

Reverend McDonald

Requiem Mass for a former assistant pastor of St. Mary of the Nativity was celebrated in the church yesterday morning.

The Rev. Michael McDonald, 52, of Scotts Valley, died Nov. 3 in his native Ireland. He had been ill for several months.

The pastor served in Salinas from 1965 to 1968. He was active with youth in the parish and worked part time at General Hospital. Ordained 30 years ago in Ireland, the Rev. McDonald was a missionary in Nigeria for eight years before serving in parishes in New Zealand and California.

He was transferred to Capitola from Salinas and established a new parish in Scotts Valley. He was the first pastor of St. Augustin Catholic Church and was on a leave of absence from the church when he died.