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UNCH FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) has been postponed to NEXT SUNDAY at 12:15pm, @ Irish Club. During which, Fr will continue Bovce apologetics talk.

<u> A YOUNG LADIES (ages 18-30)</u> FELLOWSHIP NIGHT will be held on **1st of March (Sat)** at 6pm. Refreshments will be provided. No need to bring food, but please bring a friend! This is a chance to socialise with other young catholic ladies and ladies discerning the faith. The dress code is smart casual. For anv questions and to RSVP, text Louise on 0421 841 902 or email louise312jones@outlook.com.au.

Join the **NEW ST. ANNE'S** MOTHER GROUP!

Please RSVP for catering.

77 First Meeting: Friday, 28th February (1) Time: 10:00 AM

Open to all mothers! Fr Bovce will give a talk about the group and its aims, followed by a morning tea and time together. Please see Father for more details.

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SATURDAY CLASS

Topic: Angels and Demons Classes are currently on break. The date of resumption will be annouced soon.

CATECHISM CLASS FOR ADULTS

Classes are currently on break. It will resume 13th Mar (Thurs) Next Chapters: 157-159

Next Topic: Sacrament of Holy Order

LEGION OF MARY

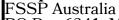
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Mass & Confession Schedule

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.

16th February 2025 Septuagesima Sunday

	CALENDAR	******
DATE	FEAST	LOCATION / TIME
Mon, 17th Feb	Feria	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Tue, 18th Feb	Comm. of St Simeon	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Wed, 19th Feb	Feria	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Thurs, 20th Feb	Feria	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Fri, 21st Feb	Feria	Garran, 6:30PM (Low), followed by Holy Hour until 8:15pm.
Sat, 22nd Feb	Chair of St Peter	Garran, 8AM (Rosary); 9AM (Sung),
Sun, 23rd Feb	Sexagesima Sunday	Garran, 8AM (Low); 9:30AM (Rosary) 10AM (Sung)



DID ST. PETER STEAL HIS CHAIR FROM A

ROMAN SUN CULT?



The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. celebrated on February 22, honors the papacy and its connection to St. Peter, the first pope. Historically, the feast was observed on two different dates: January 18, commemorating Peter's time in Rome, and February 22, associated with his stay in Antioch. The Church originally kept the January date until Pope St. John XXIII revised the calendar, consolidating the feast on February 22. This celebration underscores the significance of the pope's role as the visible head of the

Church.

The term "Chair of St. Peter" often refers to the pope's infallible teaching authority. However, there is also a literal chair, an ancient wooden rélic enshrinéd in the apse of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This chair, gifted by Holy Roman Emperor Charles the Bald to Pope John VIII in 875, is preserved within an elaborate sculpture by Gian Lorenzo Bernini. Though some traditions claim the chair once belonged to Peter himself, modern scholars consider this unlikely.

Certain anti-Catholic groups and atheists have argued that the chair's inscriptions link it to the Roman cult of Mithras, suggesting it originally belonged to the Mithraic Pater, or high priest. However, this theory is historically flawed. Mithraism had already faded by the time the chair was crafted, making any direct connection implausible. The presence of zodiac signs on the chair is also cited as evidence of pagan influence, but such symbols were widely used in Roman culture, including in scientific and astronomical contexts. The Church has long been interested in astronomy, so their appearance on the chair is neither surprising nor proof of occult connections.

There is no credible evidence that the Church appropriated the chair from pagan traditions. These claims are poorly supported and do not withstand historical scrutiny. More importantly, the focus of this feast should not be on whether Peter physically sat on this chair, but rather on the deeper meaning of the "Chair of Peter" as a symbol of the pope's authority. The papacy, instituted by Christ, ensures unity and doctrinal fidelity in the Church. This feast reminds Catholics of the divine foundation of the pope's role and his responsibility to shepherd the faithful in truth.

> For more details, please read: https://www.catholic.com/magazine/onlineedition/will-there-be-three-days-of-darkness