

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Thought of Death - Bishop Joseph Angrisani

"It is better to be rebuked by a wise man than to be deceived by the flattery of fools." - Eccles. 7:1

One of the fundamental meditations that a spiritual man should keep ever present is the meditation upon death. Sacred Scripture reminds us that : "A good name is better than precious ointments: and the day of death than the day of one's birth." - Ecclesiastes 7:2

What is life for a Christian? It is a grave and constant danger of losing the grace of God. What is life for anyone possessed of human nature? It is a life of exile, of uncertainty, and of worry. Is it not better to move on to where the mercy and kindness of our Father attend us?

Never forget these grave words: "O death, how bitter is the remembrance of thee to a man that hath peace in his possessions! To a man that is at rest, and whose ways are prosperous in all things, and that is yet able to take meat! O death, thy sentence is welcome to the man that is in need, and to him whose strength fails: Who is in a decrepit age, and that is in care about all things, and to the distrustful that loses patience! Fear not the sentence of death. Remember what things have been before you, and what shall come after you: this sentence is from the Lord upon all flesh.

And what shall come upon thee by the good pleasure of the most High? Whether ten, or a hundred, or a thousand years. For among the dead there is no accusing of life. The children of sinners become children of abominations, and they that converse near the houses of the ungodly. The inheritance of the children of sinners shall perish, and with their posterity shall be a perpetual reproach. All things that are of the earth, shall return into the earth: so the ungodly shall from malediction to destruction. The mourning of men is about their body, but the name of the ungodly shall be blotted out. Take care of a good name: for this shall continue with thee, more than a thousand treasures precious and great. A good life hath its number of days: but a good name shall continue for ever." - Eccles 41

The frequent thought of death not only keeps us away from the danger of sinning, but is also a wonderful help in giving our life a aid of seriousness that is beneficial to us and serves to edify those around us.

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Regular Confession Times:

Sundays:	7:20-7:50am; 9:50-10:20am
Thursdays:	10:30-10:50am
First Fridays:	6:30-6:50pm
Saturdays:	8:30-8:50am

Liturgical Offices		
Sunday, 23 rd August: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (II cl)		
8:00 am	Low Mass	2 nd Collection: School
10:30 am	Sung Mass	
5:30 pm	Vespers, followed by Rosary and Benediction	
Monday, 24 th August: St Bartholomew, Apostle (II cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
8:45 am	School Benediction, followed by Low Mass	
6:00pm	Rosary	
Tuesday 25 th August: St Louis IX, King & Confessor (III cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
9:00 am	Low Mass	
6:00 pm	Rosary & Benediction, followed by Low Mass	
Wednesday, 26 th August: Feria (IV cl) <i>St Zephyrinus, M</i>		
5:45 am	Low Mass	
7:15 am	Low Mass	
9:00 am	Low Mass	
6:00 pm	Rosary	
Thursday, 27 th August: St Joseph Calasanz, C (III cl)		
7:15 am	Low Mass	
10:00 am	Holy Hour for Vocations, followed by Low Mass	
6:00 pm	Rosary	
Friday, 28 th August: St Augustine, BDC (III cl) <i>St Hermes, M</i>		
7:15am	Low Mass	
8:50 am	Low Mass <i>with children's sermon</i>	
6:00 pm	Rosary, followed by Low Mass	
Saturday, 29 th August: Beheading of St John the Baptist (III cl) <i>St Sabina, M</i>		
7:15 am	Low Mass, followed by Novena to the Holy Infant of Prague	
--	<i>No Mass available at 9:00 am due to working bee</i>	
6:00 pm	Rosary	
Sunday, 30 th August: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (II cl)		
8:00 am	Low Mass	
10:30 am	Sung Mass	
5:30 pm	Vespers, followed by Rosary and Benediction	

Eucharistic Crusade August Intention: For those tempted by despair

Piety Stall: There will be a piety stall on Sunday 30th of August after both Masses.

100's Club: Please see the Sisters in the hall to sign up for this annual School fundraiser. The cost is \$100. The first draw will take place on 6th of September. Please support our School. Thank you.

Parish Help		
Cleaning Roster – 29th August: Tupaz Family		
Morning Tea and Cakes: Sunday – 30th August		
8:00am	Mr & Mrs Macandog	Coffee: Quigg Girls
10:30 am	Chalhoub Family	Coffee: Sandy Chalhoub
In your charity, please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time Loretta Delacy-Moffatt; Edith Delsorte; Julia Mary Britt; Alice Dobell; Michael Fren Sr.; Jeffrey Green; Kathleen Collis; Ligorio Francisco Menezes; Patrick Wall; Mary & Jack McNamara; Maureen Swampillai.		
Other Mass Centres Sunday, 30 th August 2026		
Singleton @ 10:00 am		Katoomba @ 9:30 am

Sunday Catechism: Classes for all ages today, starting at 9:40 am. Next Sunday Fr Sayed Elias will teach the men & ladies in the parish hall on the topic of raising families.

Year 7+ Girls After-school Catechism: Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

Adult Catechism: Please join us this Friday at 7:30 pm for a class given by Fr Sayed Elias on the topic: *What is True Devotion to Mary?*

Mass will be offered in Katoomba on Sunday, 30th August at 9:30 am.

St Dominic Savio's School Sports Afternoon: This Wednesday, 26th August at Barton Park. Begins at 1:30 pm. Please join us!

Men's Working Bee: Please join us for the Men's Working Bee this Saturday, 29th August. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please plan to bring your own gloves and tools as needed. Questions? Contact Peter Baxter.

First Communions for the children who have been tested and made their first Confession, will take place in Rockdale at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, 13th September preceded by a ½ day of Recollection from 8:30 am until noon on Saturday, 12th September. A short talk for their parents will take place on the Recollection day at 8:30 am.

Save the Date:

- **Sat, 5th Sept: 2nd of 5 First Saturdays as a Parish**
- **Sun, 13th Sept: First Communions in Rockdale**
- **Sat, 26th Sept: Parish Women's Working Bee.** 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.