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## ***Catholic Community***

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

**Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary**

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**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings (Missal 935: Wis 7:7-11 • Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 • Heb 4:12-13 • Mk 10:17-30**

**Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Dietmar Lenfers, MAfr**

- Lector: Karen Castellon • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, John & Glenda Massey •
- Greeter: Christopher Lusaka • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •
- Hospitality: Jackie Anders • Designated collection: For renovation of St. Hedwig's Cathedral •

### **Homily on the Twenty Seventh Sunday**

The readings for today speak of the importance of the unity of the family of God and of the permanence of marriage. The first reading comes from the Book of Genesis and sees the creation of woman as a suitable helpmate companion for the man. The man had been made from the earth but the woman is made from the man himself and so there is a very strong connection between them and there is also a certain equality between them. The passage ends with the idea of marriage which is between man and woman: they leave their respective families and come together to form their own.

In the gospel for today we have Jesus' teaching on divorce and remarriage. In the Mosaic Law, there was permission given for a man to dismiss his wife from his house if there was something about her which displeased him, while Roman law allowed the woman to initiate the divorce proceedings. The question was not about reasons for divorce but about the fact of divorce and the Lord made it clear that it was not in God's plan. It is our belief that Jesus is the Son of the Father and so is God and therefore he knows the very mind of God and so what he says is truth. In this instance, the Lord doesn't condemn those who have divorced or remarried but he is saying, clearly, that it is not what God wants for his people. The message of Jesus Christ is Good News and is not meant to oppress the faithful, but it does raise the bar for us and encourage us towards a better way of living, even if at times that is a test for us. Though this is not easy for everyone to live, it is something towards which the world must strive if it is to remain faithful to the teaching of Christ and the will of the Father. It is interesting that many today use Jesus as a reason for challenging the way things are done, and yet they don't want to acknowledge this particular challenge to the way things were and are now done – divorce had been the accepted norm for centuries but the Lord said it was wrong. In the second part of the text, people are bringing their children to Jesus because they believe in him and so seek his blessing on their children. At the time, children had no status and were powerless and so the disciples move them on as an irrelevance. Jesus calls them to him and reminds the disciples that the Kingdom is a gift offered to all peoples and must be accepted as a gift. Children receive everything as a gift and their joyful acceptance is the attitude that all people should have to the Kingdom and the invitation to dwell there.

For the remainder of this liturgical year our second reading comes from the Letter to the Hebrews which is written to an unknown group and is attributed to St Paul, though it is accepted that he did not actually write the letter. Our passages will focus very much on the priesthood and sacrifice of Jesus. In today's passage, the author is speaking of Jesus and says that he gave up his kingship and his power to become a lowly servant and then underwent death. This was done to bring the faithful to the Kingdom. In so doing he has been crowned with splendour and glory, while also purifying and sanctifying those who believe in him. Those purified are humans just as he was and so we are his brothers and sisters, we are called

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

**Join in Children's Liturgy of the Word – Each Sunday 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 October 7<sup>th</sup>: 111

Collection: All Saints: €345.95



The Friends of All Saint Verein (FoAS) will hold a membership meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup> after Mass.

There will be a special election for the replacement of Howard Eyth. If you wish to place your name into nomination please do so in the office or speak with any member of the FoAS Verein.



Join us to celebrate Thanksgiving at our annual dinner held on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall.

Turkey, potatoes, corn and lots of other goodies provided. Plan to sign your family up to attend so we know how much to prepare and plan to bring a dish (salad, side or dessert) to share with the community.

You are invited to volunteer to help with the preparation on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 16:00.

Watch for more details and sign-up sheets!



## All Saints Church Council Elections - Call for Candidates!

We will be holding a special election in early December to replace John & Glenda Massey who will be leaving us in December. If elected the term of office will run until the next regular election for all six candidates in Fall 2019.

Candidates (age 16 and older) should submit a brief, one-page (DIN A4) profile with a picture to the office or any member of the All Saint's Council. The exact date of the election will be announced shortly.

## Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

### Mark your calendars:

- October 14<sup>th</sup> – **All Saints Council** meets in the conference room after Mass
- October 14<sup>th</sup> – **Confirmation Class** meets at 11:15 a.m. in Classroom 1.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> – **First Holy Communion Class (FHC)** meets at 11:15 – 12:00 a.m. in the Nursery.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> – **Child Protection Training** at St. Bernard's from 10:00 to 17:00. Contact Buck Chisolm to sign up.
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Friday Mass WILL NOT BE HELD.**
- November 9<sup>th</sup> – **Confirmation Class** – Attend Friday Mass at 18:00 followed by Adoration.
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – **Friends of All Saints Membership meeting** after Mass

### **LONGER RANGE (get these in your planner):**

- November/December – **Special elections for open position on the Friends of All Saints Verein and All Saints Council** – consider volunteering to serve the community – Plan to vote!
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Set-up for Thanksgiving Dinner** in the Fellowship Hall from 5 p.m. onward.
- November 24<sup>th</sup> – **Thanksgiving Dinner** in the Fellowship Hall from 6 p.m. onward.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> – **Christmas Tree arrives.** Tree set up / decorated and church decorated with ivy beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Annual Christmas Caroling** at Elder Folks Home starting at 3:00 p.m.
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – **Combined Advent Service** with PFF and Crossways – additional details coming soon
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – **First Conciliation** for our First Holy Communion Candidates. Time to be announced.
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – Preparations for the **Annual Children's Pageant** – details TBA

### October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr. Dietmar Lenfers, MAfr

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