

Irish Sisters of the Presentation

are retiring from St. Robert's after almost 50 years of Service



Sr. Antonio Heaphy PBVM, Sr. Vianney Buckley PBVM & Sr. Patricia O'Sullivan PBVM

It is with a heavy heart that the parishioners of St. Robert's say goodbye to our Presentation Sisters. A small group of Sisters came to us from Ireland in 1971. They were originally invited to teach in our parish school. Over the years many Sisters came and used their spiritual talents not only as principals and teachers but also to become valued members of our parish staff teaching CCD, adult religious education, including RCIA, Bible and Scripture study with reflection groups. They ministered to the sick in their homes and hospitals. They were always involved in Liturgies with their prayers, music and singing.

The Sisters will also be remembered for the active life and love they shared with us to enable the parish to grow to be one of the most welcoming parishes on the Peninsula. Our beloved Sr. Ita Cleary died in 2017. She was the last of the original Sisters from 1971. In June of 2018, Sr. Patricia O'Sullivan retired as the last Presentation Sister on the Parish staff. She is responsible for our hugely successful parish Grief Support Group.

In 2003, our newest school building was named the Presentation Education Center in honor of all the many contributions made by all the Sisters who have gifted St. Robert's by their presence among us.

Sr. Vianney was a member of our daily 6:30am Mass group who weekly enjoyed a breakfast outing after Mass. She was the parish expert on Gaelic Football. Sr. Antonio Heaphy spent many years working with the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

In early September Sr. Antonio Heaphy, Sr. Vianney Buckley and Sr. Patricia O'Sullivan will move into a beautiful religious and lay retirement community in Texas. We will miss them greatly but their memories and their faith will continue to influence us for many generations to come. May God continue to bless them with good health and a good life as they enjoy their will-deserved retirement.