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The next **ST CATHERINE WOMEN'S GROUP** will be held on **22<sup>nd</sup> Feb (TODAY)** at 12:30pm. We will begin with lunch followed by a spiritual talk on the Dialogue of St Catherine at 1:15pm and discussion. Please let Fr Leung know if you are coming.

**LUNCH WITH YOUNG ADULTS** will be held on **22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, (TODAY)** at 12:15pm. @ The Irish Club.

**MEN'S RETREAT**  
**Date:** 2nd – 6th March (Mon-Fri)  
**Theme:** Spirituality of Edith Stein aka St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

The conferences will consider how this Carmelite Saint combined both intellectualism and genuine Catholic piety to arrive at union with God.

**Venue:** Hartzler Park Retreat Centre, Bowral NSW.  
 For bookings please email Fr Adrian Wee FSSP: [theoudoulos@gmail.com](mailto:theoudoulos@gmail.com).

**HOLY ASHES** will be distributed after both Masses for those who were unable to attend last Wednesday and would still like to receive them.

**REMINDER**  
 We would like to remind everyone to please keep your personal belongings (bags, purses, etc.) with you at all time when on the church property.

**ST ANNE MOTHERS' GROUP** meeting will resume on **27<sup>th</sup> Feb (Fri)** at 10am. New Members are welcome!

**CASH & ONLINE DONATIONS**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Feb - 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 26**  
 First Collection: \$ 2137.1  
 Second Collection: \$ 1298.7  
 Building fund: \$ 316  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**THURSDAY ONLINE CLASS**  
**Topic:** Eschatology - Judgment  
 Class meets **EVERY THURSDAY** between 7pm - 8:15pm.  
 If you are interested, please register through our website, just go to the Activities tab and select Thursday class. The login details will be sent directly to the email you register with. If you are trying to join the class and get stuck waiting in the chat room, please give Fr Leung a call. The recording for last week's class has been uploaded on our YouTube channel: FSSP Canberra  
**SATURDAY BIBLE CLASS**  
 meets **EVERY SATURDAY** between 10:30am - 11:30am.

**DONATIONS:**  
**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  
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**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)

**LEGION OF MARY** meeting will be held **THIS THURSDAY** at 6:30pm.

The FSSP District of Oceania has a zero tolerance policy towards abuse in any form.  
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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**

**CONFESSION**

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

**22nd February 2026  
 First Sunday of Lent**

# CALENDAR

DATE	FEAST	LOCATION / TIME
Mon, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Chair of St Peter	7AM (Low); 6:30PM (Sung)
Tue, 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Monday in 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent	7AM (Low)
Wed, 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ember Wednesday in Lent	7AM (Low)
Thurs, 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thursday in 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent	7AM (Low), followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30am
Fri, 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ember Friday in Lent	5:45PM (Stations), 6:30PM (Low) & Holy Hour until 8:15pm
Sat, 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ember Saturday in Lent	8:30AM (Rosary), 9AM (Low)
Sun, 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Second Sunday of Lent	8AM (Low); 9:30AM (Rosary) 10AM (Sung)

**The Next COMMUNITY LUNCH**

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 2026 (NEXT SUNDAY)**

**Time: After 10am Mass**

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

## The Chair of St Peter and the Unity of the Early Church



The Feast of the Chair of St Peter reminds us that the unity of the Church is rooted in an office established by Christ Himself. When Our Lord said to Peter, “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church” (Mt 16:18), He was instituting a visible principle of unity. The “Chair” represents teaching authority, governance, and apostolic continuity. It signifies that the Church’s unity is safeguarded through a concrete office, not left to individual interpretation.

It is sometimes imagined that the early Church existed in perfect harmony, free from conflict. This is a myth. The New Testament itself records disagreements, such as the dispute between Peter and Paul. From the earliest centuries, the Church faced serious doctrinal challenges. Gnosticism claimed secret knowledge as the true Christian faith, while Arianism denied the full divinity of Christ. These controversies show that disputes were present from the beginning.

However, disagreement did not mean fragmentation. The early Church confronted heresies not by forming rival churches, but by clarifying doctrine and preserving communion. The development of the canon of Scripture, the formulation of the Nicene Creed, and the gathering of ecumenical councils were efforts to defend unity. The Church distinguished between heresy, which had to be rejected, and legitimate theological discussion within the one body.

For roughly the first thousand years, despite regional tensions and theological debates, there remained essentially one united Church. The first major institutional rupture occurred only in 1054 with the East-West Schism. Even then, division followed centuries of strained relations, not immediate doctrinal chaos. Before this, bishops remained in communion, and Rome functioned as a stabilizing center. The Chair of Peter often served as a court of appeal when disputes arose.

The Protestant Reformation in the 16th century introduced a second major rupture. What began as an attempt to correct abuses eventually led to the multiplication of independent church bodies. Over time, this development contributed to the thousands of denominations that exist today.

In contrast, the early Church viewed schism with grave seriousness. Church Fathers described division as “rending the Body of Christ.” They were willing to exclude those who denied essential doctrines, but they resisted creating parallel hierarchies. Unity was preserved by maintaining communion in faith and governance.

The Chair of St Peter therefore stands as a sign that Christian unity requires shared doctrine and visible authority. The early Church was not free from conflict, but it was profoundly united in structure and belief. Its unity rested not on the absence of disagreement, but on fidelity to apostolic teaching and communion under a visible shepherd.

**Just a reminder: A special collection is taken at both Masses for the Building Fund today**