

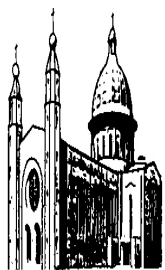
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Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.15pm : **Sunday:** 9.00am & 11.00am **Weekdays:** Mon- Fri. 9.30

Saturdays: 10.00am **Holydays:** As Announced

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Offertory: €1866

19th Sunday Ordinary Time

Shrines: €325

SPECIAL NOTICE

Thursday 15th August - Feast of the Assumption

This year Mass times are as follows:

Wednesday, 14th August - Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

Thursday, 15th August - Feast Day - 9.30am only

Padre Pio Mass: On today Sunday, 11th August at 3.00pm in Dennehy's Cross Church with Bishop Fintan Gavin as chief Celebrant.

73rd Annual Mass & Devotions - Feast of the Assumption - at Holy Rosary Shrine, Lee Rd. Cork at 7.30pm. Bishop Fintan Gavin is the Chief Celebrant.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK 10th August, to the 17th August, 2024

Sunday, 11th August - 11.00am - (1) Charles & Mary Axson (2) Paul Linehan

Monday, 12th August - 9.30am - John and Mary Murphy

Tuesday, 13th August - 9.30am - Andy & Lily Murphy

Thursday, 15th August - 9.30am - David O'Mahony

Friday, 16th August - 9.30am - Helen O'Donoghue

Check the Parish App above for "The first Book of Kings"

Letter from America

It has been a steady 35 degrees or so here since I arrived. It is, however, a dry heat, not humid, more like having a warm hairdryer on all the time. They are used to this heat here and the air conditioning is very good. I am writing this on Tuesday, Feast of the Transfiguration, a slightly bigger crowd at morning Mass, perhaps about 100, offered every morning, mostly by me, at 8.15. There is an evening Mass in Spanish with roughly the same attendance every day at 6.30pm. I rarely offer this, but it does happen. I am in one of three Catholic Churches in the city of Pasadena which is roughly the same population as Cork City, but there are hundreds of these cities which make up the Los Angeles area which has a population of over ten million alone. This area is known as the San Gabriel valley with the San Gabriel mountains looking down over us. The area is known for the Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) which monitors space exploration especially to Mars, the Rose Bowl Stadium which hosted the 1994 World Cup Final, and CalTech, the California Institute of Technology, setting of the TV series The Big Bang Theory. In the past, the church has been used for movies, including the Princess Diaries.

This church is roughly the same size as our church in Dennehy's Cross. There are two daily Masses and no less than seven on Sunday, every ninety minutes until the last one at 5.00pm. There is a wedding most weekends, on Saturday afternoon, sometimes two. Big crowds come to Confessions; there were five of us priests last Saturday for an hour and three of us later on in the evening for another hour. Tonight, Tuesday, four of us will be there for another hour. Prices for regular needs like groceries and petrol have steadied and are slightly less than last time after years of inflation. The number of homeless remains the same; there are about four homeless men attending daily Mass. A short film in Spanish was made last Summer about my work here, (available on YouTube). In that film one of the last things I did before leaving here in 2023 was to anoint the Sacristan, Mars, in preparation for surgery he was to undergo; he died in late January of this year. I met his widow, Thelma yesterday. He had been Sacristan for almost fifty years and I knew him for most of that time. Because I am always here in August I am also here for anniversaries of weddings and funerals I did; a great way to meet up with family and couples over the years.

You will have Father Con again this coming weekend; Father Dan on Wednesdays and Father Tom on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday mornings. The time will come when I will no longer be able to come here; as we go on in life we have to make plans day by day rather than year by year. The theme of the weekend's Readings is 'food for the journey'; May all our journeys, long or short, this Summer, be fed by the Bread of Heaven. With much thanks to all on the Home Team. Until next week.

Fr. Donal



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