

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. 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: 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 listen to them. What does your experience tell you?
4. When it comes to welcoming God into our lives, one appropriate response is to spend time listening to God's word. When have you found time devoted to the word of God enriching for you?

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The Deep End – Martha and Mary

Jesus visits the home of Martha. For such a short Gospel passage, this text has created much discussion among biblical scholars. It seems everyone is this story is breaking the rules: Jesus rebukes his host, Mary does not help her sister, and Martha is not sitting at Jesus' feet like a good disciple. Luke's gospel is all about 'reversal': what you expect to happen does not happen, often the opposite happens! Confused? Mary is positioned here as a disciple learning from her Teacher. Martha as one who is trying to serve through 'many tasks.' Throughout his Gospel, Luke places a special emphasis on the wider circle of Jesus' disciples, and names the women who follow Him. Luke is perhaps reminding us in this text that being a follower of Jesus requires an upset of the norms and a reversal of roles.

This story occurs in Luke immediately after the Good Samaritan, where the importance of service and action are clearly emphasised. It seems unfair that Martha is being told off for serving those who come to her. If Jesus arrived with a hungry entourage, what host would not be stressed out! Jesus frees Martha from these duties, not because they are not important, but so that she too can be nourished by him. Frantic activity is never good or sustainable for us.

Let today's Gospel be a reminder that when we are bogged down in the craziness around us, we can sit and listen to Him. Then we may be better prepared for the challenges that we face, whether they be in our homes or our wider communities. (Jane Mellett)

Reek Sunday 28th July – *The annual national pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick on Sunday 28th July, Mass will be celebrated on the summit on the hour with the 1st Mass at 8am and the last Mass at 2pm, Confessions available on the summit from 7.30am to 2pm.*

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Monday 5th August 2019 10am - 5pm
including talks, Eucharistic Hour of prayer, Mass and concluding with Eucharistic Healing service with Sr Brieghe McKenna, All Welcome.

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Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45 : Prayer Service

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Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 20 th	9.45	Prayer Service
	18:00	Monica Lyons (A) Jan Thornton (M/M)
Sun 21 th	10:00	Olive Slater (A)
	11.30	Niamh Walsh (1 st A)
Mon 22 nd	10:00	Pro Popolo, The Healy Family
Tues 23 rd	10:00	Joe & Susan Daly (A)
Wed 24 th	10:00	G Donovan (A)
Thurs 25 th	10:00	McNamara & Gleeson Family
Fri 26 th	10:00	Bridget & John Ryan (A) John Clifford Birth Rem, & his Sister Mary
	9:45	Prayer Service
Sat 27 th	18:00	Pat Hegarty (A) Nellie Crowe (A) Lilly McKillican (A) Nuala Taylor (M/M) Evelyn O'Hehir (M/M)
	10:00	Jack Healy (1 st A) Joe McNamara (A)
Sun 28 th	11.30	Bernard Griffin (A) Martin Horkan (A)