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#### CATHOLIC Care Volunteer Program

The Archdiocese of Sydney is working alongside our social welfare agency Catholic Care to roll out a volunteer program to help the needy access groceries, cooked meals, medicines and other necessities at this difficult time. You are asked to nominate a volunteer coordinator (not your Parish Priest or parish secretary) and 5-10 people in your parish who are young and healthy enough to carry out these visits to the needy. Please provide their contact details to Laura Rahill at [laura.rahill@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:laura.rahill@sydneycatholic.org)

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

ABUSE IS A CRIME. THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE TO DEAL WITH A CRIME ARE THE POLICE. IF YOU – OR ANYONE YOU KNOW – HAVE BEEN ABUSED, PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE. ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN CONTACT THE SAFEGUARDING AND MINISTERIAL INTEGRITY OFFICE AT (02) 9390 5810 OR [SAFEGUARDINGENQUIRIES@SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG](mailto:SAFEGUARDINGENQUIRIES@SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG).

YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO SPEAK TO YOUR PARISH PRIEST WHO WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE. THE ARCHDIOCESE HAS A LEGAL OBLIGATION TO REPORT CRIMES TO THE POLICE.

**St Gertrude's**  
Catholic Primary School  
Smithfield



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# ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

## St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street  
SMITHFIELD

#### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;  
7.30am (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 until 8.30pm; 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 & Fridays after 9.15am Mass with Exposition.



**Parish Priest**  
Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

#### Assistant Priests

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE &  
Fr Peter James Strohmayr OSPPE

## St Theresa's Church

Corner The Boulevard & Stella Street  
FAIRFIELD WEST

#### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese);  
9.00am; 12 noon (Spanish); 6pm (Arabic)

#### Weekday Masses:

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

**First Friday of the Month:**  
from 6.30am

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

#### Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesdays after Mass

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 September, 2020



#### We welcome the following

Coraline Rippingil & Oskar Martin  
*Baptised in our Parish Community*

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

Fr Gabriel Taylor, David Lazarus,  
Giuseppina Pignataro, Fr Anthony David OSPPE,  
Kevin Dicconson, Adam Westwood,  
Emile & Mary Kodsy, Kartia Grace Russell,  
Gino Mifsud & Ivy Fernandes.

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

#### We remember in your prayers

Carmelina Oliveri, Ivan Stefulj, Vera Klish,  
Caterina Cassarino, Providenza Viteta,  
Giuseppe Busa, John Donnantuoni, Teresa Ianelli  
Edwin Bruce, Jeanne Jarkey, Eddie Rogers,  
Joseph Ruggier, Elisabetta Meduri,

#### Recently Deceased

#### And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Larry Catania, Giuseppa Garozzo  
Philomena Greenwood, Grace Saliba  
Giuseppina DeZordo, Stephen Posa &  
Nancy Maklouf, Gabriella Kim

## PARISH INFORMATION

#### Parish Office:

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Website: [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://www.stgertrude.org.au)

**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (closed Wednesday)  
10am - 2pm

**Parish Council:** Denise Namroud

**Finance Committee:** Tan Do  
Andrew Maia: Work Health & Safety

**Catechists:** 9725 4317

Mimi Romeo: [catechist@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:catechist@stgertrude.org.au)

**Sacraments:** 9725 4317 Helena Martin  
[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)  
Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

**Liturgy:** 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert  
[liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:liturgy@stgertrude.org.au)

**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

1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Other:** FCI (Italian Catholic Federation)

Tony Coiera 0409 908 424

## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

#### Intention for September

Respect for the Planet's Resources  
We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

## Novena to St Benedict

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

*Reconciliation is available during this time.*

## Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

**Church Cleaners:**  
September 19 ~ Group C: Wilson Family

**Parish Office Hours:** 10am—2pm  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday  
(closed Wednesday)

**\* COVID19 Safety Procedures—**  
Please see Church Notice Boards

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<b>TWENTY–FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON</b> <i>Cf. Sir 36:18</i>	
<i>Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.</i>	
<b>FIRST READING</b> <i>Sir 27:30 – 28:7</i>	
<i>A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus</i> Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence. The word of the Lord. <b>All: Thanks be to God.</b>	
<b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM</b> <i>Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8</i>	
<b>(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)</li> <li>It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)</li> <li>His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults (R.)</li> <li>For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)</li> </ol>	
<b>SECOND READING</b> <i>Rom 14:7-9</i>	
<i>A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans</i>	
The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. The word of the Lord. <b>All: Thanks be to God.</b>	
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b> <i>Jn 13:34</i>	
<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. <i>Alleluia!</i>	

