

Parish Newsletter

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 21st July 2019



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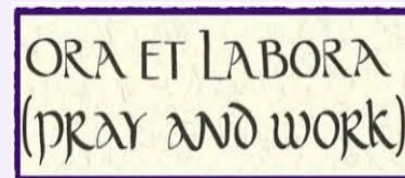
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Ora Et Labora

There is a lovely hidden message in today's Gospel; one that has not often been expounded on and one that I have come to believe contains a true recipe of the proper development of a good solid spiritual life. It is true that neither Mary nor Martha's actions in this passage are indispensable and it is important to see that both women were indeed busy! Had Martha not busied herself with the preparations, the visitors would not have been served and would have gone hungry; something incredibly embarrassing for a host family. Had Mary not busied herself with contemplation she would have lost out on a moment of intimate communion with the Lord. Both souls were busy... one was busy with temporal affairs that misted communion, the other busy with communion that misted the temporal.



What is of utmost importance here is that 'Martha was worried and distracted by her many tasks'. She lost sight of who she was serving and why she was serving and became preoccupied on how she was serving or indeed struggling to serve. She didn't call Mary aside and ask for help, she remonstrated with Jesus! She failed to consecrate the moment: she failed to sanctify the mundane. We do this so often because we are inclined to think of life in terms of 'work or prayer'. If we look at the life of Jesus, the two were always one. The famous phrase '*Ora et Labora*' which is also generally associated with its use in the Rule of Saint Benedict, reminds us that prayer and work are best exercised together. St James, in one of his letters, highlights this when he reminds us about the futility of good works if they are not founded in prayer and St. Paul in one of his letters, teaches us about the futility of prayer if not followed by good works. The secret therefore lies in the symbiotic and intrinsic relationship between prayer and work where the two become one as they did in the life of Jesus.

Saint Josemaría Escriva, founder of opus Dei once explained that, "our work too must become personal prayer; that it become a real conversation with Our Father in heaven... You cannot allow your cares and concerns to become impersonal and routine, because if you were to do so, the divine incentive that inspires your daily tasks will straightaway wither and die" (Friends of God, 64). St. Josemaria went on to say, "Ordinary citizens can lead full Christian lives without changing our normal days of labour and duties" and that "in God's service there are no unimportant jobs: all are of great importance" (The Forge, 618).

So the next time you load the dishwasher, sweep the same floor for the thousandth time, or have a mind-numbing work project dropped in your lap, think about these tasks differently ... do all with the hands of Martha and the heart of Mary. Each duty done well, with love, and offered up to God for specific intentions can become a special way to communicate our love to Him. In this way, our daily work and mundane responsibilities become a most valuable prayer not only for our souls but for all souls, thereby transforming the ordinary in our lives into something truly extraordinary and holy.

Just as God took flesh in Jesus without ceasing to be God, our prayer should take flesh in our work without our work ceasing to be prayer.

The Peter's Pence collection will take place in our Parish next weekend, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July.



Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the Faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

RECENT BAPTISMS

NAAS:

Corrin Lorcan Miley, Pipers Hill
Lucien Alphonse De Veyra, Naas
Michael Eamon Ger Coady, Naas

TMH:

Claire May Bermingham, TMH
Rían Patrick Treacy, Mullacash
Molly Ann Hanily, Corbally
Jack William Morrin, Arconagh, Naas



FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Mon. 22nd July: St Mary Magdalene
Tues. 23rd July: St Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe
Wed. 24th July: St Declan, Bishop
Thurs. 25th July: St James, Apostle
Fri. 26th July: Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

***"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD
AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"***

NAAS: Celia Hynes, McAuley place

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



NAAS PARISH NEWS

Cemetery Mass at St Corbans Cemetery will take place on Wednesday, 21st August 2019 at 7.30pm.

Divine Mercy Prayers after evening Mass on Friday 26th July in CIM, Ballycane.

Summer Mass Schedule for CIM, Ballycane: Weekday Mass Change for July and August: 7.30pm Mass will take place on **Friday evenings only**. Normal schedule of Masses resumes Monday 2nd September.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration in Sallins will be suspended for July and August.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday Morning Mass is celebrated from Monday - Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass at 7pm.

GENERAL NOTICES

Our Lady's Island Annual Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 28th July. Bus €20, departing from OLSD Church at 11.15am. Bookings: please call Maureen 087 2077044/ John 086 8563773. *St Joseph's Young Priests Society.*

Reek Sunday 2019: The Annual National Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick takes place on Sunday 28th July. Mass is celebrated on the summit of the mountain on the hour. First Mass at 8am and last Mass at 2pm. Confessions will be available on the summit from 7.30am to 2pm.

Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage: You may begin on any day and this is open to all up until Tuesday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. Please phone Lorraine on 071 986 1518 or email info@loughderg.org for more.

Lourdes Choir: The choir is open to all Kildare and Leighlin pilgrims, adults and youth. Pilgrims are asked to attend at least one choir rehearsal prior to travelling. Final choir rehearsal will take place on Mon. 29th July at 8pm in Graiguecullen Parish Centre, Carlow led by Fr Liam Lawton.

Multiple Sclerosis Society Kildare Branch would like to thank the Parishioners of Sallins, Naas and Ballycane for their very generous support of our Church gate collection on 13th/14th July which amounted to €1,700.

Thank you to all who supported "A Beautiful Celebration of Music" Charity Concert proudly supporting 'Make a Wish' and 'Irish Cancer Society'. A total of €3,577 was raised on the night and a wonderful evening was had by all.

Found in OLSD Church, Naas: Pair of Ladies Sunglasses and a Barker and Jones bag was also found, containing book and newspaper. Please contact Naas Parish Office.

Naas Local History Group: Town centre walk, Tuesday 23rd July, meet at 7.30pm at town hall. All welcome.

Nás Na Riogh Active Retirement Association is now finished up for Summer and will resume on Wednesday 28th August in the Townhouse Hotel.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 11/07 (16-17-18-19) No Winner, Jackpot €10,000

Sallins: 15/07 (1-24-25-27) No Winner, Jackpot €5,000

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €720 Envelopes: €570

Naas: Offertory: €4,595 Development Fund: €3,222

TMH: €525

NAAS PARISH LOTTO:

You could win the Jackpot of €3,900 this Wednesday coming 24th July.

There was NO Winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 17th July.

Numbers Drawn were 3-21-28-27; There were four Lucky Dip winners of €100 each.

The draw takes place at **6.30pm** at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane and all are welcome to attend the draw.

You can join at anytime, tickets €2 per week from the Parish Offices & various outlets in the town.