

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

If you would like to have your house 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 at Ezechiel House in Petersham, Sydney. For more info, please contact Fr. Wong at 9572 9694.

CASH & ONLINE DONATIONS

29 Dec - 4 Jan

First Collection: \$ 2323.9
Second Collection: \$ 1949.5
Building fund: \$ 205

5 Jan - 11 Jan

First Collection: \$ 2578.9
Second Collection: \$ 1899.5
Building fund: \$ 615

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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 meets **EVERY THURSDAY** between 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

Next Chapters: 141 - 144

Next Topic: Sacrament of Penance

LEGION OF MARY

It meets **EVERY MONDAY** at 6:30pm.

DONATIONS:

Cheque donations to: *thanks for your support*
FSSP Australia
PO Box 6241, Mawson, ACT2607

Bank Account Details:
For online donations **ONLY**

First Collection (Apostolate)
BSB 062 786 A/c No: 0002007
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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.

**12th January 2025
Feast of the Holy Family**

CALENDAR

DATE	FEAST	LOCATION / TIME
Mon, 13th Jan	Baptism of Our Lord	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Tue, 14th Jan	St Hilary	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Wed, 15th Jan	St Paul the Hermit	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Thurs, 16th Jan	Pope St Marcellus I	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Fri, 17th Jan	St Anthony	Garran, 6:30PM (Low), followed by Holy Hour until 8:15pm.
Sat, 18th Jan	Saturday of Our Lady	Garran, 8AM (Rosary); 9AM (Low),
Sun, 19th Jan	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	Garran, 8AM (Low); 9:30AM (Rosary) 10AM (Sung)

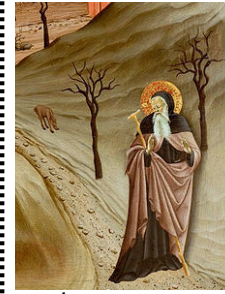
**NEW YEAR
COMMUNITY LUNCH**

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 !

SAINT OF THE WEEK St Anthony of the Desert



St Anthony of the Desert, born in 251 in Upper Egypt, is known as the Father of Monasticism. Raised in a wealthy Christian family, Anthony was deeply influenced by his faith. At the age of 20, he attended a Mass where the words of Jesus pierced his heart: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven" (Matthew 19:21). Taking these words literally, he sold his vast inheritance, ensuring his younger sister's education and care, and embarked on a life of solitude

and prayer. Eager to grow in holiness, Anthony sought out an older hermit to guide him. He also visited other holy men, learning from their virtues and imitating their practices. Eventually, Anthony withdrew completely from society, taking up residence in an abandoned structure. He sealed its entrance, dedicating himself to God through intense prayer, fasting, and penance.

Anthony's life in solitude became a battleground for spiritual warfare. The devil attacked him with severe temptations, appearing as monstrous beasts and physically harming him. On one occasion, demons beat him so badly that he was found unconscious and thought dead. Yet, upon recovering, Anthony insisted on returning to his solitude, declaring, "I fear you not; you cannot separate me from the love of Christ." His unwavering faith drove away the devils, and Christ appeared to console and strengthen him.

Anthony's discipline was extraordinary. He ate only bread and water, sometimes fasting for days. His clothing was simple—sackcloth and sheepskin—and he often spent entire nights in prayer. His profound holiness and spiritual wisdom attracted many followers who sought his counsel. Though he loved solitude, he eventually established two monasteries, creating a rule of life for his disciples. This marked the beginning of cenobitic monasticism, a form of communal monastic living.

In 311, during the persecution of Christians under Emperor Maximinus, Anthony briefly left his desert retreat to visit Alexandria. He comforted persecuted Christians and defended the faith against the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. Despite his growing fame, he soon returned to an even more remote solitude.

In his later years, at the age of 90, Anthony received a vision instructing him to seek Saint Paul the Hermit, another ascetic. Their meeting symbolized the bond between the early hermits. Anthony lived until the remarkable age of 105, passing away peacefully in a cave on Mount Kolzim near the Red Sea. In humility, he instructed his disciples to bury him in an unmarked grave to avoid the veneration of his body.

Saint Anthony's life, as chronicled by Saint Athanasius, serves as a model of virtue and perseverance. His unwavering faith, humility, and devotion laid the foundation for Christian monasticism, inspiring countless souls to seek God with undivided hearts. His legacy remains a guiding light for those striving for holiness.