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There are dangers in overwork, no matter how good the work and no matter how noble the motivation for doing it. Spiritual guides, beginning with Jesus, have always warned of the dangers of becoming too taken-up in our work. Many are the spouses in a marriage, many are the children in a family, many are the friends, and many are churches, who wish that someone they love and need more attention from was less busy.

Classical spiritual writers are unanimous in warning about the danger of overwork and of becoming over-preoccupied with our work. This is in fact what Jesus warns Martha about in today's Gospel. In a rather surprising response, Jesus, instead of chastising Mary for her idleness and praising Martha for her dedication, tells Martha that Mary has chosen the better part, that, at this moment and in this circumstance, Mary's idleness trumps Martha's busyness. Why? Because sometimes there are more important things in life than work, even the noble and necessary work of tending to hospitality and preparing a meal for others. Idleness may well be the devil's workshop, but busyness is not always a virtue.

Does my busyness keep me from the important things in my life?

Mass Times this week		
Monday	10am	Week 16 Year C
Tuesday	10am	Week 16 Year C
Wednesday	10am	Week 16 Year C
Thursday	10am	Week 16 Year C
Friday	10am	Memorial: St Mary Magdalene
Saturday	10am	Feast: St Bridget
Saturday	6pm Vigil	Week 17 Year C
Sunday	10am	

Rosary (9.30am) and Morning Prayer (9.45am) daily in the church
DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7pm

COLLECTIONS 10th July £353.35 Sea Sunday: £212.15

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS: PALESTINE YOUTH ORCHESTRA UK TOUR

GLASGOW ROYAL CONCERT HALL Tuesday 26th JULY, 7.30pm
This summer the Palestine Youth Orchestra (PYO) leaves the troubled olive groves of Palestine to tour Britain for the first time. They perform at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall after a rehearsal residency at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland as part of the International Society of Music Education conference.

AGAP THEATRE is taking two productions to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. "The Margaret Sinclair Story" will be performed from Saturday 6th August – Friday 12th August at 7.45pm at St Patrick's Church, High Street, Edinburgh. "Among Women" will be at the same time on 13th & 14th August. Tickets from Box Office 0131 226 0000 or www.edfringe.com Coach transport available for matinee of the Margaret Sinclair Story on 9th. Contact AGAP 0141 552 5527

NO BULLETIN next week

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Open our eyes and our hearts,
and give us the courage to say:
"Never again war!"

With war everything is lost.
Instil in our hearts the courage
to take concrete steps
to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham,
God of the Prophets, God of love,
You created us and you call us to
live as brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength daily to be
instruments of peace.

Enable us to see everyone who
crosses our path as our
brother or sister. (*Pope Francis*)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently dead: Margaret Cowan, the dead in Nice
6 Month's mind: Mary O'Brien