

Continuation

ST ALPHONSUS LIGUOURI  
ON AVOIDING BAD COMPANY.

*"Let their way become dark and slippery, and let the angel of the Lord pursue them."* (Ps. xxxiv. 6.) All men in this life walk in the midst of darkness and in a slippery way. If, then, a bad angel that is, a wicked companion, who is worse than any devil pursue them, and endeavour to drive them into an abyss, who shall be able to escape death?" St. John Chrysostom said, *that if we wish to know a man's moral habits, we have only to observe the character of the friends with whom he associates; because friendship finds or makes him like his friends.* First, because, to please his friends, a man will endeavour to imitate them; secondly, because, as Seneca says, nature inclines men to do what they see others do. And the Scripture says: "They were mingled among the heathens, and learned their works." (Ps. cv. 35.) According to St. Basil, *as air which comes from pestilential places causes infection, so, by conversation with bad companions, we almost imperceptibly contract their vices.* And St. Bernard says *that St. Peter, in consequence of associating with the enemies of Jesus Christ, denied his Master. But how,* asks St. Ambrose, *can bad companions give you the odour of chastity, when they exhale the stench of impurity?* How can they infuse into you sentiments of devotion when they themselves fly from it? *How can they impart to you a shame of offending God, when they cast it away.* St. Augustine writes of himself, *that when he associated with bad companions, who boasted of their wickedness, he felt himself impelled to sin without shame; and to appear like them, he gloried in his evil actions.* Hence Isaias admonishes you to *"touch no unclean thing."* (Isa. lii. 11.) Touch not what is unclean: if you do, you too shall be polluted. He that handles pitch, says Ecclesiasticus, shall certainly be denied with it; and they who keep company with the proud shall be clothed with pride. The same holds for other vices: *"He that toucheth pitch shall be denied with it; and he that hath fellowship with the proud shall put on pride."* (Eccl. xiii. 1.)

To be continued

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



**14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**September 10<sup>th</sup> - September 17<sup>th</sup> 2017**

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# Liturgical Schedule

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Sun. 10      **14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (II)**

8:00 am      Low Mass

10:00am      Sung Mass

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Mon. 11      **Feria (IV)** *Comm. of Sts Protus and Hyacinth, MM*

7:15 am      Low Mass

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Tue. 12      **Most Holy Name of the B.V.M. (III)**

7:15 am      Low Mass

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Wed. 13      **Feria (IV)**

7:15am & 10:00am      Low Mass

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Thur. 14      **Exaltation of the Holy Cross (II)**

7:15am      Low Mass

6:00pm      Low Mass followed by Novena & Benediction

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Fri. 15      **Seven Dolours of the B.V.M. (II)**

*Comm. of St Nicomedes, M*

7:15am      Low Mass

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Sat. 16      **Sts Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bp, MM**

*Comm. of Sts Euphemia, V, Lucy & Geminianus, MM*

8:00 am      Low Mass followed by Rosary & Benediction

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Sun. 17      **15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (II)**

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

September 17<sup>th</sup>: Granada family

September 24<sup>th</sup>: Talento family

# Parish Notices

## **CATECHISM CLASS**

Catechism classes for children of primary and secondary school age have begun after Mass and Benediction (and breakfast!) on classes on the First Saturday of each month. Lessons will last for about an hour and will no longer be held on Sundays.

Judith and Mallory Wood will be taking the classes and, when possible, a priest will give a short lesson at the end of each session. A sign-up sheet is found in the church porch.

## **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, after both Masses, mothers and grandmothers are invited to come to the Communion rail to pray for vocations from their families.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

In your charity, please keep in your prayers Aileen Donohue, Coby Van Yssel, Pauline Killeen, Francesco and Vince Lamattina, Barbara Wood, Richard Miller, Luke Paksa 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 Kitty Kerr who died recently and for Albert De Majo, Adele Young, Ivor Ransom, Diederich Draayers, Andrew Craig and Veronica Nolan whose anniversaries occur this week.