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Just a reminder about our **BOOK FAIR**: if you didn't get a chance to have a look at the books last Sunday, this Sunday will be your last chance. After Sunday, we will be packing the remaining books away.

Fr Leung will be away for holidays between 21st Sept & 7th October.

LEGION OF MARY meeting is held **EVERY MONDAY** at 6:30pm.

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

The next **YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT** will be held on 30th Sept (Wednesday), at 6pm with the rosary, followed by dinner.

The next **ST ANNE MOTHERS' GROUP** meeting will be held on 25th Sept (Friday) at 10am.

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

13th Sept - 19th Sept, 26

First Collection: \$ 2507.25

Second Collection: \$ 1652.7

Building fund: \$ 535

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 meets **EVERY SATURDAY** between 10:30-11:30am.

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

DONATIONS:

Cheque donations to:

FSSP Australia

PO Box 6241, Mawson, ACT2607

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A/c Name: Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

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A/c Name: Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

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BSB 062 786 A/c No: 00029891

A/c Name: Priestly Fraternity of St Peter (Building fund)

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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.

20th September 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost

CALENDAR

DATE	FEAST	LOCATION / TIME
Mon, 21 st Sept	St Matthew	7AM (Low)
Tue, 22 nd Sept	St Thomas of Villanova	7AM (Low)
Wed, 23 rd Sept	Ember Wednesday in Sept	7AM (Low)
Thurs, 24 th Sept	Our Lady of Ransom	7AM (Low), followed by Adoration of the B. Sacrament until 8:30am
Fri, 25 th Sept	Ember Friday in Sept	6:30PM (Low), followed by Holy Hour until 8:15pm.
Sat, 26 th Sept	Ember Saturday in Sept	8:30AM (Rosary) 9AM (Low)
Sun, 27 th Sept	18 th Sunday after Pentecost	8AM (Low); 9:30AM (Rosary) 10AM (Sung)

NEXT MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH

Date: 4th OCTOBER (SUNDAY)

Time: After 10am Mass

Everyone is welcome!

Please bring a plate to share with the community

FEAST OF THE WEEK

The feast of Our Lady of Ransom
24th September



The Feast of Our Lady of Ransom, traditionally celebrated on September 24, has its origins in one of the great works of Christian charity of the Middle Ages: the rescue of Christians who had been captured and sold into slavery.

The story is closely connected with St Peter Nolasco, who was born around 1189. As a young man, Peter dedicated himself to God, gave away his considerable possessions, and devoted himself to works of charity. At that time, Christians living around the Mediterranean were frequently captured during raids and carried away into slavery. Many were taken to North Africa, where they could face terrible conditions and pressure to abandon the Catholic Faith.

St Peter became deeply concerned about these captives and desired to establish a religious community dedicated to obtaining their freedom. According to tradition, on the night of August 1st, 1218, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared separately to St Peter Nolasco, St Raymond of Pennafort, and King James I of Aragon. Our Lady made known her desire for the establishment of a religious order dedicated to the redemption of Christian captives.

The new community became known as the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy, commonly called the Mercedarians, and was later formally approved by Pope Gregory IX. What made the Mercedarian vocation particularly remarkable was the extent of their commitment. In addition to the usual religious vows, the members promised that, if necessary, they would offer themselves as hostages in order to obtain the freedom of Christians whose Faith was in danger. They did not merely collect money for captives from a safe distance; they were prepared to exchange their own freedom for the freedom of another.

The Order spread rapidly and succeeded in ransoming many Christian captives. In thanksgiving for this work, the Feast of Our Lady of Ransom was established, first among the Mercedarians and later more widely throughout the Church.

Although the historical circumstances have changed, the title of Our Lady of Ransom remains deeply meaningful. There are still people suffering various forms of physical slavery and exploitation, including human trafficking. There are also forms of captivity that are less visible: addiction, destructive habits, hatred, despair, and other conditions that can gradually enslave a person.

But the traditional Collect of the feast takes us even deeper. It asks that, through Our Lady's intercession, we may be delivered "from all sins and from the captivity of the Devil." This reminds us that the worst slavery is ultimately the slavery of sin. A person may appear completely free outwardly and yet be chained inwardly by a vice that he can no longer control.

The Mercedarians were willing to pay a ransom to set captives free. But our own ransom has already been paid by Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Precious Blood. Our Lady of Ransom therefore points us to her Son, who came to break the chains of sin and restore us to the freedom of the children of God.