

ST ALPHONSUS LIGUOURI
DEATH IS CERTAIN AND UNCERTAIN.

We know that our ancestors are no longer among the living: of their death we are constantly reminded by their pictures, their memorandum books, their beds, and by the clothes which they have left us. And can we entertain a hope or a doubt that we shall not die? Of all who lived in this town a hundred years ago how many are now alive? They are all in eternity in an eternal day of delights, or in an eternal night of torments. Either the one or the other shall be our lot also. But, God! we all know that we shall die: the misfortune is, that we imagine death as distant as if it were never to come, and therefore we lose sight of it. But, sooner or later, whether we think or think not of death, it is certain, and of faith that we shall die, and that we are drawing nearer to it every day. *"For we have not here a lasting city, but we seek one that is to come."* (Heb. xiii. 14.) This is not our country: here we are pilgrims on a journey. *"While we are in the body we are absent from the Lord."* (2 Cor. v. 6.) Our country is Paradise, if we know how to acquire it by the grace of God and by our own good works. Our house is not that in which we live; we dwell in it only in passing; our dwelling is in eternity. *"Man shall go into the house of his eternity."* (Eccl. xii. 5.) How great would be the folly of the man, who, in passing through a strange country, should lay out all his property in the purchase of houses and possessions in a foreign land, and reduce himself to the necessity of living miserably for the remainder of his days in his own country! And is not he, too, a fool, who seeks after happiness in this world, from which he must soon depart; and, by his sins, exposes himself to the danger of misery in the next, where he must live for eternity? Tell me, beloved brethren, if, instead of preparing for his approaching death, a person condemned to die were, on his way to the place of execution, to employ the few remaining moments of his life in admiring the beauty of the houses as he passed along, in thinking of balls and comedies, in uttering immodest words, and detracting his neighbours, would you not say that the unhappy man had either lost his reason, or that he was abandoned by God?

To be continued

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



6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 16th - July 23rd 2017

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Liturgical Schedule

Sun. 16 **6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (II)**

8:00 am Low Mass

10:00am Low Mass followed by Benediction.

Mon. 17 **Feria (IV) *Comm. St Alexis, Cf***

7:15 am Low Mass

Tue. 18 **St Camillus de Lellis, Cf (III)**

Comm. of Sts Symphorosa and her Seven Sons, MM

6:00pm Low Mass

Wed. 19 **St Vincent de Paul, Cf (III)**

10:00am Low Mass

Thur. 20 **St Jerome Emiliani, Cf (III)**

Comm. of St Margaret, V, M

6:00pm Low Mass followed by Novena & Benediction

Fri. 21 **St Laurence of Brindisi, CD (III)**

Comm. of St Praxed, V

7:15am Low Mass

Sat. 22 **St Mary Magdalene, Penitent (III)**

8:00 am Low Mass followed by Rosary & Benediction

Sun. 23 **7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (II)**

8:00 am Low Mass

10:00am Low Mass followed by Benediction.

Confessions

Sundays 7:15–7:50 am

9:10–9:50 am

Saturdays 7:30–7:50 am

Other times Upon Request

Thursdays 5:30–5:50 pm

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

July 16th: Granada family

July 23rd: Wood family

Parish Notices

FR. BLACK'S FORTIETH

On Sunday, 30th July there will be a Solemn High Mass at 10:00am to honour Fr. Black's fortieth priestly anniversary. There will also be a celebratory brunch after Mass; Tea, cake and Bubbly; Please bring a plate!

YOUNG ADULTS SOCIAL GROUP

There will be a games night with wine, cheese and nibbles on Friday, 28th July at 7pm in the Parish Hall and Library. Gold coin donation. Please RSVP by 24th July - Therese Hungerford-Morgan 0431121317 or Mallory Wood 0431856560.

HOLY ROSARY IN REPARATION FOR ABORTION

The Holy Rosary will be recited Saturday 22nd July at 10:30am, on the steps of Parliament House, Melbourne. Holy Mass will be offered on the same day 8:00 am at Our Lady's Church Hampton. For more information contact Mrs Oldham 95836835.

SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class this coming Tuesday at 7:00pm.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today, 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 Teilo and Keiran Jones, Aileen Donohue, Coby Van Yssel, Pauline Killeen, Francesco and Vince Lamattina, Barbara Wood, Richard Miller, David Dempsey, Luke Paksa, Peter de Niese and Stephanie Bradbury.

+ 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 Catherine Mc Avoy and Mary Campbell whose anniversaries occur this week.