaves you,
They're never far away,
They watch you from a distance and
guide you everyday.
They become your guardian angel and
look down from above,
A loved one never leaves you, because
you always have their love.*

Sadly missed and always loved by Mary & Tommy, Ger & Olive,
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Padraig's wife Siobhan, sons Daniel, Liam, Aidan, daughter Ciara and extended family would like to express our sincere thanks for the kindness and sympathy shown to us on the sad loss of our cherished husband, father and brother on 24th April 2022.

To the A&E staff, Portlaoise Hospital and CCU staff, St. Jame's Hospital,

a very special thank you for giving us precious time with Padraig.

Thank you to all who called to our home, brought refreshments, sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, texts, phone calls, online condolences and flowers. Thank you also to our friends and neighbours for their help and support.

Many thanks to those who attended the removal and funeral services. The family are truly grateful to those who travelled to be with us. Thank you also to those who joined us on the live streams.

Most sincere thanks to Fr. David Vard for the lovely funeral Mass and to Padraig's cousin Fr. John McGovern for concelebrating.

To Matthew and David, Keegan's Funeral Directors, thank you for your expert assistance and advice, and to Sarah Troy, thank you for your beautiful singing and music.

We would also like to thank the staff of the Killeslin Hotel for their hospitality.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually who helped us at this time, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude and appreciation

Rest in Peace Padraig

34th ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
PATRICK FARRELL

39 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

34th Anniversary occurs 18th July 2022



*Quickly and quietly came the call,
Without farewell you left us all,
A sudden call from God on high,
You had no chance to say goodbye.
Without farewell you fell asleep,
But memories of you, we'll always keep.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 17th July at 12.30pm.

From his sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, sister-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family and friends.

May Patrick Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JULIA GORMAN

11 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

9th Anniversary, 21st July, 2022



*We miss you from your fireside chair,
Your loving smile and gentle air,
Your vacant place no one can fill,
We miss you Mother and always will.
Sadly missed by your loving family
and extended family.*

May Julia Rest in Peace

Birthday Remembrance
MARGARET HOULIHAN

14 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.

5th Birthday away from home occurred 15th July 2022



*Missing You on Your Birthday.
You were very kind and
thoughtful with a warm and
loving heart,
And when other people
needed help you always played
your part,
You're thought of every single
day, whatever time of year,
But somehow more than ever
now your special day is here.*

No present can be given and that's really very hard,
But there's a world of love inside this special little card,
Each memory is shining bright and treasured dearly too,
But memories can't take the place of someone dear,
like you.

*Sadly missed and always remembered from your
husband James, sons and daughters, grandchildren and
extended family.*

May Margaret Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
STEPHEN McELROY

21 Carmody Way, Portlaoise. 2nd Anniversary occurs 16th July.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 17th July at 10am.

*Thinking of you Stephen is easy,
We do it every day, but missing you is
a heartache, that never goes away.*

*Sadly missed by your Mam, sisters,
brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.*

Rest in Peace Stephen

**In Loving Memory of
FRANCES CARROLL**

72 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise
4th Anniversary occurs 17th July 2022

Frances' Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 16th July at 6.30pm.



God looked around His garden and found an empty place, He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest,
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,

He knew that you would never, get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, 'Peace be thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Loved and sadly missed by Maria, Dermot, Fiona, Aidan, Fergal and Christine, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law & grandchildren.

May Frances Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
THOMAS (Tom) KELLY**

147 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs 19th July. Missed so dearly.

9th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 16th July at 6.30pm



*I lost my life companion, a life linked with my own,
And day by day I pray for you, as I walk through
life alone,*

*The house you left is lonely and I am lonely too,
Those left behind are good and kind, but my heart
still aches for you.*

Always remembered by his loving wife Frances and family and friends.

May Tom Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
KEVIN GRIFFEY**

50 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
7th Anniversary occurred 14th July 2022

*Although death has seperated us physically, faith and love
have bound us eternally.*

*Though we cannot see you, we know you are here with us,
in our every thought, as we think about you each day.*

*Though we cannot touch you, we feel the warmth of your
smile, as we turn the page to a new chapter in our lives.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday, 16th July at 6:30pm.

Loved and remembered always by Martina, Sharon, Craig, Colin, Alda and Mollai, sisters and brother, extended family and friends.

May Kevin Rest in Peace

**18TH ANNIVERSARY
ANTHONY (Tony) SAUNDERS**
40 Borris Road, Portlaoise.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 17th July at 12.30pm

*Wherever we go, whatever we do,
Memories of your love keeps us near to you.*

From your loving wife Christina, daughter Ellis, son-in-law Ger and grandchildren, George, Clare, and Trevor.

May Anthony Rest in Peace

**12th ANNIVERSARY
Of our Mother and Grandmother
ROSALEEN KERRY**

Late of 48 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
Died 21st July 2010.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Thursday 21st July at 10am.

*Heavy are our hearts today,
Memory brings you back once more,
To the time you were with us,
To the happy days of yore.*

Sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

May Rosaleen Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of our dear
Mammy and Nanny
PATRICIA O' BRIEN née Rice**
Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 17th July.
3rd Birthday away from home occurs 24th July.



*Mammy;
To your resting place we
visit, place flowers there
with care, but no one knows
the heartache when we turn
and leave you there.*

Missed beyond words by your daughters Yvonne and Sandra, grandchildren Gordon, Evan, Teagan and Grace, also John and Sonny xxx

Rest in Peace Mammy

In Loving Memory of

PATRICIA O' BRIEN née Rice

Late of 98 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 17th July 2022



*Ease your grief, she is not gone,
For in your heart she lives on,
Her smile, her laugh, her special
ways, will comfort you now from
day to day.*

*Forever in my heart, love your son
Damien.*

Trish you certainly did it your way.

Rest in Peace Mam

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

JANE SHIELS

Formerly of Dr. Murphy's Place, whose birthday occurs 14th July.



*If we could visit Heaven,
On this your special day,
Maybe for one moment our pain
would go away,
We'd put our arms around you
and hug you one more time,
Wish you a happy birthday Mam
and sit with you awhile.*

*Loved and missed everyday by
your sons, daughters,
son-in-law, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Jane

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

FERGUS (Patrick) DUNNE

Late of Dr. Murphy Place and Kilminchy, Portlaoise.

6th Birthday away from home; Special Birthday Remembrance



*As I look upon your picture,
Sweet memories I recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
Missing you always,
Forgetting you never,
Rest in peace dear loved one, with
Jesus in His Heavenly home.*

*From your loving partner Esther, your
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www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.com

Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam and Patron of the Catholic Grandparents Association who will lead the pilgrimage and the celebration of the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at Knock Shrine.

Music at the Mass: The combined choirs of Knock Parish directed by Una Nolan, Director of Music at Knock Shrine.

Reflection: Catherine Wiley, Founder of the Catholic Grandparents Association.

Children's Prayer Appeal: Inviting all children to write a prayer for their grandparents and send it to Knock Shrine Museum.

2.30pm: Anointing of the Sick

3.00pm: Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary.



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