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The Next **ST CATHERINE WOMEN'S GROUP** will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12:30pm. We will begin with lunch followed by a spiritual talk on the dialogue of St Catherine and discussion.  
Please let Fr Leung know if you are coming.

**THURSDAY ONLINE CLASS** is currently on break and will resume after Easter. The date of resumption and the topic will be announced soon.  
**SATURDAY BIBLE CLASS** meets **EVERY SATURDAY** between 10:30am - 11:30am.

**CHILDREN'S CATECHISM** is held **EVERY SUNDAY** from 9:05–9:55 am. Anyone aged 6–17 who would like to join is welcome. Please contact Fr Leung for more information.

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**LEGION OF MARY** meeting will be held **THIS 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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**DINNER GATHERING**  
The Legion of Mary warmly invites everyone to a joyful dinner gathering in honour of Our Lady on the Feast of the Annunciation.  
**Date:** 25th March (Wednesday)  
**Time:** After the 6:30pm Sung Mass (approximately 8:00 PM)  
**Venue:** Sts Peter and Paul School Hall  
Food and drinks will be provided by the Legion of Mary.  
**All are welcome!**

**WORKING BEE AT THE CHURCH**  
The Men of St Joseph are hosting a working bee to help maintain the church grounds and facilities, and to clean the church in preparation for Easter. All men are welcome to join!  
**When:** 28<sup>th</sup> March (Saturday)  
**Time:** Starting around 10:15 am  
Breakfast, light refreshments, coffee, and tea will be provided.  
Please send an email to Fr Leung if you are planning to attend.

**ST ANNE MOTHER'S GROUP** meeting will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> Mar (Fri) at 10am.  
**Topic for spiritual talk:**  
The Heart of a Catholic Mother  
**NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

**CASH & ONLINE DONATIONS**  
15<sup>th</sup> Mar - 21<sup>st</sup> Mar, 26  
**First Collection:** \$ TBA  
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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>   | (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.

**22nd March 2026**  
**Passion Sunday**

# CALENDAR

| DATE                        | FEAST                                 | LOCATION / TIME   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Mon, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar   | Passion Monday                        | 7AM (Low)   |
| Tue, 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Passion Tuesday                       | 7AM (Low)   |
| Wed, 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Annunciation of Our Lady              | 7AM (Low);<br>6:30PM (Sung)   |
| Thurs, 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar | Passion Thursday                      | 6:30PM (Sung)   |
| Fri, 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Comm. of the Seven Sorrow of Our Lady | 5:45PM (Stations),<br>6:30PM (Sung), followed<br>by Holy Hour until<br>8:30pm |
| Sat, 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Passion Saturday                      | 8:30AM (Rosary),<br>9AM (Low)   |
| Sun, 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Palm Sunday                           | 8AM (Low);<br>9:30AM (Rosary)<br>10AM (Solemn)                                |

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Maundy Thursday** Solemn Mass 7PM  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until mid-night

**Good Friday** Stations of the Cross 10AM  
Confessions will be available after Stations

Mass of Presanctified 3PM

Tenebrae Service 8PM  
(held at St Christopher's Cathedral)

**Easter Vigil** Solemn Mass 9PM

**Easter Sunday** Low Mass 8AM  
Solemn Mass 10AM

During Holy Triduum, Confessions will only be heard before and after the Ceremony

## The Annunciation and the Beginning of Human Life



The Feast of the Annunciation celebrates the moment when the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and announced that she would conceive and bear the Son of God. Mary's humble response, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38), marks the moment when the Word became flesh.

What is important is when this happened. It did not occur nine months later at Christmas. It occurred at the moment Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Church therefore celebrates the Annunciation exactly nine months

before Christmas, because the Incarnation began at conception.

This feast gives us one of the clearest confirmations in the Christian faith that human life begins at conception.

At the instant Mary said "yes" to God, Jesus Christ was truly present in her womb. He was not a potential person who would later become human. He was already the Son of God made man, though hidden in the smallest and most fragile stage of human life. From that first moment of conception, the humanity of Christ was real and complete.

This truth helps us understand the dignity of every human life. Modern science confirms that from the moment of fertilization a new human life begins. The embryo has its own genetic identity, distinct from the mother and the father, and develops continuously from that first moment. The Church therefore teaches that the human embryo must be respected and treated as a person from the moment of conception, because that is when a new human life begins.

Philosophically and theologically, the human person is a unity of body and soul. The soul is the principle of life that makes the body a living human body. As soon as a human life exists, there must also be a human soul. There cannot be a living human body without a soul that gives it life. For this reason the Church rejects the idea that there could be a "pre-ensouled" human being who later becomes a person. If a human life exists, it is already a human person.

Pope St John Paul II explained this clearly in *Evangelium Vitae*: from the moment the ovum is fertilized, a new life begins which is neither that of the father nor the mother, but a new human being with his own development.

The Annunciation reminds us that this truth is not merely a philosophical argument but a mystery of salvation. The Son of God chose to become man not at birth, but at conception. God Himself entered human history in the hidden form of an unborn child.

For this reason the Church defends the unborn so strongly. The womb should be the safest place in the world, a sanctuary of life. Every child conceived shares the same dignity that Christ assumed in the womb of Mary.

Therefore the Annunciation calls us to reverence the beginning of life. Just as Mary welcomed the life of Christ with faith and love, we too are called to protect and defend every human life from its very first moment.