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Recently, we received a very generous donation of a large number of religious books, including some very good Catholic books. So, **TODAY** after the 10am Mass, we will have a little **BOOK FAIR**. The books will be available for purchase at very low prices, so please come and have a look.

The **ST CATHERINE WOMEN'S GROUP** meeting will be held today following the community lunch. The spiritual talk will begin at **12:45 pm**, followed by group discussion and a Q&A session.

LEGION OF MARY MEETING
Because of the evening Mass on Monday, the meeting will be postponed to another day during the week. Please contact the Legion of Mary for the new meeting time.

LUNCH WITH YOUNG ADULTS will be held **Next Sunday** at 12:15pm. @ Irish Club

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 will be celebrated on 4th October, (Sunday) during the 10 am Mass. A reception for the First Communicants will follow during our community lunch that day.

CASH & ONLINE DONATIONS
6th Sept - 12th Sept, 26
First Collection: \$ 2020.1
Second Collection: \$ 1357.1
Building fund: \$ 536
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

THURSDAY ONLINE CLASS
Class is currently on break. The date of resumption will soon be announced.

SATURDAY BIBLE CLASS
Class will resume this Saturday between 10:30-11:30am.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM meets **EVERY SUNDAY** from 9am to 9:55am

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Cheque donations to:
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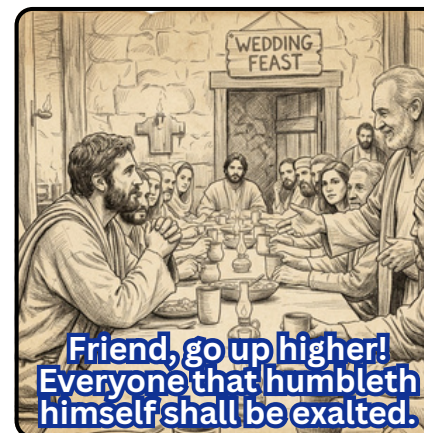
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Mass & Confession Schedule

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)

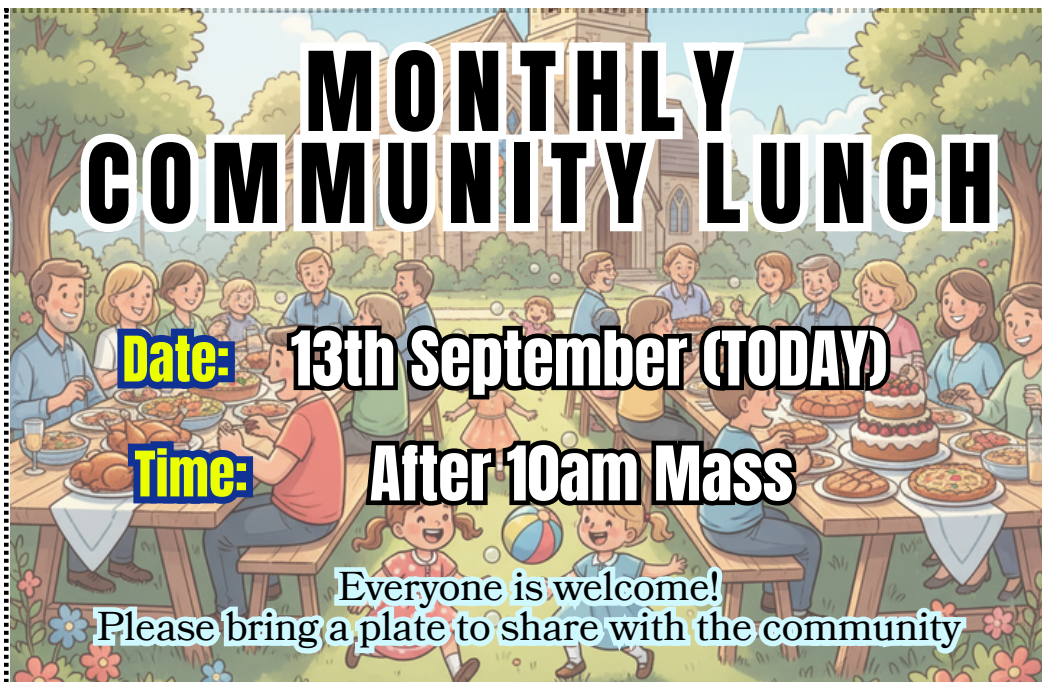
Venue: Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Garran
2 Boake Pl, Garran, ACT 2605

