

GOSPEL REFLECTION.

Actions usually speak louder than words but, in visiting the home of Martha and Mary, sometimes being still and listening to the Word of God is more important. Are we more like Martha or are we like Mary in the way we make time to listen to God's Word? Doing acts of kindness is very important but God calls us to be ourselves and to say yes to his invitation to gather around his table at the celebration of the Eucharist, where we receive him in Holy Communion and in his Word.

DONATIONS TO UKRAINE.

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FR.PAUL ON SABBATICAL LEAVE.

"A couple of weeks ago I shared the important information that I am going on Sabbatical leave in September. The Archbishop very kindly suggested this to me a few months ago. It will give me the opportunity to reflect on my ministry thus far, to discern the way ahead, and to simply rest for a while after 35 years in active Parish ministry. I will be coming back to the Parish before Christmas, during the season of Advent, so you won't be getting rid of me that easily. In the meantime, the Archbishop has asked Fr. Patsy Foley to come to the Parish and look after everything whilst I am away. Please note that Fr. Patsy is a retired priest and will not be doing everything, although he may end up celebrating more Masses than at present. Please make Fr. Patsy very welcome when he arrives in September and please offer to help him in whatever way you can. In the meantime, please keep me in your prayers. Hopefully I will arrive back in the parish rested and with much more energy than at present. Whilst on retreat I promise that you will all be in my prayers too. Take care and God Bless",

Fr. Paul

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

There are a number of School Leaver's Masses taking place in the Parish this week – apologies that some of these will clash with the usual Mass times. Please keep all the children and young people in your prayers, especially those going to new schools after the summer break. We wish you all, children, teachers and staff, a happy holiday. Here's hoping we have a great summer and that you all have a good rest. Take care and God Bless.

PHONELINE AT ST.RICHARD'S.

Apologies to anyone who may have left a message on the answer machine at St.Richard's recently and have not received a reply. Unfortunately, the answer machine hasn't been working properly and several messages were lost. If you phoned and left a message it would sound normal. However, the messages could not be heard. A technician from BT came out at the end of last week and the problem seems to have been solved. Please remember to leave your name and number when you phone. It's amazing how many people don't!

COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Once again, we are seeing Covid infections on the rise, so we still need to be vigilant and look after one another. Face coverings are still strongly recommended at this time and the opportunity to sanitize hands, before and after Mass, should continue. We are keeping some parts of the church socially distanced for those who may feel vulnerable. Covid guidelines will continue to be reviewed by the Archdiocese.

Response to the Psalm....

"On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord."