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**Sacred Heart, Bourne & Our Lady's, Deeping RC Parish**

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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A,**

Weekday readings year I.

**Sunday: Preface: 5** Eucharistic Prayer II

July 2017	TIME	Place	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED	Liturgy of the Day Divine Office week IV Mem. Acclamation I	<p><b>St Martha: Feast 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>            Apparently Jesus was a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. Many of us find it easy to identify with Martha in the story Luke tells. Martha welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them. Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality and Martha's work in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene. Jesus' response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of his affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important -- listening to him. And that is what Mary has done. In Martha we see ourselves -- worried and distracted by all we have to do in the world and forgetting to spend time with Jesus. It is, however, comforting to note that Jesus loved her just the same. The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners when she hears that Jesus has just come to the area. She gets up immediately and leaves the guests, leaves her mourning, and goes to meet him. Her conversation with</p>	<p>Jesus shows her faith and courage. In this dialogue she states clearly without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection, and most of all that Jesus is the Son of God.            Jesus tells her that he is the resurrection and the life and then goes on to raise her brother from the dead. When Jesus has returned to Bethany some time later to share a meal with his good friends. In this home were three extraordinary people. We hear how brother Lazarus caused a stir when was brought back to life. We hear how Mary causes a commotion at dinner by anointing Jesus with expensive perfume. But all we hear about Martha is the simple statement: "Martha served." She isn't in the spotlight, she doesn't do showy things, she doesn't receive spectacular miracles. She simply serves Jesus. We know nothing more about Martha and what happened to her later. According to a totally untrustworthy legend Martha accompanied Mary to evangelize France after Pentecost. But wouldn't it be wonderful if the most important thing that could be said about us is "They served"?</p>
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	09.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Sacred Heart	<b>Adoration with confession 'til 09.45am</b> Intentions of Joseph Mbu	St Mary Magdalene		
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.45am 10.30am	Sacred Heart Our Lady's	Intentions of the Anderson Family Intentions of Dorothy Sterry-Blunt	<b>16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME</b>		
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>			<b>NO SERVICE</b>	Feria		
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Sacred Heart		St James (Apostle)		
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Our Lady's		St Anne & St Joachim		
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Sacred Heart	Intention of Bishop Donatus <b>Adoration after Mass until 4pm</b>	Feria		
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.30am	Our Lady's	<b>Adoration with confession</b>	Feria		
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Sacred Heart	<b>Adoration with confession 'til 09.45am</b>	St Martha Vigil-17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am 10.30am	Sacred Heart Our Lady's	Intention of Cila Ojo	<b>17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME</b>		

**Please pray for the sick:** Margaret Kline, Martin Dowse, Brian Davies, Chris, Adrian Howarth, Verity Elliott, Father Dakwan (Father's father), Dorothy Sterry-Blunt, Pauline Smith, Mr Thomas, Sylvia Fleming and Matthew Gallagher.

**Parish Finances:** Collection: **£652.66**

**Cheques** for the parish should be made out to

**Bourne and Deeping RC Parish.**

**Welcome back Fr Victor** he brings greetings from his father and from Bishop Donatus Edet Akpan his new bishop of Ogoja.

**Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary** in preparation for the Assumption begins on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm

**The Bishop was contacted** late on Friday evening by Fr. David Rocks, O.P., concerning a very sad case of a young family under the pastoral care of the Dominicans at Leicester Royal Infirmary. Their little baby, Nashvel Gonsalves, was born six months prematurely and is a patient in the CICU unit of the hospital. He has a severe problem with his heart and vascular system and was not expected to live. Miraculously he has. However, he needs to have treatment, which appears to be beyond the capabilities of the medics in the UK. It has been suggested that the only way forward to attempt to save the life of Nashvel Gonsalves, is to seek a second opinion and possible treatment abroad. The family concerned have no other family in the UK, and are not in a financial position to pay for these costs for themselves. They are a devout Catholic family and have sought the help of the Church. Any contributions would be very gratefully appreciated. In charity please help.

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