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## ***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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**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings (Missal 947: 1 Kings 17:10-16 • Ps 146:7, 8-10 • Heb 9:24-28 • Mk 12:38-44**

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

- Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer •
- Greeter: Christopher Lusaka • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •
- Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: Catholic schools •

### **Reflections on the Thirty-First Sunday**

Our readings today reflect on the greatest of the commandments. In our first reading, from the Book of Deuteronomy, we see Moses encouraging the people to follow the Law of God and to keep his commandments. If they do this then they will live in the Lord's favor in a bountiful land. The passage concludes with the *Shema Israel*: the great command to love God which is so central to Jewish faith and which calls on the believer to love God at all times of the day and night, in all their actions and with all their being.

In the time of Jesus, the scribes were a very important group within Judaism because they were the ones who interpreted the laws and sacred texts for the people. In the gospel passage we see one of the scribes asking Jesus about the most important of the 613 commandments or laws that a faithful Jew had to observe. Jesus gives just two and quotes from the books of Deuteronomy and Leviticus for them and, while they are not equal, they are connected by the instruction to love. The first refers to loving God and is the *Shema Israel*, which we read in the first reading. The second refers to love of neighbor which has the reminder that we must first love ourselves before we can love our neighbor. The scribe applauds the answer and then goes on to give an explanation of the text, and so he in turn is applauded by Jesus who tells him that he is close to the Kingdom. The *Shema Israel* is a text which we too should take to heart and ponder on as it reminds us of the central role which God should play in our hearts and in our lives. Love is the central component because with true love we can keep and live all of the commandments of God and we can reach out to others in a truly Christ-like way: placing them and their needs before our own.

In the second reading from the letter to the Hebrews the author writes that Christ's power to save is utterly certain. Jesus Christ is the ultimate high priest who retains his priesthood forever because he lives forever, unlike the other human priests whose lives end in death and so they have to be replaced by new priests. The author speaks about daily offerings for sin – which was not strictly true – but the purpose was to show that the priests made offerings for their own sins – and the sins of the people every year since the establishment of the priesthood, whereas Jesus made one offering for the sins of all, an offering which is perfect and everlasting because he offered himself. Our sins are wiped away and will continue to be wiped away if we turn to the Lord and ask for forgiveness with a genuine heart.

[www.carmelites.ie/readingsreflect.html](http://www.carmelites.ie/readingsreflect.html)

**Friends of All Saints Membership meeting after 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 November 4th: 75

Collection: All Saints: €319.27



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. 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.

To help defray the expense we will have a donation jar in the Fellowship Hall on the Sunday's leading up to this dinner.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the Fellowship hall after Mass. Consider volunteering to help with the preparation on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 16:00.



## Volunteers sought to become Eucharistic Ministers

Perhaps you have already served as a Eucharistic Minister in a previous parish or would like to explore becoming one.

The ESM will offer a class in English during February 2019. If you are interested please inquire in the office or speak with any of our Eucharistic Ministers.

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

### Mark your calendars:

- November 18<sup>th</sup> – **Confirmation Class** meets at 11:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.
- November 18<sup>th</sup> – **First Holy Communion Class (FHC)** meets at 11:15 – 12:00 p.m. in Classroom 1.

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

- November/December – **Special election for open position on the 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> – Mass followed by **Thanksgiving Dinner** in the Fellowship Hall from 5 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> – **All Saints Council** meets after Mass in Classroom 2.
- 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>, 2019 – Preparations for the **Annual Children's Pageant** – Director and adult helpers needed. Volunteer in the church office or send a message to [b.chis olm@gmx.de](mailto:b.chis olm@gmx.de)



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CASTING CALL** Boys and girls - we are looking for actors. Angels, Gabriel, Mary and Joseph; wise men, sheep, donkeys, camels, shepherds, and more!

You do not have to attend All Saints to participate so pass on the word to your friends.

An adult **DIRECTOR** is also sought. Our seasoned director will be away over the Christmas holidays but can train and assist with the rehearsals. The pageant will be held at morning Mass which will start at 0930 on December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve). Send an email to: [vhansen980@hotmail.com](mailto:vhansen980@hotmail.com)

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