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The **NEW TERM OF CHILDREN'S CATECHISM** will begin on 8<sup>th</sup> February (Sun) at 9:05am  
Any questions, please contact Fr Leung.

The **BLESSING OF CANDLES** will take place at the evening Mass tomorrow. If you have any candles you would like blessed, please bring them with you before Mass begins.

The **BLESSING OF THROATS** will be given on the Feast of St Blaise (this Tuesday) after the 7:00 am Mass, and again next Sunday after both Masses.

Fr Leung is currently planning the sacramental programs for **FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION** this year and would like to determine how many children are eligible and interested in receiving these sacraments.  
**Eligibility:**  

- First Communion: Ages 7 & above
- Confirmation: Ages 12 and above

 Parents are kindly asked to contact Fr Leung to express interest and provide their child's details.  
Once the numbers have been confirmed, the dates and details of the preparation classes will be announced.  
Please note that for Confirmation, if the number of candidates is fewer than five, the program will likely be deferred until early next year.

The **MEN OF ST JOSEPH** meeting will be held on 11 Feb (Wed), following the usual schedule, beginning at 5:30 pm with the Rosary.

**CASH & ONLINE DONATIONS**  
27<sup>th</sup> Jan - 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 26  
**First Collection:** \$2620  
**Second Collection:** \$1296  
**Building fund:** \$513  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**THURSDAY ONLINE CLASS**  
The next series of our online classes on Eschatology will focus on the topic of **JUDGMENT**. It will begin on **5<sup>th</sup> Feb (This Thurs)** at 7pm.

To register, please visit our website, click on Activities, then select Thursday Online Class and complete the registration form. The login details will be sent directly to you by email.

**SATURDAY BIBLE CLASS** will resume on **14<sup>th</sup> Feb, (Sat)** at 10:30am.

**DONATIONS:**  
**Cheque donations to:**  
 FSSP Australia  
 PO Box 6241, Mawson, ACT2607



**Bank Account Details:**  
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**First Collection (Apostolate)**  
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**Church Building Fund**  
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**A/c Name: Priestly Fraternity of St Peter (Building fund)**

**LEGION OF MARY** meeting will be held **EVERY MONDAY** at **6:30pm**.

The FSSP District of Oceania has a zero tolerance policy towards abuse in any form.  
**SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**  
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# St Michael the Archangel Latin Mass Chaplaincy, Canberra



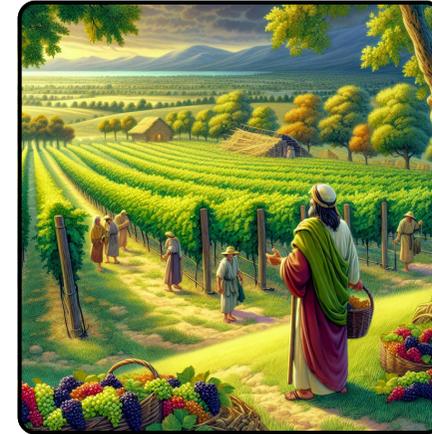
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## Mass & Confession Schedule

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>(Low Mass)</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>(Sung Mass)</b>
<b>Mon - Thurs:</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	<b>(Low Mass)</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>(Low Mass)</b>
	followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:15pm	
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>(Low Mass)</b>

**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.

**1st February 2026**  
**Septuagesima Sunday**

# CALENDAR

DATE	FEAST	LOCATION / TIME
Mon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Candlemas	7AM (Low) 6:30PM (Sung)
Tue, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Comm. of St Blaise	7AM (Low)
Wed, 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	St Andrew Corsini	7AM (Low)
Thurs, 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	St Agatha	7AM (Low), followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30am
Fri, 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart (First Friday)	6:30PM (Sung) followed by Holy Hour until 8:15pm
Sat, 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	St Romuald (First Saturday)	8:30AM (Rosary), 9AM (Low)
Sun, 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sexagesima Sunday	8AM (Low); 9:30AM (Rosary) 10AM (Sung)

**Happy New Year 2026**

**NEW YEAR COMMUNITY LUNCH**

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2026 (TODAY)**

**Time: After 10am Mass**

**Bring a plate to share with the community!**

## Blessing of Throats



The Blessing of Throats, celebrated each year around the feast of St Blaise, is one of the Church's most familiar and beloved sacramentals. Its origin is closely bound to the life, martyrdom, and enduring reputation of this early Christian bishop.

A story often told illustrates the heart of this devotion. A priest once recalled that when he was a child, his brother began choking on a bone. In her panic, their mother cried out for the help of St Blaise, and the danger passed almost immediately. Whether the situation was truly life-threatening or not, the story echoes the most famous tradition associated with the saint: while imprisoned for refusing to

renounce his faith, St Blaise is said to have miraculously saved a young boy who was choking on a fish bone.

Historically, very little is known with certainty about St Blaise. One of the earliest written references to him appears in the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, a court physician of the late fifth or early sixth century, who records that Christians invoked St Blaise's intercession for ailments involving the throat. This testimony shows that devotion to the saint was already well established only a few centuries after his death.

Tradition tells us that Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, and that he suffered martyrdom around AD 316, during the persecution under Emperor Licinius. Born into a noble Christian family, he was trained as a physician before being elected bishop at a young age. During the persecution, Blaise withdrew to a cave outside the city, living as a hermit. There he became known for healing not only people, but even sick and wounded wild animals.

Eventually, hunters discovered him and brought him before Agricolaus, the governor of the region. Despite witnessing signs of Blaise's holiness, the governor demanded that he deny his faith. When the bishop refused, he was brutally beaten, tortured with iron combs used for carding wool, and finally beheaded.

By the sixth century, St Blaise was widely invoked in the East for illnesses of the throat, and by the ninth century his devotion had spread throughout Europe. In the Middle Ages he became one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints especially venerated in times of sickness and danger. Churches, altars, and relics dedicated to him appeared across the Christian world, from Germany to France, and he became the patron saint of Dubrovnik after a legendary apparition in 971.

From this long tradition emerged the custom of blessing throats with two crossed candles – usually blessed on Candlemas, February 2, while invoking St Blaise's intercession. Rooted in Christ's own ministry of healing, the Church understands this blessing as a sign of God's care for both body and soul. Ordinarily given on February 3, the memorial of St Blaise, it reminds the faithful that even in illness and vulnerability, they are never abandoned by God or the communion of saints.

**Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**