**GOSPEL** Mt 18:21-35

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me time,” he said “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me”, he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said. “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

The Gospel of the Lord  
**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 35:8**

*How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.*

Next Week: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Readings: *Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24. 27; Mt 20:1-16*

Monday 14 September ~ Feast  
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Mass times – 7am F/West and 9.15am Smithfield

**New Liturgy Rosters.**  
Liturgy Ministers please collect your new liturgy rosters (September to December) this weekend. These can be found in the foyer of each church. Thank you for your continued dedication to our Liturgical Celebrations. Please contact Mimi Romero at the Parish Office if you have any queries regarding the rosters.

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**Gradual Reopening**  
It is good to see that we have been transitioning very well with the gradual reopening of our Parish. Recent Government regulations which came into effect on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July have limited funerals and places and worship to a maximum of 100 persons, providing there is a four square metre space around each person, with the exception of people from the same household. Therefore, St. Benedict’s Shrine can have a maximum of 100 people. St. Therese has a maximum of 50 people, and the Montefano Hall a maximum of 90 persons.

We will still have in place an “overflow” Mass in the Montefano Hall if the need should arise. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has also issued a ***Seventh Pastoral Letter***. This is available on the Parish Notice Board outside St. Benedict’s Shrine, or you can access a copy on the St. Mary’s Cathedral website: <https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>. Again, we thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to accommodate these new regulations.

**NSW Health Recommendation: Wearing face Masks**  
Recently, the NSW Premier has now ***recommended*** that people wear masks when they are in crowded places and social distancing is not easy to maintain. She cites as examples public transport and places of worship. I thank our parishioners for their great efforts maintaining their social distance, but because people remain together there for 40 or more minutes, it would seem that masks will provide an **additional safeguard**. It is not compulsory in NSW but ***strongly recommended***. The primary precautions remain hand sanitising and distance.

#### COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

- ◇ **Contact Tracing:** Write your name and contact details on the sheets provided at the doors of St Benedict’s, St Therese’s, & Montefano Hall (these are kept for contact tracing and will be destroyed after 28 days)
- ◇ **Hand Sanitiser:** Use the hand sanitiser at the doors of the church. This is essential.
- ◇ **Sanitising the church:** After each service the churches and Montefano Hall are sanitised using commercial grade disinfectant detergent.
- ◇ **Seating:** Sit in the allocated seating. In both the churches there is an ‘X’ marked on the Pews, and in the Montefano Hall chairs placed at social distancing for you to be seated safely. Please ***ONLY*** sit where the Pew is marked. People living in the same household may sit together in the Pews.
- ◇ **Confession:** Confession times have resumed. Again, please only sit on the pews with the **yellow X**.
- ◇ **Sign of Peace** – with a nod, bow, smile or wave. No physical contact.
- ◇ **Receiving Holy Communion:** The recommended way of receiving Holy Communion is on the hand. Please remain in your pew and Holy Communion will be brought to you.
- ◇ **Planned Giving & Collections:** At ALL Masses, there are two boxes at the doors of the church for 1st and 2nd Collection. You can place your offering as you enter or leave the church. Alternatively, you may wish to make use of electronic transfer. Details are in the bulletin Thank you for your continued support of your Parish and your priests.
- ◇ **Limiting exposure:** Health guidelines encourage us not to remain for unnecessary amounts of time in groups. It is essential to maintain social distancing.
- ◇ **At Risk Persons:** According to recommendations those at risk - ***(those over 70 years of age, those with any symptoms, those with compromised immune or respiratory systems)***, are asked to consider carefully your health and safety when considering attending a Church Service. ***If you show any symptoms, please refrain from attending church services at this time.*** The dispensation from Sunday Mass is still in place by Archbishop. However, in his latest Pastoral letter the Archbishop states that *‘those who are at low risk of infection and able...are exhorted to take all reasonable steps to attend Sunday Mass’*.

