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**EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING** will commence shortly after the Feast of Epiphany. To have your home blessed, please either fill out the sign up sheet located in the foyer or arrange a time directly with one of the priests.

**WORKING BEE AT THE CHURCH**  
The Men of St. Joseph are hosting a working bee to help maintain our church grounds and facilities. All men are welcome to join us!  
**When:** Saturday, 17th January  
**Time:** Starting around 10:15 am  
Breakfast, light refreshments, coffee, and tea provided!  
**Please let Fr Leung know if you are coming.**

The **MEN OF ST JOSEPH MEETING** is taking a break this month due to the holidays. We'll be resuming our regular catch-ups on 11th Feb (Wed)

**BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER**  
We will bless Epiphany Water (& Salt) **Tomorrow**, after Mass.  
If you would like a large quantity of Epiphany Water, please bring a resealable water container of at least 3 litres, with a wide opening.  
If you only need a small amount, please bring your own empty containers. A blue canister of blessed water will be available in the foyer for filling.  
Please ensure that all containers are clearly labelled with your name, using a visible tag or marker.

**CASH & ONLINE DONATIONS**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Dec + 28<sup>th</sup> Dec - 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 2026**  
First Collection: \$ 3422.35  
Second Collection: \$ 1633.6  
Building fund: \$ 875  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Please note that both the **THURSDAY ONLINE CLASS** and the **SATURDAY BIBLE CLASS** are currently on break. The dates for their resumption will be announced next year. Thank you for your understanding.

**LEGION OF MARY** meeting will be held **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: 00020007  
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)

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

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## Mass & Confession Schedule

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

**4th January 2026**  
**Feast of the Holy Name**

# CALENDAR

DATE	FEAST	LOCATION / TIME
Mon, 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Comm. of St Telesphorus	7AM (Low)
<b>Tue, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Feast of Epiphany</b>	<b>6:30PM (Sung)</b>
Wed, 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Votive Mass of St Joseph	7AM (Low)
Thurs, 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament	7AM (Low), followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30am
Fri, 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Votive Mass of the Holy Cross	6:30PM (Low) followed by Holy Hour until 8:15pm
Sat, 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Saturday of Our Lady	8:30AM (Rosary), 9AM (Low)
Sun, 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Feast of the Holy Family	8AM (Low); 9:30AM (Rosary) 10AM (Sung)

**Happy New Year 2026**

**NEW YEAR COMMUNITY LUNCH**

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2026**

**Time: After 10am Mass**

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

## The Treasures of Epiphany



The Feast of the Epiphany commemorates the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world, symbolized by the journey of the Magi. A beautiful and enduring custom of this feast is the blessing of specific sacramentals: water, gold, frankincense, myrrh, and chalk. Far from mere holiday decorations, these items carry deep theological significance, inviting the mystery of the Incarnation into our very homes and daily routines.

### The Symbolic Language of the Gifts

The traditional gifts of the Magi: gold, frankincense, and myrrh represent the triple identity of the Christ Child. Gold acknowledges His Kingship; it is the tribute paid to the Sovereign of the universe. Frankincense, the sweet-smelling resin used in temple worship, points to His Divinity, rising like prayer to the Father. Myrrh, an embalming ointment used in burial, foreshadows His humanity and His saving Passion. When these are blessed on Epiphany, they serve as reminders that our own lives, talents, and possessions should be offered in service to Christ's royal, divine, and sacrificial mission.

Epiphany Water also holds a special place in the liturgy. Recalling Christ's baptism in the Jordan which is another "epiphany" or manifestation, this water is blessed with unique prayers of exorcism. It is used to sprinkle homes, signify spiritual purification, and remind us of our own baptismal calling to be the "light of the world."

Finally, there is the blessing of chalk. It is used to mark the lintels of our doors with the current year and the initials of the Magi (C+M+B). While these initials traditionally stand for Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, they also represent the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* "May Christ bless this house." This act of marking the doorway is a way of claiming our homes for God, making our domestic lives a sanctuary for the Holy Family and a place of hospitality for others.

While these sacramentals are powerful aids to faith, the Church offers a firm and necessary warning: they must never be used as charms or objects of superstition. A sacramental is not "magic." Its power does not reside in the physical object itself, nor does it work like a lucky charm to automatically guarantee wealth, health, or protection. Using Epiphany water or chalk as a way to "force" God's hand or to ward off bad luck is a grave misunderstanding of the Gospel.

Instead, these items are meant to excite our faith and devotion. They are outward signs of an inward spiritual reality. The chalk on the door is spiritually empty if the hearts inside the house are not striving for holiness. These blessings are invitations for us to cooperate with God's grace. When used with a humble and prayerful heart, they become "short-cuts" to the presence of God, helping us to live every day in the light of the Star that led the Magi to Bethlehem.

**20+C+M+B+26**