

Continuation

ST ALPHONSUS LIGUOURI
DEATH IS CERTAIN AND UNCERTAIN.

Miserable the man who meets with an unprovided death! And I assert, that all who ordinarily neglect to unburthen their conscience, die without preparation, even though they should have seven or eight days to prepare for a good death; for as I shall show in the forty-fourth sermon, it is very difficult, during these days of confusion and terror, to settle accounts with God, and to return to him with sincerity. But I repeat that death may come upon you in such a manner, that you shall not have time even to receive the sacraments. And who knows whether, in another hour, you shall be among the living or the dead? The uncertainty of the time of his death made Job tremble. *"For I knew not how long I shall continue, or whether, after a while, my Maker may take me away."* (Job xxxii. 22.) Hence St. Basil exhorts *us in going to bed at night, not to trust that we shall see the next day.* Whenever, then, the devil tempts you to sin, by holding out the hope that you will go to confession and repair the evil you have done, say to him in answer: *How do I know that this shall not be the last day of my life? And should death overtake me in sin, and not give me time to make my confession, what shall become of me for all eternity?* Alas! how many poor sinners have been struck dead in the very act of indulging in some sinful pleasure, and have been sent to hell! *"As fishes are taken by the hook, and as birds are caught with the snare, so men are taken in the evil time."* (Eccl. ix. 12.) Fishes are taken with the hook while they eat the bait that conceals the hook, which is the instrument of their death. The evil time is precisely that in which sinners are actually offending God. In the act of sin, they calm their conscience by a security of afterwards making a good confession, and reversing the sentence of their damnation. But death comes suddenly upon them, and does not leave them time for repentance. *"For, when they shall say peace and security, then shall sudden destruction come upon them."* (1 Thess. v. 3.)

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



10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 13th - August 20th 2017

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Liturgical Schedule

Sun. 13 **10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (II)**

8:00 am Low Mass

10:00am Sung Mass

Mon. 14 **Vigil of the Assumption of Our Lady (II)**

Comm. of St Eusebius, Cf

7:15 am Low Mass

Tue. 15 **THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY (I)**

10:00am Low Mass

7:00pm Low Mass

Wed. 16 **St Joachim, Father of the B.V.M., Cf (II)**

10:00am Low Mass

Thur. 17 **St Hyacinth, Cf (III)**

6:00pm Low Mass followed by Novena & Benediction

Fri. 18 **Feria (IV)**

Comm. of St Agapitus, M

7:15am Low Mass

Sat. 19 **St John Eudes, Cf (III)**

8:00 am Low Mass followed by Rosary & Benediction

Sun. 20 **11TH 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

Thursdays 5:30–5:50 pm

Saturdays 7:30–7:50 am

Other times Upon Request

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

August 13th: Mr. C. Morgan

August 20th: Granada 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 signup sheet is found in the church porch.

ST MICHAEL'S BOYS CAMP 2018

Applications may now be made for two camps for 42 boys between the ages of 9-13 years and 20 boys between the ages of 14-17 years respectively. These are organised by Fr Todd Stephens and Fr Sayed Elias at Lidsdale NSW from 30th December 2017 - 6th January 2018. Application Forms with full details of the camps may be found on the table at the back of the church. Please book early to ensure a place as these are limited.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday 20th August, after both Masses, mothers and grandmothers are invited to come to the Communion rail to pray for vocations from their families.

SCRIPTURE CLASS

No Scripture class this week

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, Pual and 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 Jean Paul Groves, Ernesto Fiacco, Doris Barker, Andrew Craig, Lawrence Cullinan, Russell Morgan and Christopher Hovens whose anniversaries occur this week.