

# The Imitation of Christ

## Avoiding False Hope and Pride

VAIN is the man who puts his trust in men, in created things.

Do not be ashamed to serve others for the love of Jesus Christ and to seem poor in this world. Do not be self-sufficient but place your trust in God. Do what lies in your power and God will aid your good will. Put no trust in your own learning nor in the cunning of any man, but rather in the grace of God Who helps the humble and humbles the proud.

If you have wealth, do not glory in it, nor in friends because they are powerful, but in God Who gives all things and Who desires above all to give Himself. Do not boast of personal stature or of physical beauty, qualities which are marred and destroyed by a little sickness. Do not take pride in your talent or ability, lest you displease God to Whom belongs all the natural gifts that you have.

Do not think yourself better than others lest, perhaps, you be accounted worse before God Who knows what is in man. Do not take pride in your good deeds, for God's judgments differ from those of men and what pleases them often displeases Him. If there is good in you, see more good in others, so that you may remain humble. It does no harm to esteem yourself less than anyone else, but it is very harmful to think yourself better than even one. The humble live in continuous peace, while in the hearts of the proud are envy and frequent anger.

# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Andrew's Catholic Church



**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 3<sup>rd</sup> - December 10<sup>th</sup> 2017**

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# Liturgical Schedule

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Sun. 03      **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (I)**

8:00 am      Low Mass

10:00am      Sung Mass

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Mon. 04      **St Peter Chrysologous, BCD (III)**

*Comm. of Advent Feria and Comm. of St Barbara, V M*

7:15 am      Low Mass

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Tue. 05      **Feria (III)** *Comm. of St Sabbas*

7:15 am      Low Mass

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Wed. 06      **St Nicholas, BC (III)** *Comm. of Advent Feria*

7:15am & 10:00am      Low Mass

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Thur. 07      **St Ambrose, BCD (III)** *Comm. of Advent Feria*

7:15am      Low Mass

6:00 pm      Low Mass followed by Novena & Benediction

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Fri. 08      **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE  
B.V.M. (I)**

10:00am      Low Mass

7:00pm      Low Mass

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Sat. 09      **Feria (III)**

8:00 am      Low Mass followed by Rosary & Benediction

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Sun. 10      **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (I)**

8:00 am      Low Mass

10:00am      Low Mass followed by Benediction

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## Confessions

Sundays      7:15-7:50 am

9:10-9:50 am

Thursdays      5:30-5:50 pm

Saturdays      7:30-7:50 am

Other times      Upon Request

## Pilgrim Virgin Statue

December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Mr Paul Stevens

December 10<sup>th</sup>: Talia family

# Parish Notices

## **COLLECTION FOR THE MISSIONS**

Today, the second collection will be taken for the Missions of the Society in the Pacific i.e. Fiji, Vanuatu and New Caledonia and we ask you to be generous towards our apostolate in these countries.

## **PRIESTS ABSENT**

Both priests will be absent at the annual Meeting of the priests of the Society in Australia from Monday of next week, the 11th until Friday, 15th December.

## **MELBOURNE RETREATS**

Advance notice is given that Fr Elias is making arrangements for three Retreats to be preached next year at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre, Lysterfield Road, Lysterfield. These will be as follows:

Ladies Retreats: Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> – Thur 12<sup>th</sup> April and Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> October,

Mens Retreat Mon 9<sup>th</sup> - Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July

You are earnestly urged to take advantage of this rare opportunity to make a Retreat close to home in the Melbourne area.

Bookings may be made by contacting Stephen Nivet on 0401443563 or by email on [elizabeth.nivet@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth.nivet@yahoo.com)

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

In your charity, please keep in your prayers Luke Paksa, Gordon Sheeran, Aileen Donohue, Coby Van Yssel, Pauline Killeen, Francesco and Vince Lamattina, Barbara Wood, and Peter de Niese.

## **+ Prayers for the Faithful Departed +**

Of your charity please pray for the souls of the Faithful departed, relatives, friends and benefactors of Our Lady's Church especially for Patricia Fogarty and Laurence Kelly whose anniversaries occur this week.