

The Imitation of Christ

Resisting Temptation

SO LONG as we live in this world we cannot escape suffering and temptation. Whence it is written in Job: "The life of man upon earth is a warfare." Everyone, therefore, must guard against temptation and must watch in prayer lest the devil, who never sleeps but goes about seeking whom he may devour, find occasion to deceive him. No one is so perfect or so holy but he is sometimes tempted; man cannot be altogether free from temptation.

Yet temptations, though troublesome and severe, are often useful to a man, for in them he is humbled, purified, and instructed. The saints all passed through many temptations and trials to profit by them, while those who could not resist became reprobate and fell away. There is no state so holy, no place so secret that temptations and trials will not come. Man is never safe from them as long as he lives, for they come from within us—in sin we were born. When one temptation or trial passes, another comes; we shall always have something to suffer because we have lost the state of original blessedness.

Many people try to escape temptations, only to fall more deeply. We cannot conquer simply by fleeing, but by patience and true humility we become stronger than all our enemies. The man who only shuns temptations outwardly and does not uproot them will make little progress; indeed they will quickly return, more violent than before.

Little by little, in patience and long-suffering you will overcome them, by the help of God rather than by severity and your own rash ways. Often take counsel when tempted; and do not be harsh with others who are tempted, but console them as you yourself would wish to be consoled.

To be continued

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



2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 14th - January 21st 2018

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Liturgical Schedule

Sun. 14	2ND SUNDAY AFER EPIPHANY (II)
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00am	Low Mass followed by Benediction
Mon. 15	St Paul the First Hermit, Cf (III) <i>Comm. of St Maurus, Abb</i>
7:15 am	Low Mass
Tue. 16	St Marcellus I, Pope, M (III)
7:15 am	Low Mass
Wed. 17	St Anthony, Abb (III)
10:00am	Low Mass
Thur. 18	Feria (IV) <i>Comm. of St Prisca, V, M</i>
6:00 pm	Low Mass followed by Novena & Benediction
Fri. 19	Feria (IV) <i>Comm. of Sts Marius, Martha, Audifax and Abachum, MM</i>
7:15am	Low Mass
Sat. 20	Sts Fabian, Pope and Sebastian, MM (III)
8:00 am	Low Mass followed by Rosary & Benediction
Sun. 21	3RD SUNDAY AFER EPIPHANY (II)
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00am	Sung Mass

Confessions

<u>Sundays</u>	7:15–7:50 am	<u>Saturdays</u>	7:30–7:50 am
	9:10–9:50 am	<u>Other times</u>	Upon Request
<u>Thursdays</u>	5:30–5:50 pm		

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

January 14th: Talento family | January 21st: D' Oliveiro family

Parish Notices

YOUNG ADULTS SOCIAL GROUP

All young adults are invited to Breakfast in the garden of the Presbytery after 8:00am Mass & Benediction, Saturday 20th January. To RSVP please contact Therese Hungerford-Morgan on 0431121317 or Mallory Wood on 0431856560 by Wednesday 17th January.

ROSIES BOUTIQUE

This op shop opened for business on the 1st August to raise funds for the Mystical Rose Foundation - a not-for-profit independent charity aimed at assisting people suffering from chronic illness and disability and their families. It is desperately in need of financial donations to help cover the expenses of rent, electricity, insurance etc. until it is established enough to cover them from the shop income. There are brochures available on Mr. Robin Foley's stall with details for a direct credit to our bank account, and a small donation box also on Mr. Foley's stall for cash. The Directors thank you in anticipation of your support.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday 21th January, 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: Luke Paksa, Gordon Sheeran, Aileen Donohue, 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 Tony Lock, Angelo Ceddia, Marc Gilette, Cyril Murnane, Noel Mc Cormack and Hilda De Majo whose anniversaries occur this week.