

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

A YOUNG LADIES (ages 18-30) 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 any questions and to RSVP, text Louise on 0421 841 902 or email louise312jones@outlook.com.au. Please RSVP for catering.

Join the **NEW ST. ANNE'S MOTHER GROUP!**
17 First Meeting:
Friday, 28th February
🕒 Time: 10:00 AM
Open to all mothers! Fr Boyce will give a talk about the group and its aims, followed by a morning tea and time together. Please see Father for more details.

CASH & ONLINE DONATIONS
9 Feb - 15 Feb
 First Collection: \$ 2584.41
 Second Collection: \$ 1954.66
 Building fund: \$ 105
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 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
 It meets EVERY MONDAY at 6:30pm.

DONATIONS: *thanks for your support*
Cheque donations to:
 FSSP Australia
 PO Box 6241, Mawson, ACT2607
Bank Account Details:
 For online donations **ONLY**
First Collection (Apostolate)
 BSB 062 786 A/c No: 0002007
 A/c Name: Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
Second Collection (Church)
 BSB 062 786 A/c No: 00021179
 A/c Name: Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
Church Building Fund
 BSB 062 786 A/c No: 00029891
 A/c Name: Priestly Fraternity of St Peter (Building fund)

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER
 Denise Sheehan: 0401 404 539



St Michael the Archangel Latin Mass Chaplaincy, Canberra

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

Chaplain:
 Rev. Paul Leung, FSSP
Tel: 0405 527 880
Assistant Priest:
 Rev. Brendan Boyce
Tel: 0414 055 633
Website:
<https://fssp-canberra.org>
Email:
canberra.fssp@gmail.com



Postal Address:
 PO Box 6241,
 Mawson, ACT 2607,
 Australia
Presbytery Address:
 374 Norton Rd,
 Wamboin, NSW 2620.
Prebystery Tel:
 6161 5320
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/FSSP-Canberra-St-Michael-the-Archangel>

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

CONFESION

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 relic enshrined 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/online-edition/will-there-be-three-days-of-darkness>

ALL NIGHT ADORATION

during LENT

Date: 22nd March, 2025 (FRI)

Time: Begin after Mass UNTIL the NEXT DAY

Sign-up sheet will be placed at the foyer.

