

Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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Jesus was obviously fond of Martha and Mary and their brother Lazarus. He knew their characteristics well and uses them to illustrate a point. Both of their approaches are necessary and both are complementary. Someone must serve and do the housework and someone must also take time to be still and think and pray. Ideally we might find the balance within ourselves, the charisms of Martha and Mary combined in one person.

The real conflict in the story is not between the sisters or their distinctive emphases or approaches but between the necessary and the unnecessary. The one thing necessary is to listen to the Word, to keep and heed it and to put into action in our lives. All else is futile and unnecessary and fades into nothing. Christ is within and among us. His visitation brings judgement on our lives and behaviour. It also gives us the Spirit and the strength and the wisdom to know and do what is important.

We invariably know how to serve but rarely know how to listen. We take it for granted that God always listens to and has concern for our petitions just as we take it as given that we don't have time for the things of God, don't have time for thinking or praying or listening.

It has been said that God gave us a lesson in human geography when he gave us two ears and one mouth. Our ears have little function other than to listen. Our mouths are given several other functions but it is the mis/use of speech and the tongue that causes most friction and upheaval in relationships and causes conflict and lack of peace.

Christ wishes to visit, wishes to speak to us, wishes us to listen, wishes us not to lose ourselves in the distractions of life.

Christ is saying to Martha and to us something we often say to each other in frustration perhaps, 'for god's sake, and before it's too late, sit down and listen to me'.

Sat July 16 th 7 30p.m.	Mary and Matthew Matthews
Sun July 17 th 10 30 a.m.	MM Marie Bowhan Peter Brennan Paddy and Kathleen Stokes
Sun July 17 th 11 30 a.m.	M.M.Mickey Flanagan M.M. Jean Wright
Sat July 23 rd 10 a.m. Av	Angela Taaffe
Sat July 23 rd 7 30 p.m.	George Harmon

Cappogue Patrún August 13th at 11 a.m.

Parish Envelope and Basket collection for July 10th €1900

How can we listen?

We can listen by reflecting on the day or week that has passed, examining our conscience, poring over what was good, bad or indifferent in our approach or behaviour. We can hear the Word if we listen carefully to the voice of conscience, if we pay attention to and prepare to hear the sacred scriptures. We can sit at the feet of the master by being quiet and stilling the loud, insistent clamour of the unnecessary things of the world. We listen to the little ones who cross our paths, to those closest to us and to those we trust to guide us.