CONFESION

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

13th September 2026
16th Sunday after Pentecost

 CALENDAR 		
DATE	FEAST	LOCATION / TIME
Mon, 14th Sept	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	7AM (Low) 6:30PM (Sung)
Tue, 15th Sept	Seven Sorrows of Our Lady	7AM (Low)
Wed, 16th Sept	Sts Cornelius and Cyprian	7AM (Low)
Thurs, 17th Sept	Stigmata of St Francis	7AM (Low), followed by Adoration of the B. Sacrament until 8:30am
Fri, 18th Sept	St Joseph Cupertino	6:30PM (Low), followed by Holy Hour until 8:15pm.
Sat, 19th Sept	St Januarius	8:30AM (Rosary) 9AM (Low)
Sun, 20th Sept	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	8AM (Low); 9:30AM (Rosary) 10AM (Sung)



MONTHLY

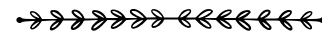
COMMUNITY LUNCH

Date:
13th September (TODAY)

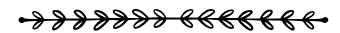
Time:
After 10am Mass

Everyone is welcome!

Please bring a plate to share with the community



What is the Stigmata?



The stigmata is the mysterious appearance on a person's body of wounds corresponding to the wounds suffered by Our Lord during His Passion: the wounds of the nails in the hands and feet, the wound in the side from the lance, and sometimes wounds associated with the crown of thorns or the scourging. These wounds may be visible or invisible, permanent or temporary. The Church, however, is always very cautious about such phenomena. She does not immediately declare something supernatural simply because it appears extraordinary. Natural, medical and psychological explanations must first be considered, and the person's life, character and spiritual fruits

must also be examined. A genuine mystical gift should lead to humility, holiness and a deeper union with Christ, not pride or a desire for attention.

The most famous early example is St Francis of Assisi, who received the stigmata in 1224, two years before his death. Francis had withdrawn to Mount La Verna for a period of prayer and fasting, meditating deeply upon the Passion of Christ. Around the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, he experienced an extraordinary vision connected with the crucified Christ, after which the wounds of the Passion appeared upon his body. Francis did not seek publicity. In fact, he tried to conceal the wounds as much as possible. This is important, because the stigmata was not something he displayed as a badge of holiness. For Francis, it was above all a participation in the sufferings of the Lord whom he loved so deeply.

Other saints have also been associated with the stigmata. St Catherine of Siena, while praying before a crucifix in Pisa in 1375, experienced rays coming from the wounds of Christ towards her hands, feet and side. According to the traditional account, she asked that the wounds remain invisible so that she would not attract attention to herself.

Perhaps the best-known stigmatic of modern times is St Padre Pio. In 1918, while praying after Mass, he received wounds in his hands, feet and side corresponding to those of Christ. They remained with him for approximately fifty years. Yet Padre Pio's importance was never simply the extraordinary wounds on his body. He spent countless hours hearing Confessions, celebrated Mass with profound devotion and continually directed souls towards Christ. Pope Paul VI later pointed precisely to these things when speaking about Padre Pio's extraordinary influence.

And this is really the important lesson. We should not become fascinated with the stigmata simply because it is mysterious or extraordinary. The wounds point beyond themselves to the wounds of Jesus Christ. Very few people will ever receive the physical stigmata, nor should we desire extraordinary signs. But every Christian is called to be united with the crucified Lord.

St Francis understood this very well. His great desire was not simply to have Christ's wounds upon his body, but to have Christ's love within his heart. That is what we should ask for as well: to love the Cross, to accept suffering patiently, to offer ourselves to God, and through Confession, the Holy Eucharist and prayer, to become more closely united with Our Crucified Lord.