

Announcements

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LUNCH WITH YOUNG ADULTS

We invite any young adult (18-35) to join our youth gathering at Irish Club on **14th April (NEXT SUNDAY) @ 12pm**. Fr Boyce will lead a discussion on Apologetics.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

Class will resume **TODAY** at 9am.

FSSP DISTRICT MEETING

The two priests will be away this Wednesday and Thursday for the FSSP District meeting which is held in Sydney.

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE

Our next server practice will be held this coming Saturday at 4pm. Anyone who is interested to join our altar server society, is most welcome.

SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN

A 3 days retreat for men will be held at Hartzler Park Retreat Centre, Bowral, between **April 17-19**. The topic is: "The Contemplation of Christ in the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola". To register or for more information please email Fr Adrian Wee—theoudoulos@gmail.com

NEXT MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH will be held on **21st April** (3rd Sunday of Easter) after 10am Mass.

Please bring a plate to share with the community

LATIN GRAMMAR CLASS

For Beginners—

It meets **EVERY SATURDAY** between 10:30AM and 11:30AM.

CASH & ONLINE DONATIONS

31 Mar — 6 Apr

First collection: \$ 2459.75

Second collection: \$ 2027.2

Building fund: \$ 785

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SATURDAY CLASS

Topic: Spiritual Theology

We are currently on holiday, class will resume on **13th April (THIS Saturday) at 10:30am**.

Next Topic: Temptations

CATECHISM CLASS FOR ADULTS

Class will resume **NEXT THURSDAY 18th April at 6:30pm**.

Next Chapters: 42-45

Topic: 7 gifts of the Holy Ghost

People who are discerning to become Catholic or hoping to review their Catechism are most welcome!

LEGION OF MARY

Since Monday is the feast of the Annunciation, the meeting will be held on Wednesday at 6:30pm this week instead.

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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00am (Low Mass)
10:00am (Sung Mass)

Mon - Thurs: 7:00am (Low Mass)
Friday: 6:30pm (Low Mass)

followed by Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament, until 8:15pm

Saturday: 9:00am (Low Mass)

Venue: Sts Peter and Paul Church, Garran
2 Boake Pl, Garran, ACT 2605

CONFESSION

30 minutes before all Masses until circa 5 minutes before Mass.
Also during Masses where two priests are available.

7th April 2024
Low Sunday

CALENDAR

DATE	FEAST	LOCATION
Mon, 8 Apr	Annunciation of the BMV.	Garran. 6:30PM (Sung)
Tue, 9 Apr	Feria	Garran. 7AM (Low)
Wed, 10 Apr	NO MASS	
Thu, 11 Apr	NO MASS	
Fri, 12 Apr	Feria	Garran. 6:30PM (Low), followed Holy Hour until 8:15pm.
Sat, 13 Apr	St Hermenegild	Garran. 8AM (Rosary); 9AM (Low)
Sun, 14 Apr	2nd Sunday after Easter	Garran—8AM (Low) 10AM (Sung)

Divine Mercy Devotion



7 April 2024 (TODAY)

Time: 3pm

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament,
Recitation of Divine Mercy Chaplet,
4pm: Benediction

Confessions will be available

SAINT OF THE WEEK
St Hermenegild, Martyr
(Feast day: 13th April)



Leovigild, Arian King of the Visigoths, had two sons, Hermenegild and Recared, who were reigning conjointly with him. All were Arians, but Hermenegild married a zealous Catholic, the daughter of Sigebert, King of France, and by her holy example was converted to the faith. His father, on hearing the news, denounced him as a traitor, and marched to seize his person. Hermenegild tried to rally the Catholics of Spain in his defense, but they were too weak to make any stand; and after a two years' fruitless struggle, Hermenegild surrendered on the assurance of a free pardon. Once he was safely in the royal camp, the king had him loaded with fetters and cast into a foul dungeon at Seville.

Tortures and bribes were in turn employed to shake his faith, but Hermenegild wrote to his father that he regarded the crown as nothing, and preferred to lose scepter and life rather than betray the truth of God. At length, on Easter night, an Arian bishop entered his cell, and promised him his father's pardon if he would receive Communion from his hands. Hermenegild indignantly

rejected the offer, and knelt with joy for his death-stroke, praying for his persecutors. The same night a light streaming from his cell told the Christians keeping vigil nearby that the martyr had won his crown and was celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord with the Saints in glory.

King Leovigild, on his death-bed, was changed interiorly. He had been witness to the miracles that had occurred after his son's cruel death, and he told his son and successor Recared to seek out Saint Leander, whom he himself had persecuted. Recared should follow Hermenegild's example, said the king, and be received by the bishop into the Church. Recared did so; and although his father himself had not had the courage to renounce the false faith publicly, after his father's death the new king labored so earnestly for the extirpation of Arianism that he brought over the whole nation of the Visigoths to the Church. Nor is it to be wondered, says Saint Gregory, that he came thus to be a preacher of the true faith, since he was the brother of a martyr, whose merits helped him to bring so many into the haven of God's Church.