#### THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

#### FIRST READING Is 49:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Islands, listen to me, pay attention, remotest peoples.
The Lord called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he pronounced my name.

He made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his quiver.

He said to me, 'You are my servant Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing';

and all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God.

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps* 138:1-3. 13-15. R. v.14

(R.) I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

- O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising, you discern my purpose from afar. You mark when I walk or lie down, all my ways lie open to you. (R.)
- For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb.
   I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation. (R.)
- 3. Already you knew my soul, my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and moulded in the depths of the earth. (R.)

#### **SECOND READING** Acts 13:22-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul said: 'God made David the king of our ancestors, of whom he approved in these words, "I have elected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I

am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Lk 1:76

Alleluia, alleluia!

You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

#### GOSPEL Lk 1:57-66. 80

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week: 13th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24, 2 Cor 8:7,9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

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# ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

#### St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street SMITHFIELD

#### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm; 8.00am (Italian); 10.30am; 6.00pm.

#### Weekday Masses:

9.15am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday;

#### 7pm Wednesday

Weekday Public Holidays: 10.30am

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration:

Wednesdays after evening Mass with Novena to St Benedict till 7.30pm; Saturdays from 4.45pm—5.45pm; & Fridays after the 9.15am Mass

#### First Friday of the Month:

7pm Mass & Adoration

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tuesdays after Mass



#### Parish Priest Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

#### **Assistant Priest**

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE

# St Theresa's Church Corner The Boulevarde & Stella Street FAIRFIELD WEST Sunday Masses:

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese); 7.30am & 9.00am; 12 noon (Spanish); 5pm (Arabic)

#### Weekday Masses:

Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

# First Friday of the Month:

First Saturday of the Month:

First Saturday of the Month: 7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tuesdays after Mass

# The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

#### 24 June, 2018



#### We pray for the sick of this parish

John Denniss, Santa Carbone,
Janina Pilarowski, Santina Ponili,
Maria Blanda, Max Hazmoth,
Kartia Grace Russell, Frank Trimboli, Gino Mifsud
Rina Favotto, Neang Nep, Eric Pasquetti,
Emely Jade, Sandra Roy, Patricia Battistel,
Ivy Fernandes, Maria Perre, Tania Perre,
Alina Przewoznik, Philomena Greenwood,
Ernesto DiDomizio, Stella Zappacosta,
Antoinette Jansen.

Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health

#### Please remember in your prayers

Rhonda Richardson, Allan Neaves, Fr Jose Maria Enedaguila, Nancy Phillips, Recently Deceased

# And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Carmen Cilia, William Mascarenhas, Graziella Zorzan, Richard Soulie Nicoletta Spiranza, Pietro Oliveri & Marija Krajacic

## PARISH INFORMATION

#### Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield
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#### Parish Council:

Denise Namroud

### Finance Committee:

Jurgen Mertin

**Catechists:** 9725 4317

Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

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Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation **Liturgy**: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert

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#### Adult Sacraments (RCIA) Mariola Herbert Every Sunday at 8.30am in the Crying Room (in front of St Benedict's) Contact Mariola: 0421 944 051.

#### Children's Liturgy Mariola Herbert

#### Reconciliation:

Smithfield - Sat 4.45—5.45 pm (or by appointment)

# **Baptisms:** Parish Office 9604 1199 1st Sundays of the month during the

10.30am Mass at St Benedict's Church; & Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict's

Marriages: Parish Office 9604 1199
By appointment only (6 months required)

| Sick Calls: 9604 1199

Any Time

# Novena to St Benedict

Every Wednesday after the 7pm Mass with Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Reconciliation is available during this time.

Everyone is encouraged to participate!

# New Parish Logo



Our new Parish logo depicts
St Gertrude cradling in her arms
the Church of St Benedict and
the rose at her heart symbolising
St Therese of the little flower at
St Therese's Church.
The colours used are the colours
of St Benedict.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Tania Pisano who designed our new Parish logo.

#### Church Cleaners

Monday 29th June ~ Grace & Pina's Group Parish Collections Week- Ending 17/6/2018

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$2,198.05 goes to Fr. Jarek & Fr Wojtek as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$2130.40 and \$1857.20 Loose Money.

Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

All Parishioners are invited to join with:

Fr Joseph María OSPPE as he celebrates each Mass on the Weekend of 23/24 June The Nativity of St John the Baptist

His official Celebration will be at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 24 June St Benedict's Shrine Followed by Parish BBQ in the Montefano Hall

Please bring a plate to share. Looking forward to celebrating his Ordination together in our Parish!

# Pauline Vocations Day

July 20th at St. Gertrude's Smithfield The Order of St. Paul the First Hermit is organizing a vocations day for young men discerning a vocation to religious life, as an opportunity to reflect upon what God is calling them to.