I understand that we may feel some frustration at this time around certain regulations and recommendations but know that we are working in the best interest of all in our community. *Thank you for your patience and understanding.*

**Church use during COVID-19** Please take note that during the current Pandemic situation if a family has chosen a priest from outside the Smithfield Parish to preside at a wedding or funeral or other religious service, then it is a requirement that the family arrange for the church to be cleaned and sanitised. The Parish will only take responsibility for Parish events with our priests.

**Thank you for keeping us safe.**  
The Parish would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to all those who are keeping us safe during this time, especially those who are keeping our churches clean and sanitised after services.  
Your commitment to keeping us safe is greatly appreciated!

**St. Gertrude’s Primary Enrolments**  
Enrolments for St. Gertrude’s Primary are currently underway. For an enrolment package for your child please contact the School office on 9609 4144.

ARCHDIOCESAN OCTOBER FAMILY  
**ROSARY PILGRIMAGE**  
The official Pilgrim Statue of **Our Lady Help of Christians** will be travelling through the parishes of the Archdiocese during the month of October. It will be visiting our parish on **25th October**. **Our Parish Family Rosary will commence at 7pm** . *Please feel free to bring flowers as a gift to Our Lady during her visit to our parish.*

**Sacramental Programme**  
First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation has been deferred to 2021. Children currently enrolled will be contacted when classes are ready to resume.  
Enrolment information and any changes to the programmes will be published in the parish bulletin.

The Sacramental Office is currently closed. For all general enquiries, please email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au.

**Parental Petition – First Holy Communion**  
The Church has always held the view that parents are the first educators of their children in the Catholic Faith. Parishioners who attend weekly Mass, are known in our parish and to our parish priests, whose child is of age, and who feel that their child is suitably prepared to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, may contact the Sacramental Office to discuss eligibility for an individual ceremony. Upon contacting the Sacramental Office, a meeting may be organised with the Parish Priest to discuss your circumstances further and a decision will be made at the Parish Priest’s discretion.

***We congratulate Charlotte Mertin and her family as she receives her First Holy Communion this weekend.***

***Thank you!***  
On behalf of this parish, we thank you for supporting the **Priests’ Retirement Foundation Father’s Day Appeal**. Through your gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for our growing number of sick and retired priests in the Archdiocese of Sydney. A total of \$789.50 was collected.

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
The Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday 11th August. The results of the questionnaire favoured that 7:30am Mass to be celebrated in English at St. Therese and 9:00am in Italian at St. Benedict’s Shrine. ***This will come into effect from 27 September 2020.***

***Communion to the Sick.***  
The Parish will resume Communion to the sick on a fortnightly basis. The dates for Communion to the sick for September will be Tuesday 15th September and Tuesday 29th September.

**Blessing of Pets 25th October** Due to the ongoing health situation the decision has been made not to hold the Pet’s Mass this year. However, you are invited to bring a picture of your pet to the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 25th October for a blessing.

**Parish Donations**  
First Collection (Priests)  
Account : Smithfield House – Order of St Paul the First Hermit  
BSB 066711 Acct. No. 007392  
Second Collection (Parish)  
Account : Smithfield Catholic Church  
BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 6675001  
Thank you for your continued support and generosity . God Bless.

**Safeguarding:** The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney have introduced new requirements for volunteers 18yrs and over. All volunteers must sign a **Volunteer Acceptance Form**, a **Code of Conduct for Working with Children** and complete a **Safeguarding Induction Training Course**.  
The **ONLINE Induction Training Course** is available to new parish volunteers. Please register by following this link:-<https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>.  
Additionally, some new volunteers are also required to attend an Interview. These include \* Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Children’s Liturgy, Catechists, Collectors, Acolytes etc.

**Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, ALL Safeguarding Training will be postponed until the start of January 2021.**

Thank you for your co-operation. Any concerns please contact [psso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:psso@stgertrude.org.au). or the Parish Office on 9604 1199 .