

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MEN OF ST JOSEPH MEETING

We will not be holding our usual meeting on the second Wednesday of April, as it falls very close to Easter Sunday, and we also have an important celebration coming up - the Feast of St Joseph the Worker on 1 May, which is also the anniversary of our group.

Instead, we will gather on: 1 May (Fri) – Feast of St Joseph the Worker Following the evening Mass, we will have a meal and time together to celebrate.

There will be:

- No Men of St Joseph meeting in April
- A special gathering on 1 May after Mass
- Our next regular meeting on Wednesday, 13 May (Rosary, Mass, meal, and discussion)

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Please note that Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday will be cancelled, as both priests will be attending the District meeting in Sydney.

During this time, if there is any emergency, please contact Fr Leung. Thank you for your understanding!

LUNCH WITH YOUNG ADULTS will be cancelled this month. It will resume next month, on 18th May.

The next **ST CATHERINE WOMEN'S GROUP** will be held on 26th April (Sunday) at 12:30pm. We will begin with lunch, followed by a spiritual talk on the Dialogue of St Catherine at 1:15pm and group discussion. Please let Fr Leung know if you are coming.

CASH & ONLINE DONATIONS

5th Apr - 11th April, 26

- First Collection: \$ 2952.85
- Second Collection: \$ 1169
- Building fund: \$ 500
- Donations to Holy Land: \$ 1892

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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

is currently on break and will resume after Easter. The date of resumption will be announced soon.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

Classes will resume **NEXT SUNDAY** on 19th Apr.

DONATIONS:

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

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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.

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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**

CONFESSION

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

**12th April 2026
Low Sunday**

CALENDAR

DATE	FEAST	LOCATION / TIME
Mon, 13 th Apr	St Hermenegild	7AM (Low)
Tue, 14 th Apr	No Mass	No Mass
Wed, 15 th Apr	No Mass	No Mass
Thurs, 16 th Apr	Feria	7AM (Low), followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30am.
Fri, 17 th Apr	Comm. of St Anicetus I	6:30PM (Low), followed by Holy Hour until 8:15pm.
Sat, 18 th Apr	Saturday of Our Lady	8:30AM (Rosary) 9AM (Low)
Sun, 19 th Apr	2nd Sunday after Easter	8AM (Low); 9:30AM (Rosary) 10AM (Sung)

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion

You are warmly invited to join us for Divine Mercy Sunday.

Date: 12th April (TODAY)

Time: 3 PM

Schedule:

3 PM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
4 PM – Benediction

Confessions will be available.

All are welcome!



Low Sunday Its meaning and tradition



Low Sunday is the first Sunday after Easter, a day that gently brings the Church out of the great solemnity of Easter into the rhythm of “ordinary time”. The origin of the name “Low Sunday” is not entirely certain, but it is generally understood as a contrast to the “high” feast of Easter itself. Easter Sunday is the greatest and most glorious feast of the Church, celebrating the Resurrection of Christ, the foundation of our faith. As St Paul says, “If Christ has not risen, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:14). Compared to that supreme feast, this Sunday is

called “low,” not because it is unimportant, but because it is part of the Easter celebration in a quieter and more subdued way.

Liturgically, this day is called *Dominica in albis depositis*, which means “the Sunday on which the white garments are laid aside.” In the early Church, those who were baptised at the Easter Vigil (known as the neophytes) would wear white robes throughout the entire octave of Easter as a sign of their new life in Christ. On this Sunday, they would finally lay aside these garments, symbolising that they were now fully integrated into the Christian community. St Augustine speaks of this custom in his sermons, encouraging the newly baptised to continue living the purity they symbolised outwardly.

Another traditional name for this Sunday is “Quasimodo Sunday,” taken from the Introit of the Mass: “*Quasi modo geniti infantes...*” – “Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk” (1 Peter 2:2). This reminds both the neophytes and all the faithful that the Resurrection is not only something we celebrate, but something we must live. We are called to begin again, to grow spiritually, like newborn children in Christ.

This Sunday is also sometimes called *Pascha clausum*, meaning the “closing of Easter,” as it marks the end of the Easter Octave. The intense joy of Easter Week comes to a kind of liturgical conclusion here, though the spirit of Easter continues throughout the season.

Over time, Low Sunday also became associated with the Gospel of St Thomas, often called “Doubting Thomas.” In this Gospel, Christ shows His wounds and invites Thomas to believe: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe” (John 20:29). This fits beautifully with the theme of the day, as the newly baptised, and indeed all of us, are called to live by faith in the Risen Lord.

In more recent times, this Sunday has also been known as Divine Mercy Sunday, highlighting God’s mercy flowing from the Passion and Resurrection of Christ.

Low Sunday, therefore, is not a lesser feast, but a deeply meaningful one. It reminds us that the joy of Easter must continue in our daily lives. The white garments may be laid aside, the great ceremonies may be over, but the grace of the Resurrection remains. We are now called to live as ordinary Christians, but with renewed hearts, resting in Christ, trusting in His mercy, and growing steadily in the new life He has given us.