

Chapter 5 The Creation of the World

Man (Continued)

This manner of studying the moral and spiritual life inspires us of itself to undertake the spiritual fight against sin, against all malevolent influences of the world and of the devil, and places us in this state of vigilance so recommended by Our Lord, “Orate et vigilate—Watch and pray” (Mt. 26:41). “Watch ye therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour” (Mt. 25:13).

In spiritual direction it is more encouraging to incite souls to acquire virtues—and to avoid by the very fact, vices—than to concentrate on the application of the law. Laws are nevertheless absolutely necessary to direct us in the correct use of our freedom.

(To wish to define human liberty and its limits without taking account of our final end and of the laws established by God and legitimate authorities is to propagate an illusion; it establishes the principle of revolution in the human conscience. It is the principle of liberalism, or rationalism, which makes liberty and reason absolute values and not essentially relative to the plan of Divine Providence.)

“Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall have their fill” (Mt. 5:6). It is those who hunger and thirst for sanctity who will have their fill. Sanctity is attained to by the exercise of all the virtues, and especially of the theological virtues, which have no limit. We can grow indefinitely, without limit, in our belief in God, our love of God, and our hope in God. The right measure of our love of God is to love Him beyond all measure—this is the object of the First Commandment.

The moral virtues, both natural and supernatural, have a just measure. That is why the virtue of prudence, helped by the gift of counsel, has as its role to determine the correct degree in the use of the virtues of justice, of fortitude, and of temperance in the accomplishment of the will of God. “Non plus sapere quam oportet sapere—not to be more wise than it behoveth” (Rom. 12:3).

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Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

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This Week's Schedule

Sunday 18th October. Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost. (2nd cl.)

Comm. St. Luke

8:00 am Low Mass

10:00 am Low Mass followed by Benediction

Monday 19th October. St. Peter of Alcantara. (3rd cl.)

7:15 am Low Mass

Tuesday 20th October. St. John Cantius. (3rd cl.)

7:15 am Low Mass

Wednesday 21st October. Ferial. (4th cl.)

Comm. St. Hilarion, Ss. Ursula & Companions

7:15 am Low Mass

Thursday 22nd October. Ferial. (4th cl.)

7:15 am Low Mass

6:30 pm Benediction

Friday 23rd October. St. Anthony Mary Claret. (3rd cl.)

7:15 am Low Mass

7:00 pm Way of the Cross

Saturday 24th October. St. Raphael, Archangel. (3rd cl.)

8:00 am Low Mass

Sunday 25th October. Feast of Christ the King (1st cl.)

8:00 am Low Mass

10:00 am Sung Mass followed by Procession & Benediction

The Parish Picnic will take place after this Mass. All are welcome.

Rosters			
Sunday	Cleaning (Sat)	Flowers (Sat)	Tea Stall (Sun)
18 th October	HCP	HCP	Nikolina
25 th October	HCP	Paul & Ela	HCP
1 st November	Quiboloy Family	Liz	Simone
8 th November	Gulapa Family	Cecile Stocker	HCP

Announcements

Holy Souls

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Robyn Barling**, Fr. Terence Hoare, Theresa Ashelford, Caroline Murdoch, Maxwell Murdoch, Veronica Ryan, Paul Sidoti, Edward Calnan, Darcy Orford and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Christ the King lunch

There will be a parish lunch after the 10:00am Mass on the Feast of Christ the King. Activities will be organised for the children. Please bring a plate to share. We will gather under the oak tree in the classroom courtyard. All are welcome.

Archconfraternity of St. Stephen training today, 18th Oct, after 10:00 am Mass.

Catechism Classes

The next Catechism classes will be on Sunday 8 November, for children and adults, after the 10:00am Mass.

Parish Library open today after the 10:00 am Mass.

Banns of marriage

The banns of marriage are hereby announced for the second time between Jacob Moore, formerly of this parish, and Cecilia Morris, of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Oxley. They intend to be united in the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, 21st November 2026, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Oxley.

Should anyone know of any impediment to this union, they are bound in conscience to inform Fr McNamara without delay.

Confession times at Holy Cross

Sundays: 7:30 am – 8:00 am & 9:15 – 10:00 am

1st Fridays: 11:00 am – 11:25 am, Saturdays: 7:30 am – 8:00 am

Altar Serving		
18 th October	Ac1: Br. Francis	Ac2: Joao Rebello
25 th October <i>Sung Mass</i>	MC: Kevin Murphy Ac1: Riley Ignacio	Th: François O'Neill Ac2: Gabriel Gulapa BB: Matthew Marcelo
1 st November <i>Sung Mass</i>	MC: François O'Neill Ac1: Kevin Murphy	Th: Riley Ignacio Ac2: Joseph Murphy BB: Matthew Marcelo
8 th November	Br. Francis	