

The next **ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE** will be held on April 5th (SAT) at 4pm. All current servers are encouraged to attend. Children and young men who are interested in joining are also most welcome!

**NEXT COMMUNITY LUNCH WILL BE HELD ON 6th APRIL (NEXT SUN)** after 10am Mass.

A **SPECIAL COMMUNITY LUNCH** will be held after Easter Sunday 10am Mass. Please bring a plate to share!

**Reminder: Daylight saving time will end next Sunday, so remember to move your clock an hour earlier.**

The **FINAL CATECHISM, CONFIRMATION, and YOUTH APOLOGETICS** class this term is on April 6<sup>th</sup> (NEXT SUN). Classes resume May 4th.

A special collection for the **BUILDING FUND** will be taken on the last Sunday of each month at both Masses. **(Starting today)**  
Thank you for your support!

**CASH & ONLINE DONATIONS**

**23 Mar - 29 Mar**

First Collection: \$ 1926.3  
Second Collection: \$ 1419  
Building fund: \$ 838

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**SATURDAY CLASS**

**Topic: Gospel of St Matthew**  
Class meets **EVERY SATURDAY** between 10:30am - 11:30am.

**CATECHISM CLASS FOR ADULTS**

Class meets **EVERY THURSDAY** between 6:30pm - 7:30pm  
**Next Chapters:** 166-168  
**Next Topic:** Sacrament of Marriage

**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  
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)

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

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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**

**CONFESION**

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

**30th March 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

# CALENDAR

DATE	FEAST	LOCATION / TIME
Mon, 31st Mar	Monday in 4th week of Lent	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Tue, 1st Apr	Tuesday in 4th week of Lent	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Wed, 2nd Apr	Wednesday in 4th week of Lent	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Thurs, 3rd Apr	Thursday in 4th week of Lent	Garran, 7AM (Low), followed by Adoration until 8:30am.
Fri, 4th Apr	Friday in 4th week of Lent (First Friday)	Garran, 5:45PM (Stations) followed by 6:30PM Sung Mass and Devotion to Sacres Heart & Holy Hour until 8:30pm.
Sat, 5th Apr	Saturday in 4th week of Lent (First Saturday)	Garran, <b>8:30AM (Rosary);</b> 9AM (Low),
Sun, 6th Apr	Passion Sunday	Garran, 8AM (Low); 9:30AM (Rosary) 10AM (Sung)

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Solemn Mass</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until mid-night</b>		
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>10am</b>
Confessions will be available after Stations		
	<b>Mass of Presanctified</b>	<b>3pm</b>
	<b>Tenebrae Service</b>	<b>8pm</b>
<b>(held at St Christopher's Cathedral)</b>		
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>Solemn Mass</b>	<b>9pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Low Mass</b>	<b>8am</b>
	<b>Solemn Mass</b>	<b>10am</b>
During Holy Triduum, confessions will only be heard before and after the ceremony		



## THE GOLDEN ROSE



The Golden Rose is a sacred ornament made of pure gold, blessed annually by the Pope and bestowed as a sign of special reverence. Traditionally given to distinguished churches, Catholic monarchs, renowned generals, or loyal Catholic cities, it serves as a mark of the Pope's esteem and paternal affection. The Golden Rose is blessed on Laetare Sunday (the fourth Sunday of Lent), a day symbolizing hope and joy amid Lenten penance. This Sunday is sometimes called Rose Sunday, and rose-colored vestments replace the usual penitential purple. The Rose represents Christ's majesty, His Passion (with its red tint and thorns), and the sweet fragrance of His grace, which His followers should spread.

The origins of the Golden Rose are uncertain, but it predates 1050, as Pope Leo IX referenced it as an ancient tradition. The earliest versions were simple golden roses, later enhanced by Pope Sixtus IV with thorny branches, multiple roses, and a small cup filled with musk and balsam. The ornament varied in size and design over the centuries, with some roses adorned with precious gems. Some were exceptionally large, such as the one given to Amelia of Brunswick, weighing 20 pounds of gold and nearly 18 inches tall.

Originally, the Pope carried the Golden Rose in a grand procession in Rome, blessing the faithful. During the Avignon Papacy (1305-1375), the ceremony moved to the papal chapel. Over time, the tradition of gifting the Rose expanded beyond Rome, and by the 17th century, it was primarily given to queens, princesses, and noblemen, while Catholic kings and emperors received a ceremonial sword instead. The role of delivering the Rose to recipients was assigned to papal legates, nuncios, and Apostolic ablegates.

The ritual of blessing the Rose includes prayers, incense, and holy water. It remains on the altar during a solemn Mass before being stored until it is presented. While initially presented to a distinguished Catholic ruler in Rome, by the 17th century, the Pope often sent it abroad. The Golden Rose, once an honor given frequently, has become a rare and highly esteemed papal gift, maintaining its deep spiritual symbolism as a sign of Christ's joy, suffering, and triumph.