

Gospel Reflection

I'd like to offer a fresh take on this famous little story. One of the principal marks of Jesus' teaching and ministry is the overturning of social conventions. And one of the most striking and surprising of Jesus' moves was a radical inclusion of women.

While this typically women's work was going on, men would sit out in the main room of the residence and talk. If a prominent rabbi or Pharisee were present, the men would sit at his feet and listen to his words.

Now we can see why Mary's attitude was so offensive to Martha and probably to everyone else in the room. Martha wasn't simply mad that Mary was giving her more work to do; she was mad that Mary had the gall to assume the stance of a man, to take up her position in the men's space.

In his response to Martha's complaint, Jesus signals more than a preference for listening over acting; he invites a woman into full participation in the life of discipleship. "Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."



BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon or see him at Mass at 10am on Sunday.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Chris Wells.

NEWSLETTER

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"United in conviction and united
 in love, with a common purpose
 and a common mind"
 Philippians 2:2

 20th JULY 2025 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 19th July	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 20th July	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 21st July		No Mass
Tuesday 22nd July	10:00am 10:30am	Eucharistic Service Coffee morning
Wednesday 23rd July	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 24th July	10:00am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 25th July		No Mass
Saturday 26th July	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 27th July	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

If Fr Simon is unobtainable please leave a message and send an email
 to stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mrs Geraldine Doherty

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Lourdes Pilgrimage Information

Next week our Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage will depart for Lourdes, with the theme '*With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope*'.

On Sunday 27 July we will be joining the International Mass at 9.30am (8.30am UK time) and on Monday 28 July we will be joining with Hexham & Newcastle Diocese at the Grotto for Mass at 10am (9am UK time). Both Masses and other liturgies will be available to watch on Lourdes TV which can be accessed via www.lourdes-france.com.

Please see the poster in the porch for more information, including the Pilgrimage Intentions for this year. The poster is also on the Parish website.

Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 22nd July at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42



The Lord and his disciples were travelling along and came to a village. When they got there, a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

She had a sister named Mary, who sat down in front of the Lord and was listening to what he said. Martha was worried about all that had to be done. Finally, she went to Jesus and said,

“Lord, doesn’t it bother you that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!”

The Lord answered,

“Martha, Martha! You are worried and upset about so many things, but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is best, and it will not be taken away from her.”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14: 2-5 r.1 **The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation cf. Acts 16:14 **Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son**

men in its radiant witness; and for the apostolic life and apostolate in the midst of the world

From Diocesan Pilgrimage Director, Canon Christopher Matthews:

Next week our Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage will depart for Lourdes, with the theme '*With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope*'. Our Youth section leaves on Wednesday, the main pilgrimage coach and the Juniors coach leave on Thursday, and the planes on Friday. There are almost 430 pilgrims this year, which is our biggest number since covid. Many thanks for your help and support in encouraging parishioners to join us in Lourdes this year.

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While we are in Lourdes we will be praying for you, please pray for us and join with our pilgrimage intentions:

- For peace in the world
- For every human life to be held sacred
- For the new evangelisation of our country and for the increasing number of young adults seeking faith and Baptism
- For our new Holy Father, Pope Leo, in his supreme apostolic ministry
- For the renewal of our local church by new and generous vocations especially to Marriage as the foundation of the family; to the Priesthood, the vocation on which all other vocations depend; to the Permanent Diaconate in its generous service; to the Consecrated Life of women and