SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL
Luke 10:38-42

1 The two sisters symbolize the contemplative and active dimensions of life, at times difficult to balance. What wisdom have you learned through life experiences on how to strike a balance between prayer and action.

2 Many people misunderstand hospitality. They worry and fret about decorating the house and preparing abundant food. Yet sometimes it is something else that is needed to make people feel at home, namely, to sit with guests and to listen to them speaking. What has been your experience of being a cherished guest and when have you been able to make others feel welcome and at home?

3 We can make the same mistake in relation to people who are important to us in life: children, friends, parents, or others. We can worry and fret about doing things for them when perhaps the important thing is to give them time and to listen to them. What does your experience tell you?

4 When it comes to welcoming God into our lives, one appropriate response is to give time listening to God's word. When have you found time devoted to the word of God enriching for you?
John Byrne OSA

MUSINGS

'My sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself.

I find it easy to picture Martha in her kitchen. Every hob has a pot brewing on it, some boiling over. Every kettle is turned on. Steam fills the air, microwaves beep, smoke detectors detect trouble. Martha stands in the midst, sweat pouring out of everywhere: a living example of what happens when you take on everything and don't seek help.

It is hard not to feel sorry for Martha, though she may have drawn her misfortune on herself. As children, her sister Mary was probably taught not to stray into the kitchen. Martha's domain, lest she cause upset. Mary had her own unique role to play.

In truth, every kitchen, every house needs a Martha and a Mary. Within each of us, also, the practical and contemplative alike need to be developed, each essential. Lord, when I am being holy and listening to you, help me not to forget how to be a Martha too. Teach me to multi-task in your vineyard, if not in your kitchen.

Fr. Bernard Cotter, Bandon Co. Cork

Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

St. Mary's Senior Pilgrimage to Lourdes; August 28th for five nights. Flight from Shannon, transfers, hotel and all meals 715 pps.

A Pilgrim Prayer

Living Lord Jesus, You rush out to greet us in our journey. May we always be aware of your presence with us on our pilgrimage. You welcome us in all our journeying with a fathers love. Inspire us in that love to reach out to others. Ignite in us a passion for justice, and a yearning for peace especially in the land of your birth the place where you lived. Strengthen us to work for reconciliation between communities for harmony between faiths inspire us to act with the urgency of your quickening fire; for blessed are the peacemakers they shall be called the children of God. Ramani Leathard.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Day	Time	Intention
Sat, 16th.	18:00	Carmel Fitzpatrick (A)
		Eileen O Connell Little A
Sun 17th.	10:00	Betty Quilligan(A)
		Lena Coady M.M.
	11.30	Gladys Mc Mahon(A) Rem
		Her husband Paddy & family
		Christy Cleary (A)
		Eileen O Connell
Mon 18th	10:00	Anne Lena John Healy (A)
Tue 19th	10.00	Debbie Brosnan Rec. Dec
Wed 20th	10:00	G. Donovan (A)
Thur 21st	10:00	.
Fri. 22nd	10.00	Michael Mary Christine Mc Neilus (A)
Sat 23rd	9.45	Jim Fitzpatrick Rec. Dec.
	18:00	Nelly Crowe (A)
Sun 24th	10:00	Olive Slater (A)
	11:30	Bernard Griffin (A)
		Lilian Mc Killican (A)
		Joan Daly (A)

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