RSVP: vocations@paulinefathers.org.au

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June ~ Solemnity ~ Sts PETER & PAUL, Apostles~

7am: St Therese's, Fairfield West 9:30am: Whole School Mass ~ St Benedict's Church. Smithfield.

#### **ALTAR SERVERS MEETING**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 4.30 – 5.15pm St Benedict's Church

# Smithfield YOUTH MASS

Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at the **6pm evening Mass** 

Next Mass: Sunday 1 July at 6pm

Youth Program is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall. All Youth Welcome!

Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 15 July 2018

#### THE HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL **NEXT WEEKEND.**

The Holy Father's Appeal is on next weekend. The appeal highlights the global charitable causes of Pope Francis and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, the refugee crisis and poverty, to name a few. It's an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we ask you to give what you can.

To give, please use the appeal envelopes provided or phone the Fundraising Office on during office hours on 1800 753 959. Thank you.

#### **CONFIRMATION 2018**

Last weekend, over 70 candidates from our Parish Community received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations! Your reverence and participation in the ceremonies is to be be commended. We pray that you will continue your faith journey through life with heightened awareness of the power of the Holy Spirit within you.

Thank you to the Very Rev. Michael McLean EV for celebrating the Masses in our Parish - the ceremonies were beautiful. A big thank you to our Parish Priests and brothers, the newly confirmed, Parents, Catechists, School, Teachers, Acolytes, altar servers, Choir, decorators, flower donations and PowerPoint operators – and all who helped in any way with the Sacramental Preparation, including the Retreat Day and Confirmation Mass. We are most grateful.

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Children in Year 3 and above who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Reconciliation, are eligible to enroll in the First Holy Communion Programme. Enrolment will be accepted when PARENTS AND CHILDREN participate in the **ENROLMENT CEREMONY** during the Vigil or Sunday liturgies this weekend and 30 June/1 July. Enrolment forms have been distributed through the schools, available in the church and on the Parish Website.

Enquiries Helena - 9725 4317 (Tuesday or Friday).

## ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY **CELEBRATIONS**

Celebrated by Fr Richard Green

When: Sunday 8th July 2018 Time: 10:30 am Mass

Reception in the Montefano hall to follow after Mass. All are Welcome.

Please bring a plate to share. Food donations can be placed in the Montefano hall before Mass.



#### Safeguarding news:

It is now expected that ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS have attended Safeguarding training and/or read & signed a Code of Conduct.

If you are a volunteer, who has not signed the Code of Conduct, please make an appointment ASAP.

ANY VOLUNTEER WHO HAS NOT READ AND SIGNED THE CODE OF CONDUCT ARE REQUIRED TO CEASE THEIR MINISTRY IMMEDIATELY UNTIL THIS MATTER HAS BEEN RESOLVED.

Please speak to Fr Jarek, Maria, Helena or Parish Office if you have any questions or concerns - 9604 1199 or PSSO@stgertrude.org.au.

An individual is considered a Parish Volunteer if they do any of the following jobs: Acolyte, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Reader, Counter, Offertory Procession, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, help prepare for the Parish BBQ, Youth Group, Children's Liturgy, Maintenance, choir, cleaning, assist with the Collections, Mass Coordinators, operate the PowerPoint projector, Welcomer, usher, decorator, and if you help in any way within the

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is in the best interest of the entire parish community. It brings our attention to the expectations placed on all volunteers within the Archdiocese of Sydney, and how we can work together to ensure the safety of children, teenagers, vulnerable young people and all within the community. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **World Youth Day Panama 2019 Subsidies on Offer**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites young adults to preregister for the WYD 2019 Panama via Washington DC pilgrimage, which will be led by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

How does the subsidy work? Pilgrims wishing to accept the offer of a subsidy need to pre-register by depositing a minimum, non-refundable deposit of \$1,000. The deposit will confirm your place on the pilgrimage. The Archdiocese of Sydney will then add \$1,000 to your account.

The indicative cost of the pilgrimage, provided by, is \$8,686. For pilgrims considering the optional Mexico extension, the indicative total cost is \$9,786. Note that, should the pilgrimage not go ahead as planned, all deposits shall be returned in full.

How do I make a deposit?

Step 1: Reference your deposit using: WYD19 + FULL NAME (Ex.WYD19PETERHARRISON)

Step 2: Select and pay your deposit amount to:

BANK ACCOUNT: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney BSB: 062 000 ACCOUNT: 10289801

Step 3: Email abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org the details of the transaction. Step 4: Wait for an email confirming your deposit. Once registration officially opens, your deposit and subsidy will be transferred into your COSMOS account.

We are all excited to journey with you and enjoy this experience of a lifetime. For more information, you can contact me on abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org

#### **Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows**

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on **Sunday** 8<sup>th</sup> July at St Marys Cathedral, Sydney at 10.30am. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries will receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher. Special recognition will also be given to couples who were married at the Cathedral.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812.



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