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Catholic Community

Member of the English-Speaking Mission

Youth Mass: **1st Friday** at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary

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March 10th, 2019 – First Sunday of Lent

Readings (Missal no. 810): Deu 26:4-10 • Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 • Rom 10:8-13 • Lk 4:1-13

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

- Lector: Rachel Ruckeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans •
- Greeter: Anthony Kwasi Sessi • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael • Hospitality:
 - Marianne Sihotang • Designated collection: All Saints •

Reflections on the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gospel Luke 6:39-45)

In the first reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus (27:4-7) we are told that we should not praise a man before he has spoken for it is in his speech that we find his true feelings and beliefs. What a person says and what they actually do can, at times, be very different things but, in listening to their speech, it is possible to discern the truth of a person and what lies in their heart. Psalm 91 reminds us that it is good to give thanks to the Lord and that the just will flourish.

Taking up the sentiments of the first reading, in the gospel Jesus tells the disciples that a man's words come from his heart: if his heart is filled with love of the Lord then his words will reflect this and he will speak of peace; but if his heart is filled with malice then his words will be against the Kingdom. The passage is a further expansion on the Beatitudes and the Lord is also pointing out that the greater sin is to be found in the failure or refusal to share one's wealth with others – even calling Jesus 'Lord' does not overcome this. Jesus is warning against hypocrisy and saying that whatever we preach we must live out in our lives all the time and live life in such a way that we give a true example of Christian living to others.

Our final section from the first letter to the Corinthians (15:54-58) sees St Paul reminding the people to remain faithful to Jesus Christ because if they do so they will overcome death. Paul had been emphasizing the resurrection of Jesus and says that through the resurrection they will live forever in the Kingdom, even if they physically die in this life. The only thing that will prevent that life in the Kingdom is sin, which is the true power of death. Faith in Jesus Christ and living according to his commandments overcomes the power of death in the lives of those who believe in him.

<http://www.carmelites.ie/readingsreflect.html>

Children's Liturgy of the Word - today and every Sunday – Parents feel free to join us

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 March 3rd: 123

Collection: All Saints: €401.86, Caritas €26.05



Mark your calendars for our annual **ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK** celebration on Saturday, March 16th

'cause everyone is Irish when celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

Liturgy of the word in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 5:00 p.m. followed by the potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until the last leprechaun has gone home!

Please bring a main or side dish, a salad or a desert to share with the others.

Volunteers needed to help set-up on Friday, March 15th and clean the hall after the dinner. Please sign-up with Konrad Giersdorf (giersdorf@hotmail.de).



Pray the Stations of the Cross on April 19th 2 p.m. at All Saints

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day

The 14 devotions focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station.

At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

Easter Triduum



The English-speaking Mission celebrates the Triduum as one large community, with All Saints, St. Bernard's, and St. Elisabeth's each hosting one of the liturgies.

Holy Thursday (18.04) - Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Bernard's Church, 7 p.m. The faithful are invited to stay for a period of quiet adoration after the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday (19.04) - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - All Saints Church - with distribution of Holy Communion, at 3 p.m., preceded by the Stations of the Cross at 2 p.m. Opportunity for individual confessions.

Holy Saturday (20.04) - Easter Vigil Mass - St. Elisabeth's Church, 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday (21.04) - Masses will be celebrated according to the usual Sunday schedule in each community.

Spring Cleaning of our Church on Saturday, April 6



Join PFF, Crossways and All Saints for our spring cleaning of the church on Saturday, April 6th.

Interested in helping? **Mark this date in your calendar.** Watch for our All Saints sign-up Doodle to volunteer for a specific cleaning task. Lent is still being celebrated so this can be one of your offerings.

March 17th, 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

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