

Progress Report on Sunday Morning Mass Location

Dear Parishioners,

Due to current rumours concerning the future of our Sunday morning Mass, we would like to offer the following clarification:

1. We will have to leave Holy Cross Church at the end of June. Thankfully, we were able to use it as an alternative location for several years while St Leonhard's was being renovated, and even in the years following the reopening of St Leonhard's. But now Holy Cross Church will be sold by the German parish, and we are therefore looking for a new location for Sunday morning Mass.
2. The Masses at St Leonhard's (Saturday at 5 p.m.) and St Mary's (Sunday at 5 p.m.) remain unaffected.
3. After looking around for new host churches, we were happy in December to find a good option: a large church with additional rooms for our exclusive use, good transport links, and parking facilities, possibly with a Mass time of 10 a.m. However, it is not located directly within the city of Frankfurt.
4. Since it is important to some members of our community to attend Sunday morning Mass within Frankfurt, we were then presented with a second option: a church within the city limits which offers us a Mass time of 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings—although this option comes with certain challenges (the local parish celebrates Mass afterwards, followed by a coffee gathering, and both parking and public transport are not ideal).
5. Other potential options were rejected because of inadequate facilities or a lack of interest from the host parish leaders. The failed options were not communicated further so that the Parish Council and Location Committee would not waste time on them and to prevent incorrect rumours that the sites would be a good fit.
6. The decision-making process is as follows: the Parish Council is consulting widely with those affected. The local committee of Holy Cross is already involved and in contact with many who attend every Sunday, including some who travel from neighbouring dioceses. The Parish Council intends to make a recommendation, after which the diocese will make a decision and arrange a contract with the local church authorities.
7. There are many emotions involved at the moment, but ultimately reason must prevail.

8. We ask you to trust our Parish Council and those responsible in the diocese—and to accompany this process with your prayers.

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