

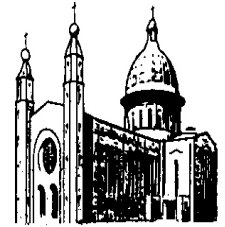
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Bulletin 17th
September, 2023
24th Sunday
Ordinary time

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil
6.15pm

Sunday
9.00 and 11.00 am

Weekdays: Mon-Fri
9.30am
Saturdays: 10 am

Holydays
As announced.

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9th/10th
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PARISH BULLETIN

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Forgive and Forget

Harry Truman, President of the USA after World War 2, often wrote letters when he was angry with someone. They would be addressed to that person; after some insult, rudeness or any slight that might have been directed to him, or worse, to his wife or daughter. To him that was beyond forgiveness; neither his wife or daughter were elected or had any public role and should be left alone. Most of the time he never posted those letters; he had got it out of his system, there was no need to go any further. But once in a while, these letters managed to get away...into the mailbox, too late. One of these was addressed to a music critic who managed to give a poor review to the Truman daughter after she sang in Constitution Hall, Washington. "I've just read your lousy review of Margaret's concert", Truman wrote. "I've come to the conclusion that you are an 'eight-ulcer man on four-ulcer pay'". You can imagine the reaction, some admiring him for sticking up for his daughter, many others thought he should have let it go, it was an honest review. Either way, he managed to let the father part of his life to interfere with the president part, not a great idea. But it opens up a few thoughts on this weekend's Scripture.

Many people put the words 'forgive' and 'forget' together, and of course they are not the same at all: you might find it in you to forgive someone but it is often impossible to forget. We need look no further than the North where the journey from the Good Friday Agreement is as long as ever when it comes to either forgiving or forgetting. The wounds are still very raw and there is a feeling that some people have already forgotten and talk about 'moving on'. How can you possibly say that to a woman who had to turn her own home into a nursing home in order to look after her comatose husband for twenty years after a bomb explosion. She worked her way to forgiveness of the bombers who did not seem to ask for it but she had faced their consequences every day for twenty years while her husband lived and still mourns him now. The message this weekend is actually about forgetting: the servant in the Gospel forgot that he had been forgiven his debt. He had pleaded and been forgiven but forgot two things at least: the fact that he had been forgiven, and what forgiveness meant. Forgiveness does not just 'happen', it takes time, change of heart, it even takes 'remembering'.....what we may have been forgiven ourselves. Remember the story of the ten lepers: only one remembered to give thanks, nine of them forgot. It's a funny old world: all ten saved, only one remembers. A thought for us: we might do some remembering, writing letters on what and who we forgive and cannot forget...without mailing them of course. We might be able to get some of it out of our system, if not our memories.

Fr. Donal



September Clean-Up:

We are hoping for volunteers for a clean-up of the Church grounds after the 10am Mass on Saturday, 30th September before the autumn leaves fall.

PARISH NOTICES

Priesthood Education:

The annual collection for Priesthood Education will be taken up at all Masses **next weekend**, 23rd/24th September.

Dennehy's Cross Active Retirement Group:

We will return after the summer break on Thursday, 28th September from 10am to 12 noon in the Crypt. All welcome.

Mass Intentions for Week 16th September, 2023 to the 23rd September, 2023

Saturday, 16th September	-	6.15pm	- Breda O'Driscoll
Sunday, 17th September	-	9.00am	- Denis Daly
	-	11.00am	- 1. Deirdre Fox, 2. Kitty Horgan
Monday, 18th September	-	9.30am	- Rita O'Sullivan
Tuesday, 19th September,	-	9.30am	- Seamus Murphy
Wednesday, 20th September	-	9.30am	- Frank & Mgt. Long
Thursday, 21st September	-	9.30am	- Donors intentions
Friday, 22nd September	-	9.30am	- Special Intention.