

General Audience of Pope Benedict XVI, 28 January 2009

Announcements at the end:

“In fulfillment of the service to unity, which qualifies my ministry as Successor to Peter in a specific way, I decided several days ago to grant the remission of the excommunication to which the four Bishops, ordained in 1988 by Archbishop Lefebvre without a Papal mandate, were subject. I fulfilled this act of paternal compassion because these Bishops repeatedly manifested their active suffering for the situation in which they had found themselves. I hope that this gesture of mine will be followed by an earnest commitment on their behalf to complete the necessary further steps to achieve full communion with the Church, thus witnessing true fidelity to, and true recognition of, the Magisterium and the authority of the Pope and the Second Vatican Council.”

“In these days when we remember the Shoah, images come to mind from my repeated visits to Auschwitz, one of the concentration camps in which the heinous slaughter of millions of Jews occurred, innocent victims of a blind racial and religious hatred. As I affectionately renew the expression of my full and unquestionable solidarity with our fellow receivers of the First Covenant, I hope that the memory of the Shoah will lead humanity to reflect upon the unfathomable

power of evil when it conquers the heart of man. May the Shoah be a warning for all against forgetfulness, denial or reductionism, because violence committed against one single human being is violence against all. No man is an island, as a famous poet wrote. May the Shoah teach both old and new generations that only the arduous path of listening and dialogue, of love and forgiveness leads peoples, cultures and religions of the world to the desired goal of fraternity and peace in truth. May violence no longer degrade the dignity of man!”

Many members of the English Mission will remember Father Richard Zang, who served as Mission Priest for several years until Autumn 2003. Father Richard was taken ill suddenly on Saturday 21st February and he is presently in hospital in England. Your prayers are requested for Father Richard's full and speedy recovery.

Collections:

1 March	Caritas
8/15/22 March	Our Mission
29 March	MISEREOR
5 April	Holy Land Collection
10/12/13/	
19/26 April	Our Mission



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March/April 2009

Word of the Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On 26 October 2008 Monsignor Bernard Fellay of the schismatic Society of St. Pius X invited his followers during a pilgrimage in Lourdes to a crusade of rosaries in order to obtain the remission of the excommunication incurred by four bishops ordained in 1988 by Archbishop Lefebvre without a Papal mandate. Before Christmas the faithful prayed 1.703.000 rosaries!

In a letter of 15 December 2008 Msgr. Fellay said: "We firmly believe in the primacy of Peter and in his prerogatives, and for this reason the current situation causes us much suffering." The Pope, who has a special responsibility for serving the unity of the Church, decided to grant the remission of the excommunication to which the four Bishops were subject. "I hope – Benedict XVI said – that this gesture of mine will be followed by an earnest commitment on their behalf to complete the necessary further steps to achieve full communion with the Church..."

We all know how things became complicated when one of these bishops, Msgr. Richard Williamson denied the gassing of the Jews. The Pope had not been informed about this position and hurried to express his solidarity with the Jews: "May the Shoa be a warning for all against forgetfulness, denial or reductionism, because violence committed against one single human being is violence against all."

May the crisis caused by the coincidence of the remission of the excommunication and the denial of the holocaust by one of the four Bishops help to deepen the relationship between Christians and Jews. And also to prepare dialogue with the Society of St. Pius X, who must now clarify their own positions.

Let us pray that God may draw good out of evil as He so often does in human history.

Father Herbert Gillessen

Liturgy March / April 2009

All Saints / St Bernhard's / St Albert's

MARCH

1	First Sunday of Lent	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
8	Second Sunday of Lent	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
15	Third Sunday of Lent	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
22	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
25	Feast of the Annunciation	---	7 p.m.	---
29	Fifth Sunday of Lent	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon

APRIL

5	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Procession of Palms)	10 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	12 noon
9	Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper	---	8 p.m.	---
10	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion	3 p.m.	---	---
11	Easter Vigil	---	---	8 p.m.
12	Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
13	Easter Monday	---	11 a.m.	---
19	Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
26	Third Sunday of Easter	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon

Information for the Mission in General

Our Mission offers pastoral care, religious education (children and adults: First Holy Communion, Confirmation). Baptisms, weddings, hospital and home visits can be arranged through the Priest.

The Priest is also available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass and by appointment. For weddings, please contact Father Gillessen 3 months in advance.

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