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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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August 25th, 2019, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal no. 915) Isa 66:18-21 • Ps 117:1,2 • Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 • Luke 13:22-30

Welcome to our 10:00 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Joe Duggan, SJ

• Lector: NN • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, Johannes Ploog •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •

Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: Works of the Archdiocese of Berlin•

Reflections on the 20th Sunday of the Year (cf. Glory and Praise 912)

“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already”

(Luke 12,49-53)

The message I get from those words is that Christians today should be out to cause trouble. It is very easy for us, to decry what is happening in our world in places like Syria, the Middle East, Africa, and Korea and China, and certainly we must pray that all conflicts must cease yet there are great evils much closer to home.

In this respect I do not suppose Germany is that different from England. In particular I am thinking of what is now accepted as the norm in sexual morality. When couples come to get married nowadays, we normally find that they are already living together as man and wife - and they don't see anything wrong in that. Then there is the evil of divorce which is such that many go into marriage with a proviso in their minds that if it doesn't work, than they can always get a divorce of course if someone goes into marriage with that in mind, it would not be a true marriage in the eyes of the Church, because she teaches that the marriage consent must be an unconditional yes.

The sexual act is no longer seen as something special between a man and wife in marriage, but as simply a way of getting pleasure in life. There are many other problems in the area of morality one of the worst is that of abortion, where society accepts that the killing of an unborn child is perfectly acceptable.

One could go on -and we could all get more and more depressed about the society we live in but I say that we can do something about it. As Christians, followers of Jesus, we are called to speak out against these things - but I think we are failing and here I include priests like myself - when we don't speak out. I am not suggesting that all of you go out onto the streets and start preaching, but I am suggesting something as follows.

Every day of our lives God is constantly offering us graces, impulses if you like, to act in certain ways. Some of these graces will be opportunities to speak out against what as Christians we know is wrong. The problem is that often we lack the courage to respond. My prayer today would be that all of you be alive to these graces, these impulses, and that you would follow them through and so cast fire on the earth.

Fr. Joe Duggan, SJ

Children's Liturgy of the Word – TODAY during Mass

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 11th: 55 Collection: All Saints: €133.79 Catholic Education in Public Schools: €29.34



ANNUAL FALL FAMILY BAZAAR on SEPT 7th!

We will be having the fall bazaar on Saturday, September 7th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at All Saints. Registration is €10 and one cake. Please register with Heide in the office via email or phone (contact info on top of the bulletin) or in person.

We will also need volunteers to help with setup (7:30 – 9:00 a.m.) and cleanup (2:00 – 3:30 p.m.) and with selling coffee and cake (help for an hour or more). Youth are welcome to help too. The bazaar is an important source of income for our community so please spread the news with others.

Registration is open for First Holy Communion (Spring 2020) and our next Confirmation Class!

- First Holy Communion classes (for 2nd & 3rd graders) begins in September
- Confirmation class (for 7th & 8th graders) is being planned with dates to be determined. Show your interest by signing up now.

Please share this news with friends and invite our young people to grow in their faith through the sacraments.

Registration forms are outside the church office; please submit completed forms to the office or via the mail box.

For questions about the sacraments, please contact the church office or Buck Chisolm (b.chisolm@gmx.de)

Watch the bulletin and our website for more details.



Fall BBQ Potluck

Please join us for our annual All Saints Community Fall BBQ Potluck on Sunday, September 22nd after Mass.

Hamburgers, grilled meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a hearty side dish, salad or dessert to share.



Lost and found items

are located in the hallway on the hangers and also in a box. Please check for any items that may belong to you.

Later this year, all unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



Back to School blessing

Please join us for a special blessing during Mass on **Sunday, September 16th** for students, teachers and those who work in education. Please bring something savory or sweet to share for Hospitality after Mass.



Altar Server Volunteers

Fall registration has begun for new Altar Servers.

Interested? Fill out a Green volunteer form (found in the info rack outside the office) and drop it in our mailbox or give it to someone in the office. Training dates will be announced shortly.

September 1st, 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa

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