

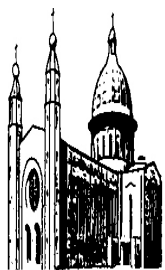
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Saturday Vigil: 6.15pm : **Sunday:** 9.00am & 11.00am **Weekdays:** Mon- Fri. 9.30

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

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19th Sunday Ordinary Time

Offertory: €1426

Shrines: €365

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

17th August, to the 24th August, 2024

Saturday, 17th August - 6.15pm - Special Intention

Sunday, 18th August - 11.00am - Cornelius Murphy & Ml.Delaney

Wednesday, 21st August - 9.30am - Special Intention

Friday, 23rd August - 9.30am - Michael Stritch

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Letter from America

It's been an eventful week. We had two earthquakes. The first, a minor one was at the weekend. The effect was like slight turbulence on a flight. The second came from much closer yesterday Monday, when we were having lunch. It was a bigger jolt and the table started moving in front of us. They say if you are moving yourself or driving your car, you hardly feel it. I have experienced many such tremors over the years here, the most surreal was while I was at the cemetery! Earthquakes are part of life here because the whole area of California lies on what is known as the San Andreas Fault and there are all kinds of predictions as to when it will crack open. The last serious one was nearly thirty years ago and damaged bridges all along the State, including the Bay Bridge in San Francisco. Many Irish workers, including some relatives of mine, were involved in reconstruction. The church here was slightly damaged with a few cracks back then.

You may have heard me mention a little boy called Theo who was born prematurely a few years ago. Character wise he is coming along wonderfully but he has a few physical challenges. He has already had eight surgeries to try and widen his larynx. I first got to know him through my Facebook Masses during COVID and every year I get to meet him, his parents and grandmother. He was at Mass last Sunday and he is a joy, bless him. Like many of you have seen your own, or indeed any, child recover from such setbacks, it is indeed miraculous to see because you can always touch the faith they have.

I am writing this on Tuesday evening, the Spanish Mass is being celebrated, followed by Benediction, Holy Hour and Confessions, all finishing up around 8pm. In Dennehy's Cross we tend to shy away from evening events in the church because so few attend. But I think we could do with maybe a monthly Holy Hour and Benediction, perhaps even Evening Prayer, which we could organise. We have become a very multinational parish and perhaps there could be a wider participation. It may also link up with continuous prayer for vocations. I may put it to our new Parish Council in September.

This weekend begins Bishop Noel's ministry in Dennehy's Cross; sincere thanks to Father Con's presence with us, I have been very fortunate with the collaboration with Father Tom and helped by Father Dan. The fourth discourse of the Bread of Life from John's Gospel shows the most dramatic sequence yet, a real test of faith and faithfulness, the heart of the Eucharist itself. Let's see how it fares out with us as we hear it.

Until next week.



Fr. Donal