

You are warmly invited to join us for the **MAY CROWNING and MARIAN PROCESSION** on **4th May** (the First Sunday of May) after 10am Mass. During this special celebration in honour of Our Lady, we will recite the Rosary and sing Marian hymns

The next **MEN of ST JOSEPH** meeting will be held on **13th May (TUESDAY)**, with Rosary at 5:30pm, followed by Mass (Topic: Patron of the Dying) at 6pm, Consecration, dinner and group discussion.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Date: **27th April 2025 (TODAY)**
Schedule

3pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Recitation of Divine Mercy Chaplet

4pm: Benediction
Confessions will be available!

ST ANNE'S MOTHERS GROUP MEETING will be held on **2nd May (THIS FRIDAY)** at 10am.

CASH & ONLINE DONATIONS **20 Apr - 26 Apr**

First Collection: \$ 2925
Second Collection: \$ 1459.3
Building fund: \$ 2640
Holy Land: 1387.55
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SATURDAY CLASS

Topic: Gospel of St Matthew

The Class is currently on break. It will resume on **10th May, (Sat)** at 10:30am.

CATECHISM CLASS FOR ADULTS

Class is currently on break. It will resume on **8th May. (Thurs).**

Next Chapters: 169-171

Next Topic: Preparation for Marriage

LEGION OF MARY

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

DONATIONS:

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PO Box 6241, Mawson, ACT2607

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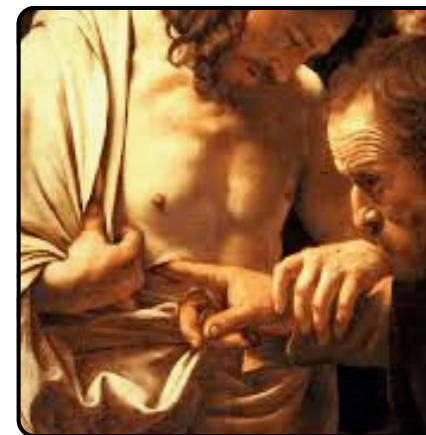
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Mass & Confession Schedule

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.

**27th April 2025
Low Sunday**

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DATE	FEAST	LOCATION / TIME
Mon, 28th Apr	Requiem Mass for Late Pope Francis	Garran, 7AM (Low) 6:30 PM (Sung)
Tue, 29th Apr	St Peter the Martyr	Garran, 7AM (Low) 6:30PM (Vespers)
Wed, 30th Apr	St Catharina	Garran, 7AM (Low)
Thurs, 1st May	St Joseph the Worker	Garran, 7AM (Low), followed by Adoration until 8:30am. 6:30PM (Sung)
Fri, 2nd May	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart (First Friday)	Garran, 6:30PM (Sung) followed by Devotion to S. Heart and Holy Hour.
Sat, 3rd May	Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart (First Saturday)	Garran, 8:30AM (Rosary) 9AM (Low),
Sun, 27th Apr	Low Sunday	Garran, 8AM (Low); 9:30AM (Rosary) 10AM (Sung)

Community Dinner

with All FSSP Priests of the Oceania District

You're warmly invited to a special evening of prayer and fellowship with the FSSP community!

Date: 29th April 2025, THIS TUESDAY

Time: 6:30 PM – Solemn Vespers, followed by dinner at the school hall.

Join us for Solemn Vespers in the church, then head over to the school hall for a potluck-style community dinner with all the FSSP priests from across the Oceania district!

**Bring a dish to share!
Sign up sheet is available at the foyer!**

* * * * * IS WORK A PUNISHMENT FOR SIN? * * * * *



May 1 marks the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to counter the communist claim to being the voice of workers by reaffirming the dignity of labor through a Christian lens. Catholicism teaches that work is integral to human nature, not just a response to Marxism or a punishment for sin.

In Genesis, work is part of God's creation. God blessed humanity first with fertility and second with dominion over the earth, calling them to be stewards, not exploiters. "Subduing" the earth means working with creation, using reason and will to shape it responsibly. Like an IKEA project needing assembly, the world was given to humans to develop with effort and creativity. This stewardship highlights the special place of humanity in creation, countering modern environmentalism's claim of species equality by affirming man's unique God-given role.

Genesis offers two creation accounts (Genesis 1 and Genesis 2-3), both emphasizing that man was made to work and care for creation. Even before sin entered the world, man was tasked with tending the Garden of Eden, showing that work is a gift, not a curse. Pope St. John Paul II, in *Laborem exercens*, stressed that by working, humans share in God's creative activity and fulfill their nature.

However, after the Fall, work became toilsome. Sin distorted man's relationship with creation, making labor harder. Adam's punishment—to earn bread by the sweat of his brow—reflects this broken relationship. The world "pushes back," and creation no longer yields its fruits effortlessly. While work remains creative, it now involves struggle, just as childbirth, once a blessing, now involves pain.

Importantly, Genesis also asserts the equality of all people, and by extension, the dignity of all honest work. Every person is called to contribute through work, though roles may vary. Modern society often undervalues manual labor compared to white-collar jobs, creating a "work respect gap." During the COVID-19 pandemic, essential workers were briefly recognized, showing how vital all forms of labor truly are.

Jesus Himself lived in a worker's home. St. Joseph, his foster father, was a carpenter who lived by the sweat of his brow and taught Jesus the value of honest labor. Joseph stands as a model for the dignity of work, reminding Christians to honor all forms of labor. His feast is a call to close the "work respect gap" and affirm the nobility of every honest job.