ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ST CATHERINE'S WOMEN GROUP meeting is held today, following the community lunch.
The spiritual talk will begin at 12:45pm, followed by group discussion.

PRAYER GATHERING FOR THE HOLY SOULS
Date: 2nd November (Tomorrow)
Time: 10am
Venue: Woden Cemetery
Meeting point: Christ the Redeemer Mausoleum.

MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH will be held **TODAY** after 10am Mass.

CHILDREN'S OUTING
Date: 7th November (This Saturday)
Time: from 11am-3:30pm.
Venue: BBQ area at Weston Park, Weston Park Road, Yarralumla
Cost: $10 per person or $30 per family, which includes BBQ lunch, drinks and dessert.
If interested, please let Fr Leung know.

Due to the Sung Mass tomorrow, **LEGION OF MARY** meeting will be postponed to 4th November (This Wednesday).

NOVENA OF MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS will be celebrated between 2nd Nov (Tomorrow) - 10th Nov.
Envelopes are available at the foyer and kindly return them by tomorrow morning.

CASH & ONLINE DONATIONS
25th Oct - 31st Oct, 26
First Collection: $ 2465.55
Second Collection: $ 1404
Building fund: $ 737

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** between 9:05-9:55am.

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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)

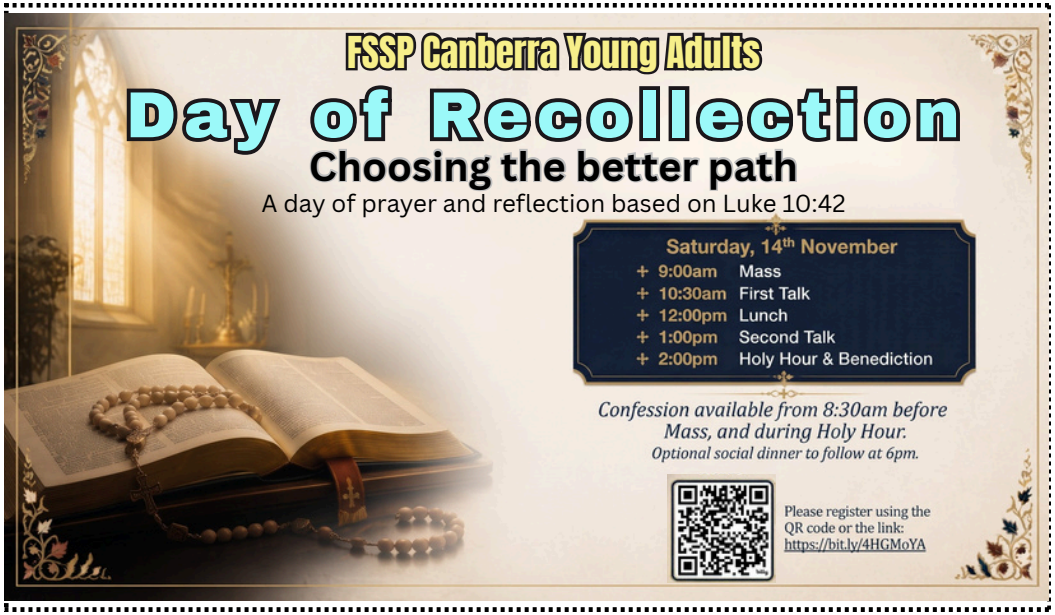
Venue: Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Garran
2 Boake Pl, Garran, ACT 2605

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

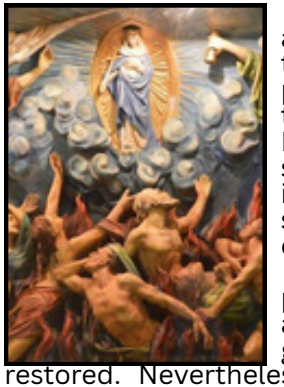
1st November 2026
The Feast of All saints

CALENDAR

DATE	FEAST	LOCATION / TIME
Mon, 2nd Nov	Commemoration of All souls	7AM, 7:40AM, 8:20AM (Low) & 6:30PM (Sung)
Tue, 3rd Nov	Daily Requiem Mass	7AM (Low)
Wed, 4th Nov	St Charles	7AM (Low)
Thurs, 5th Nov	Daily Requiem Mass	7AM (Low), followed by Adoration of the B. Sacrament until 8:30am
Fri, 6th Nov	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart First Friday	6:30PM (Low), followed by Holy Hour until 8:15pm.
Sat, 7th Nov	Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart (First Saturday)	8:30AM (Rosary) 9AM (Low)
Sun, 8th Nov	Resumed 5th Sunday after Epiphany	8AM (Low); 9:30AM (Rosary) 10AM (Sung)



The Cause of Suffering in Purgatory



Why must souls suffer in Purgatory before being admitted to see the face of God? What is the subject of these expiations? What has the fire of Purgatory to purify and consume in them? According to the theologians, it is the remains or stains left by their sins. By these stains, however, we do not mean that the souls in Purgatory remain guilty of sin. They have died in the friendship of God and are certain of their salvation. Rather, what remains is principally the debt of punishment proceeding from sins already forgiven.

To understand this, we must remember that sin produces a double effect upon the soul: the guilt of sin and the debt of punishment. When God forgives sin, its guilt is removed and our friendship with Him is restored. Nevertheless, it generally happens that some punishment or satisfaction remains to be undergone. Forgiveness, therefore, does not necessarily remove every consequence of sin. This remaining debt must be discharged either by penance and suffering in the present life or by purification in the life to come.

The souls in Purgatory retain not the slightest stain of mortal guilt. According to the explanation given by Suarez, even the venial sins remaining at the moment of death are remitted as to their guilt when the soul, enlightened concerning its true condition, turns perfectly towards God in charity and detests everything contrary to Him. All stain of guilt has then disappeared; but the debt of punishment may remain.

This debt comes from the sins committed during life, particularly from sins whose guilt has been forgiven but for which sufficient satisfaction has not been made. A person may have received God's forgiveness in Confession and yet have neglected prayer, penance, works of charity, patient acceptance of suffering, indulgences, and the other means by which the temporal punishment due to sin may be expiated. Nothing sinful remains in the soul as though God had failed to forgive it; rather, the disorder and debt caused by sin have not yet been completely repaired.

This is why Purgatory involves suffering. The time of earthly merit has passed. The souls can no longer perform works of satisfaction for themselves as we can during this life. They can only undergo the purification necessary before entering the perfect presence of God. They must be purified, as the traditional expression says, “even to the last farthing.” This also explains the great value of the prayers, Masses, indulgences and sacrifices offered for them by the faithful on earth.

St Catherine of Genoa explains this beautifully. Since the souls in Purgatory are freed from the guilt of sin, there is no barrier between them and union with God except the remains of sin from which they must be purified. They see God as their Sovereign Beatitude and desire Him with an intensity far beyond anything we experience here. At the same time, they see with extraordinary clarity how even the slightest remaining disorder is incompatible with His infinite holiness.

Their suffering, therefore, comes both from the purification required by divine justice and from the delay of their perfect union with God. These souls love God perfectly and willingly accept His purification, knowing that once every remaining effect of sin has been consumed, nothing will stand between them and the everlasting vision of God.