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MEN OF ST JOSEPH MEETING

In honour of our patron, St Joseph, and to celebrate the anniversary of our men's group, a special gathering will be held on 1st May (Thurs), following the 6:30pm Mass, at the Mawson Club. All men are warmly invited to attend. Please RSVP to assist with arrangements.

Our next regular meeting will be held on 13th May (Wed). We will begin with the Rosary at 5:30pm, followed by Mass, and then a meal and discussion. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

The next **ST ANNE MOTHERS' GROUP** will be held on **24th April (Fri)** at 10am. **Topic:** The Heart of a Catholic Mother, followed by a time of discussion.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Some of the members in our community have generously taken the initiative to organise a **monthly prayer and dinner gathering** - a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, build friendships, and support one another in the spiritual life. The **first gathering** will be held on **29th April (Wednesday)**.
Schedule:
6pm - 6:30pm: Rosary
6:30pm: Dinner at the back of the church
Please **RSVP** to help with catering for food. All are most welcome!
Feel free to invite friends!

The next **ST CATHERINE WOMEN'S GROUP** will be held on **26th April (Next Sun)** 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

12th Apr - 18th April, 26
First Collection: \$ 2649.7
Second Collection: \$ 1739.6
Building fund: \$ 280

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

THURSDAY ONLINE CLASS

The next series of our online classes on Eschatology will focus on the topic of **Death and how to prepare for it**. It will begin on 7th May (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 3rd May (Sat), at 10:30am.

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

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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.

19th April 2026
2nd Sunday after Easter

CALENDAR

DATE	FEAST	LOCATION / TIME
Mon, 20 th Apr	Votive Mass for Peace	7AM (Low)
Tue, 21 st Apr	St Anselm	7AM (Low)
Wed, 22 nd Apr	Sts Soter and Caius	7AM (Low)
Thurs, 23 rd Apr	Comm. of St George	7AM (Low), followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30am.
Fri, 24 th Apr	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen	6:30PM (Low), followed by Holy Hour until 8:15pm.
Sat, 25 th Apr	Requiem Mass (Anzac Day)	8:30AM (Rosary) 9AM (Sung)
Sun, 26 th Apr	3rd Sunday after Easter	8AM (Low); 9:30AM (Rosary) 10AM (Sung)

If you have left any kitchenware at the church, either here or during past community lunches, it is currently placed in the foyer. Please collect your items before the end of the month. Any unclaimed items after that time will be donated to a charitable organisation. Thank you!

MAY CROWNING in honour of Our Lady

Date: 3 May, (Sunday)
following the 10am Mass

During which, we will crown Our Lady as Queen of Heaven and Earth, entrusting ourselves and our families to her maternal care. This will be followed by a Marian procession, during which we will walk together in prayer, singing Marian hymns and reciting the Holy Rosary.

We especially encourage families and children to take part in this joyful and prayerful event.
All are most welcome to join us!

SAINTS OF THE WEEK Sts Soter and Caius



St. Soter and St. Caius were two early Popes of the Catholic Church whose lives, though not richly documented, reveal important aspects of the Church's growth, charity, and structure in the first centuries. Both are traditionally venerated as martyrs, although no fully reliable historical accounts of their martyrdom survive. Their memory is kept by the Church as witnesses of fidelity during a time of both internal challenges and external uncertainty.

St. Soter, originally from Fundi in Italy, served as Bishop of Rome approximately from 166 to 174. His

pontificate stands out especially for its remarkable charity and pastoral care. One of the most valuable historical testimonies about him comes from Dionysius of Corinth, whose letter—preserved by Eusebius of Caesarea—describes Soter as a generous and fatherly figure. The Roman Church, even at this early stage, had developed a tradition of supporting other Christian communities, especially those in need. Under Soter, this tradition not only continued but increased. He sent financial aid to churches across various cities, helped the poor, and even provided assistance to Christians condemned to work in mines—one of the harshest punishments of the time.

This same letter also reveals something significant about the early Church: Pope Soter wrote to other churches, and his letter was read publicly alongside earlier important writings, such as that of Pope Clement. This shows how the Bishop of Rome was already seen as a source of guidance and unity. Soter was not only charitable but also firm in doctrine. He is said to have opposed Montanism, a movement that denied forgiveness for serious sins after baptism. In defending the Church's teaching on mercy and repentance, he preserved the balance between justice and compassion.

St. Caius, who reigned later from 283 to 296, lived during a relatively peaceful period before the great persecution under Emperor Diocletian. Tradition holds that Caius was related to Diocletian, which makes his position particularly interesting: he led the Church while being connected, at least by family, to the very imperial system that would soon persecute Christians severely.

During his pontificate, Caius contributed to the development of ecclesiastical discipline. One notable decree attributed to him required that a man pass through the proper stages of clerical formation before becoming a bishop, reinforcing order and structure within the Church's hierarchy. Although some accounts claim he spent years in hiding in the catacombs and died as a confessor, these details are uncertain. What is clear is that he guided the Church quietly and faithfully during a transitional period.

Both Popes were buried in the Cemetery of St. Callistus, a significant burial place for early Popes. Their shared feast day, celebrated on April 22, reflects the Church's recognition of their common witness.

Though much about their lives remains hidden, St. Soter and St. Caius represent two enduring pillars of the early Church: charity and order—both essential for the life and mission of the Church in every age.