

**EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING**

will commence shortly after the Feast of Epiphany. To have your home blessed, please either fill out the sign-up sheet located in the foyer or arrange a time directly with one of the priests.

**2025 CHARTRES PILGRIMAGE**

We're going to France in 2025 for the annual Latin Mass Pilgrimage from Paris to Chartres starting at Notre Dame! Fr Sumich FSSP will be leading the St Peter Chanel Chapter for Oceania. The Pilgrimage runs from **Saturday 7th June to Monday 9th June 2025**, Pentecost weekend. If you are interested please email Fr Sumich on office@fssp.nz.

**PRIESTLY VOCATION RETREAT**

Our Novice Master, Fr. Duncan Wong, FSSP, will lead a vocation retreat for single men aged 18 to 35 from 20th Jan to 23rd Jan, (Mon-Thurs), at Ezechiel House in Petersham, Sydney.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Fr. Wong via email at ezechiel@fssp.net or call him at 9572 9694.

**CASH & ONLINE DONATIONS**

**29 Dec - 4 Jan**

First Collection: \$ TBA  
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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**SATURDAY CLASS**

**Topic: Angels and Demons**

Classes are currently on break. The date of resumption will be announced next year.

**CATECHISM CLASS FOR ADULTS**

Class will resume **THIS**

**THURSDAY** at 6:30pm.

**Next Chapters: 138 - 140**

**Next Topic: Sacrament of Penance**

**LEGION OF MARY**

Meeting will be postponed to Thursday at 6:30 PM due to the evening Mass on Monday.

**DONATIONS:**

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**St Michael the Archangel Latin Mass Chaplaincy, Canberra**

Served by **The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter (FSSP)**



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**Mass & Confession Schedule**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>(Low Mass)</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>(Sung Mass)</b>
<b>Mon - Thurs:</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	<b>(Low Mass)</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>(Low Mass)</b>
	followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:15pm	
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>(Low Mass)</b>

**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.

**5th January 2025  
Holy Name of Jesus**

CALENDAR		
DATE	FEAST	LOCATION / TIME
Mon, 6th Jan	Epiphany of Our Lord	Garran, 6:30PM (Sung)
Tue, 7th Jan	Votive Mass of Holy Trinity	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Wed, 8th Jan	Votive Mass of the Holy Angels	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Thurs, 9th Jan	Daily Requiem Mass	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Fri, 10th Jan	Votive Mass of the Holy Cross	Garran, 6:30PM (Low), followed by Holy Hour until 8:15pm.
Sat, 11th Jan	Comm. of St Hyginus	Garran, 8AM (Rosary); 9AM (Low),
Sun, 12th Jan	Feast of the Holy Family	Garran, 8AM (Low); 9:30AM (Rosary) 10AM (Sung)

**NEW YEAR  
COMMUNITY LUNCH**

**DATE: 2ND FEB, 2025 (SUN)**  
**TIME: AFTER 10AM MASS**

**During which Fr. Leung will give a  
talk regarding the new year plan.**

**PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE !**



### The “Chalking” of the doors



Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, Theophany, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual – adapted for 2025 – is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20 + C + M + B + 25**.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi – Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar – who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus*

*mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “25” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice which is deeply tied to the Passover. It is written in Exodus 12:1-13 that the Lord said to Moses and Aaron while in the land of Egypt ... “take some of the blood [of the lamb], and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat them. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it ... The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.” though it appears to be somewhat less well-known in the United States, It is, however, an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there. The timing for the chalking of the doors is performed on the traditional Feast of the Epiphany – the Twelfth Day of Christmas. It can be done at any church, home, or dwelling. Traditionally the blessing is done by either a priest or the father of the family. This blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription and offering a short prayer, or more elaborately, including songs, prayers, processions, the burning of incense, and the sprinkling of holy water.

Practicing traditions like the chalking of the doors helps us to live our Faith more concretely and serve as an outward sign of our dedication to Our Lord. Our homes are also the place where many of us will make the greatest strides in our spiritual growth, through observance of daily prayer, spiritual reading, and work offered as an oblation to God.

The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!