

Serving Berlin's English-speaking Catholic Community since 1957



Catholic Community

Member of the English-Speaking Mission

Mass: Fridays at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary

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August 28th, 2016 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal p 209 et seqq.): Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 • Ps 68:4-7, 10-11 • Heb 12:18-19, 22-24, 11-13 • Lk 14:1, 7-14

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa

Lector: Tait Doeringer • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Karen & Claire Castellon •
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THOSE COMING TO US FROM EAST AND WEST

As they slowly settle down in our country some refugees begin to show interest in Christianity. Most of them are coming from cultures and religions where life is regulated in every detail by tribal and religious traditions. To encounter our European way of life where personal freedom is given a large space, (maybe too large a space) is for them both frightening and fascinating. For all of us, locals and strangers, this encounter is a tremendous chance.

Human beings grow and develop through encounter with others. If we stay always with the same people, we remain the same, we are not challenged to change. But when a child meets other children in the nursery it begins to change, not necessarily for the better. You come to mass here at All Saints because in our English liturgy you experience something you don't find in German parishes. We only have to look at European culture to realise how much we owe to the encounter with other cultures. We took our school-system from the Babylonians, religious symbols from the Egyptians, our philosophy from the Greek, the legal system from Romans and the way we think about God and relate to God is heavily influenced by the Jewish scriptures. In comparison, many cultures of Africa remained for a long time relatively steady and stagnant because the interior of the continent remained isolated from the rest of the world.

The importance of meeting people from other cultures and religions we also see in the bible. The major breakthrough in their experience of God happened when the people of Israel were in exile in Egypt and in Babylon. Those were traumatic experiences when their familiar world crumbled. But out of that painful experience the prophets developed a deeper and richer vision of God from which we still draw today inspiration.

Nothing has changed Germany and the rest of Europe so much as the arrival of a million refugees last year. The event provoked the best and the worst in people. There were those who were frightened by the arrival of so many stranger who were different in many ways: religion, language, dress, food, family traditions... They reacted out of fear turned into hatred because they did not take the trouble to know them. I bet that hardly any PEGIDA protester ever talked to a Muslim. The unknown always scares us.

There are also those who recognise the great chance of this forced migration for us as much as for them. Does our culture which has lost interest in religion not need to be challenged by people who take God seriously? Does the way Muslims pray and fast and witness their faith in public not challenge us Christians who often have become lukewarm and fearful? And do they not need to be freed from the heavy load of a life governed by the law to experience the freedom of God's children that Christ brought? The challenge is not to proselytise each other but to share our riches with one another and so grow into a deeper understanding of God, our faith and ourselves.

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME! *Visiting for the first time? Please introduce yourself and tell us where you are from at the end of Mass, so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake in the Community Hall!*

Attendance on August 21st: 94

Collection: All Saints: €216.43

Registration is open for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Registration for First Holy Communion classes is now open! Classes will begin in the fall with the planned date for FHC Mass is May 21, 2017. Our next Confirmation class will be taking registrations. Exact dates to be announced later. For either, or both, classes please fill out the registration form from the English-speaking Mission which can be found outside the church office. Please submit it to the office (directly or via the mail box). Watch the bulletin and our website for more details.



Introduction into the Catholic Faith in English (RCIA)

The Archdiocese of Berlin is offering an Introduction into the Catholic Faith in English, beginning November 8th, over nine Tuesdays from 19:00 to 21:15 at the Jesuit Forum, Witzlebenstraße 30a, 14057 Berlin. Registration under 030 32000114, kgi@erzbistumberlin.de or 030 60975944, info@ipz-berlin.de.

Christ the King Pilgrimage

The Archdiocese of Berlin is sponsoring a pilgrimage on Saturday, October 1, 2016 to Swiebodzin, Poland and the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and its 33-meter high Christ the King statue. Registrar online before 16 September at: erzbistumberlin.de/bistumswallfahrt.

Welcome Hospitality

We would like to welcome all new comers to Berlin and 'old' timers back from the summer holidays with a special hospitality after Mass on September 4th. Please join us for cake, coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

Mark your calendars:

- September 2nd – **Friday Mass** - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 18:00 h. **Eucharistic Adoration** follows at 19:00 h.
- September 4th – **Welcome Back to School blessing** for all students and teachers
- September 4th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- September 4th – **"Welcome Hospitality" for all newcomers to All Saints** after Mass. See note below.
- September 10 – **Confirmation Class** retreat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m at the International Pastoral Center (IPZ) Kranoldstr.24a, 12051 Berlin-Neukölln
- September 11th – **All Saints Council** meets after Mass at 11:30 h in the conference room.
- September 17th – **Fall Family Bazaar** 09:00 – 16:00 h. Contact Heide Doblhofer for details.
- September 18th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- September 24th – **Altar Server training***. Pizza party afterwards ☺
- September 24th – Rehearsal for the **Confirmation Class Mass***
- September 25th – **Autumn BBQ & Potluck** after Mass in the Fellowship Hall detail to follow.
- October 2nd – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- October 6th – Rehearsal for the **Confirmation Class Mass***
- October 7th – **Confirmation Class** setup of church*
- October 8th – **Confirmation Class Mass** 18:00 – 19:30 h

* Times to be announced later

September 4th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Sylvester Ajunwa

Lector: Christine Tombarge • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Vanessa Hanson • Designated collection: All Saints

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