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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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Novena Notes

And when he saw the crowds he felt sorry for them

St. Alphonsus was a zealous young priest. In his first parish, he began a programme called the Evening Chapels. It included adoration, prayer, catechism and fellowship for the poor people in his inner-city parish. These included the street vendors, street children, homeless and beggars. That was not enough for Alphonsus. He also joined two missionary societies - the *Pii Operaii* (The Pious Workers) and the Apostolic Missions. These were societies of priests who dedicated some of their time to go out to people in towns and villages to preach the Gospel and to renew their faith.

The Redemptorist charism calls us to follow the example of Jesus and to continue his mission. And so just like Jesus in today's Gospel, Alphonsus *'made a tour through all the towns and villages, proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom.'* And just like Jesus, Alphonsus felt sorry for them. They were sheep without a shepherd because most of them did not have a parish priest. They felt dejected in their struggles to make a living, their poverty and perhaps most of all, by how they felt rejected by society.

These experiences inspired Alphonsus to found the Redemptorist congregation to be the labourers sent to the harvest, to preach the Gospel to the most abandoned.

By virtue of our baptism, all of us, like the prophet Isaiah have been anointed to bring Good News to the oppressed and broken hearted. To comfort those who mourn. Jesus has summoned us as his disciples and given us the authority to continue his ministry.

But we will never have the motivation to do that unless like Jesus and Alphonsus, we go around "towns and villages" and encounter the crowds who are harassed and dejected. They might be migrant workers, elderly who are lonely at home, the sick or those mourning the loss of a loved one. God is sending us to them - to comfort and encourage those who are broken hearted, of faint spirit and mourning.

Can we do that? Yes, we can. Paul encourages his pupil, Timothy, *'Accept the strength that comes from the grace of Christ Jesus.'* Paul reminds Timothy that we do not do anything by our own strength but only by the grace of God.

Today, as we celebrate the feast of our founder and patron St. Alphonsus, we pray that the Spirit of the Lord will be upon us to follow the example of Jesus and to continue his mission. That the mission of our shrine will focus on going out to the harassed and dejected, to the broken hearted and mourning - that we might bring them Good News of the Kingdom.

Reflection by Gerard Louis C.Ss.R.

Readings & responses for the week

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 2 August	Is 55:1-3; Rom 8: 35, 37-39, Mt 14:13-21 You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.
Monday, 3 August	Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36 Lord, teach me your statutes.
Tuesday, 4 August St John Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests	Ez 3: 16-21; Mt 9: 35-10:1 Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.
Wednesday, 5 August Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	Rev 21:1-5; Lk 11:27-28 You are the highest honour of our race!
Thursday, 6 August The Transfiguration of the Lord	Dan 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9. The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.
Friday, 7 August St Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs	Wis 3:1-9; Mt 10:28-33 Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.
Saturday, 8 August St Dominic	Cor 2:1-10; Lk 9:57-62. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm, 5.30pm

2.00pm (Mandarin)

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

12:15pm, 6.30pm

9.00am, 6.30pm Public Holiday

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

MASS ON SATURDAY

7.00am, 6.30pm (Sunset)

MASS ON SUNDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

No booking is required. There will not be standing room allowed in the main church.

RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 8.00pm

Lunch Hour 11.45am to 12.45pm

Saturday 7.30am to 8.00pm

Sunday 8.30am to 1.30pm & 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Closed on Public Holiday

GIFTSHOP OPERATING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10.30am to 6.30pm

Lunch Hour 12.15pm to 12.45pm

Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm

Closed on Thursday and Public Holiday

ASSUMPTION OF BVM



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SOLEMNITY OF THE
Assumption
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

15 August 2026 VIGIL
6.30 PM

16 August 2026
8.00 AM / 10.00 AM
12.00 PM / 5.30 PM

The poster features a classical painting of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, showing her rising into heaven in a white robe with a blue mantle, surrounded by cherubs.

NATIONAL DAY PH IN LIEU OF
10TH AUGUST, MONDAY
Masses : 9am & 6.30pm

ANNUAL PROCESSION 2026



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ANP2026

MAKE HER KNOWN,
MAKE HIM KNOWN

6TH SEPTEMBER
ANP EVENT SCHEDULE

4.15PM – 4.45PM PRE-EVENT:
SONGS OF GRATITUDE

5.00PM ROSARY PROCESSION

5.30PM MASS & CONSECRATION
OF FAMILIES

The poster features a central circular icon of the Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child, set against a background of a blue sky with white clouds and a large cross.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION
THURS; 10.30AM -12PM
PASTORAL BLOCK
BERNARD HEANEY ROOM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



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Eucharistic Adoration

*Let no one
despise you
for your youth*

“
Let no one despise you
for your youth, but set
the believers an example
in speech, in conduct,
in love, in faith,
in purity.
”

1 Timothy 4:12

7th August (Friday)
7.30pm, Main Church

Different generations. Different stories.
Different gifts. The older generation
carries wisdom and faithfulness. The
younger generation brings passion,
energy, and new ideas. Neither is
complete without the other.

Join us in prayers and in adoration with
the Lord as we continue to build the
Church for generations to come.

The poster features a close-up photograph of a young woman with long dark hair, smiling and looking upwards, with a soft, warm background.

HERITAGE CENTRE
Exhibition on Life of St Alphonsus
29th July - 8th August