



# St Patrick's

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (p.838)

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## NEWSLETTER

### THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

Last week we met the lawyer who tried to trick Jesus. Jesus in his response urged the lawyer to do what the law required, rather than merely learn about a set of rules and principles. Today we meet Martha and Mary. Again, we are familiar with the story. Martha is busy - preparing a suitable meal for their guest, no doubt doing a bit of tidying and housework at the same time. Mary opts instead to sit at the feet of Jesus. She chooses to fill herself and feast on the words that come from his mouth, rather than think about preparing a meal that he and his followers might eat.

For years, in the history of the Church, this Gospel passage has formed the basis of the debate as to whether the contemplative life was to be preferred to the active life. This is to miss the point. The real purpose behind the telling of the episode is to remind us of the primacy of the Word of God as we go about our daily life. Its not an "either... or" story, it's a "both... and" story. The Word of God is of primary importance in our lives and we neglect it at our peril. Jesus chastises Mary – not for being busy – but for neglecting the "necessary" things. Mary is attending to the "necessary" and listening attentively to the Word of God. Jesus is reminding Martha that, at that particular moment in time, the "necessary" thing was to feast on God's Word. Mary has made time to do this. There will be plenty of time for housework and the like. Martha has carried on with what she thinks is important and necessary. Worse, she expects Mary to be subject to her view of what is or is not important. If Mary had done as Martha demanded, Jesus would have been left alone in the "drawing room" staring at the four walls awaiting their company. His mission is too important for such time wasting and there is much that he has to talk about.

We have assembled this weekend to hear the Word of God. We have gathered around his altar that we may break his Word and break bread. For these few precious moments we are imitating Mary and feasting on the food and sustenance that he offers. This time is far too precious to be spent being busy about being busy. Last week, Jesus told the lawyer to be a doer of the Word. Today we are reminded that before we can be doers of that Word, we must be hearers of that same Word. If the Word of God is unheard in our own lives, then it will most certainly be unspoken in our lives as well.

### MASS TIMES

<b>SUNDAY 18.07.10</b>	11.00	Parishioners
<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	14.15	<b>Cantonese Mass</b>
	17.00	Holy Souls
	18.00	<b>Spanish Mass</b>
<b>MONDAY 19.07.10</b>	12.45	Brian Lindsay R.I.P
<b>TUESDAY 20.07.10</b>	12.45	Friends & Benefactors
<i>St Apollinaris, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>		
<b>WEDNESDAY 21.07.10</b>	12.45	Fr Terence Wardle R.I.P
<i>St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest &amp; Doctor</i>		
<b>THURSDAY 22.07.10</b>	12.45	Vere & Nugent R.I.P
<i>St Mary Magdalen</i>		
<b>FRIDAY 23.07.10</b>	12.45	Dylis & Daryl Sp. Int
<b>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Religious, Patron of Europe</b>		
<b>SATURDAY 24.07.10</b>	16.00	<b>Brazilian Mass</b>
<i>St Charbel Makhluf, Priest (in Lebanon)</i>		
	18.00	

### PRAYER GROUPS

**LEGION OF MARY** – Meets in Parish room every Wednesday 7-8.15pm

#### Chinese Mass

Sunday 2.15pm Warwick Street

#### Spanish Mass

Sunday 6pm Notre Dame de France

#### Portuguese Mass

Saturday 4pm Notre Dame de France

#### Shalom Community

Saturday 5pm-8pm Notre Dame de France

### CONFESSION

<b>Monday – Friday</b>	12.15 – 12.40
<b>Saturday</b>	17.30 – 18.00

### OPEN HOUSE

Open House is now on summer break.

The first session back in the Autumn will be

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

### SOS PRAYER LINE



**"Because nothing is impossible to God".**

Request for prayer answered personally by telephone

7 days a week 7pm to 11pm telephone number

0207 434 9211

## LONDON FERTILITY CARE CENTRE IN CENTRAL LONDON

To make an appointment or for further information, contact Nicole Parker, Fertility Care Practitioner Tel: **07786 162 606**  
E-mail: [info@fertilitycarecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@fertilitycarecentre.co.uk) or visit [www.fertilitycarecentre.co.uk](http://www.fertilitycarecentre.co.uk)

## ST PATRICK'S EVANGELISATION SCHOOL – SPES



We are continuing to wind down from the year just gone, as the students begin to root themselves in their local churches again and put into practice what they learned and experienced here. We are preparing for more public lectures and outreach next year, as (due to the building work) we are unable to accept new full-time students. Please watch keep an eye on the blog for more details: [www.sohope.blogspot.com](http://www.sohope.blogspot.com) Please keep the School in your prayers in this time of transition, as we keep you in ours.

[www.stpatricksoho.org/spes](http://www.stpatricksoho.org/spes)

## ST PATRICK'S UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES

### SUMMER AT ST PATRICK'S - MASS SCHEDULE - JULY & AUGUST 2010

Relocation details are available on the website: [www.stpatricksoho.org/relocation](http://www.stpatricksoho.org/relocation)

The day chapel is open daily Monday - Friday 7am-7pm  
You are very welcome to join us daily during the week for morning prayer at 8am & evening prayer at 5.45pm

#### Monday - Friday 12.45 Daily (Confession 12.15-12.40)

*St Patrick's Presbytery, Day Chapel*

#### Saturday Vigil 6pm

*St Patrick's Presbytery, Day Chapel*

#### Sunday 11am

*Chapel at the House of St Barnabas (Manette St entrance off Greek St)*

#### Sunday 5pm

*St Patrick's Presbytery, Day Chapel*



## PAPAL VISIT – SEPTEMBER 2010

We have been allocated as a parish tickets for the Mass in Birmingham at Cofton Park and the Prayer Vigil in Hyde Park. The number of tickets is limited and also there is a cost to pay. If the numbers are oversubscribed they will be allocated on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis, **this means your application does not automatically guarantee you a place.** Please wait to receive confirmation as to whether your application has been successful (this may not happen until mid-August).

### Hyde Park Prayer Vigil Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Afternoon until approx 9pm  
£10 includes central zone travel card

### Beatification Mass, Cofton Park, Birmingham Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September

EARLY START (approx 5/6am departure) to be in Birmingham by 8.30am  
£25 includes coach travel

If you are interested in being a pilgrim with the parish group to either of these events please send your application to the parish office either **BY ENVELOPE OR EMAIL:**

21a Soho Square, London W1D 4NR  
[info@stpatricksoho.org](mailto:info@stpatricksoho.org)

#### with the following details:

Which event you would like attend

Surname

First name

Title

Address (including postcode)

Best Contact Tel No.

Mobile No.

Email