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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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### **December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Second Sunday of Advent**

**Readings (Missal 788: Bar 5:1-9 • Ps 126: 1-3, 4-5, 6 • 1 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 • Lk 3:1-6)**

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

- Lector: Tom FitzPatrick • Eucharistic Ministers: John & Glenda Massey, Johannes Ploog •
- Greeter: Christopher Lusaka • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •
- Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: For children without family •

### **Reflections on the First Sunday of Advent**

As we begin the season of Advent, the Lord reminds us to be ready and prepared for the end times, to be ready and prepared for the moment when the Lord comes knocking and asks us to open our hearts to him anew.

In the first reading today from the prophet Jeremiah we read that the Lord is about to fulfil the promise which he had made to the Houses of Israel and Judah. He is about to raise up the great successor to David which he had promised and whose kingdom shall last forever.

In the second reading from his first letter to the Thessalonians, St Paul urges the people to grow in love as they await the coming of Christ. The two key attributes of true Christians in this passage are holiness of heart and blamelessness. If the people can live in this way then they will be further blessed by the Lord and will join the Lord in eternal life.

Our gospel passage for today comes from a two-part section: the first describes the consequences for the people of the rejection of Jesus by the Jewish authorities, and the second looks to the vindication of Jesus Christ. The passage speaks of the vindication and, before that happens, many things will take place with great signs and wonders. The followers of Jesus too will be persecuted but they are to always stand ready for the moment when he returns. If we are ready and attentive to our Christian duties then we will have nothing to fear and will share the Lord's glory. Many people are waiting for the second coming of Jesus Christ at the end of time and often miss the rebirth of Jesus at Christmas. Each Advent we await this rebirth of the Savior in our lives and so we must prepare for that wondrous event by making love a greater part of the way in which we live.

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

**Volunteers needed for Children's Christmas Pageant. Please read the announcement on the reverse side of the bulletin.**

**December 22<sup>nd</sup> rehearsal for Children's Christmas Pageant.  
Time to be announced.**

# 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 December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Not received

Collection: All Saints: Not received



## CASTING CALL

### 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!

**We really need volunteers. So please do so not later than December 10<sup>th</sup>. If we do not get enough participation then we may have to cancel this annual tradition.**

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.

Send an email to: [b.chisolm@gmx.de](mailto:b.chisolm@gmx.de) or leave your name in the office. Opportunities are open for you to be: Joseph, one of our Kings / Queens or an angel. For the teens we need volunteers to be our ushers and altar servers (see note below).

Thanks for supporting this Christmas tradition.

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

- December 10<sup>th</sup> - Last day to volunteer for Children's Christmas pageant.
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> rehearsal for Children's Christmas Pageant. Time to be announced.
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 p.m. – Advent Penitential Service at St. Bernard's. Multiple confessors available to hear individual confessions.
- December 24<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m. – Children's Christmas Pageant Mass
- December 24<sup>th</sup> 10 p.m. – Christmas Eve Mass



Please take a moment to thank our fellow Christians, members of Protestant Faith Fellowship, who gave of their time, talent, and treasure to repair our much loved and overly used church pews. They work so much better now! 🙌🙌🙌

Another round of applause goes to the talented, Jackie Anders, head of the Montessori school, who (during her spare time) repaired the book holders in the church! Your 'donation' makes our worship service that much better!

## **Advent Penitential Service with individual confessions**

The English-speaking Mission will offer an Advent penitential service on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. at St. Bernard's.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend. There will be multiple confessors available to hear individual confessions.

## **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 January 2019. If you are interested please inquire in the office or speak with any of our Eucharistic Ministers.

## **December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ**

- Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann •
- Greeter: Christopher Lusaka • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael • Hospitality: NN •
- Designated collection: All Saints •

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