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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Sunday 9.00 and 11.00 am

Weekdays: Mon-Fri 9.30am Saturdays: 10 am

<u>Holydays</u>

As announced.

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Letter from America

I am writing this on Tuesday, Assumption Day. It is a Holy Day just like in Ireland, unless it's on a Saturday or a Monday. The Sunday Sabbath takes precedence and the Feast is observed with a weekday Mass. This is something we should consider for Ireland, especially with confusion about a Vigil Mass, Christmas Day being an exception of course. I am just back from an emergency call to the Huntington Memorial Hospital; a young man is declared brain dead, surrounded by his family, originally from Guam. It is part of their culture to film everything, including the administration of the Last Rites. I have been coming to this hospital since 1980, quadrupled in size in all that time, famous for its neonatal unit. I was on duty the day of the World Cup Final here in 1994, Italy and Brazil in the famous Rose Bowl Stadium. That was the year Republic of Ireland were the only team to defeat Italy in the field of play, sadly defeated later in the competition. Italy were only beaten ultimately by Brazil with penalties. I had one emergency call; an Italian journalist had a suspected heart attack. He was not pleased to see me in hospital, the last place he expected to be, I guess.

Over the past two years, especially when I was offering Mass on Facebook, I have been praying for a little boy called Theo who had been born in difficult circumstances. His mother and grandmother brought him to last Sunday's evening Mass; he was such a delight, playful and happy, just needs to grow a little more but otherwise strong and content. They never give up praying for him and encouraging him, just like the Canaanite woman of the Gospel this Sunday. She never gives up, forcing a reluctant Jesus to respond to her faith.

Back home, our Financial team are contending with some huge bills relating to our gas supply and our water bills have reached crazy levels as well. Our Sacristan is pursuing a possible leak and that must be investigated this coming week; more fun to face! My thanks to them all, together with our Bereavement teams

who have worked particularly with Father Tom, our Ministers of the Word and Eucharist and all our volunteer workers. Greetings to Trish and Betty and all the Home Team this week.

Until next week.

Fr. Donal

PARISH NOTICES

Bishopstown Meals on Wheels:

Urgently looking for drivers to deliver meals in the community. The commitment is 2hrs once a week on either a Monday or a Thursday roughly 9.45am to 11.30am. We deliver to Bishopstown, Glasheen and the Model Farm Road areas. For further information contact: Pat (086)3183950 or Sheila (086) 3176118. Cork Alzheimers Café:

A safe place for people with Alzheimers and other dementias, their carers, family and friends. Last Friday of each month from 11.00am to 12.30pm in St. Finbarr's Hospital, Cork. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome.

Mass Intentions for Week 19th August, 2023 to the 26th August, 2023

Saturday, 19th August - 6.15pm - Kathleen McLoughlin

Sunday, 20th August - 9.00am - Cornelius Murphy & Michael Delaney

- 11.00am - Ann Jones-Ryan Monday, 21st August - 9.30am - Special Intention

Thursday, 24th August - 9.30am - Meave & Matthew Murphy.

Saturday, 26th August - 10.00am - William O'Neill