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St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street SMITHFIELD Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm; 9am (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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 September, 2020



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& Friday (closed Wednesday) 10am - 2pm

Parish Council: Denise Namroud

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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

Other: FCI (Italian Catholic Federation) Tony Coiera 0409 908 424

The Parish does not imply any endorsement for advertisements listed in this bulletin.

Congratulations to Anastasia Mavropodis & Joseph Squillacioti Married in our Parish May God confirm them in their love.

We welcome the following

Iyla Bugeja 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

Rose Farrugia, Carmelina Oliveri, Ivan Stefulj, Vera Klish, Caterina Cassarino, Providenza Viteta, Giuseppe Busa, John Donnantuoni, Teresa Ianell

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

ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH



Parish Priest Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE **Assistant Priests**

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE & Fr Peter James Strohmayer OSPPE

PARISH INFORMATION

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

St Theresa's Church

Corner The Boulevarde & Stella Street FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese); 7am (English); 12 noon (Spanish); 6pm (Arabic)

> Weekday Masses: Mon - Fri 7.00am: Saturdav 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

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 no disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

> Church Cleaners—October 3 Group E: Neo Catechumens (St Benedict's) Group C: Spanish (St Therese)

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

* COVID19 Safety Procedures— Please see Church Notice Boards

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Dn* 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING Ez 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps* 24:4-9. *R.* v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

- 1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)
- Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. 2. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
- 3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. All:

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EL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

> Next Week: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

..... Tuesday 29th September ~ Feast

Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels •

OCTOBER ROSARY

It is a tradition in the Church that October is dedicated to the Holy The Rosary will be prayed each week day in our Parish. Rosarv. St. Benedict's: 8.50am (before morning Mass) St. Therese's: 7.00pm You are most welcome to pray the rosary as a community for the intentions of our world.

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

Daylight Saving Time

NEXT Sunday - 4th October - NSW will begin Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EDST). Remember on Saturday evening before you go to bed to put your clocks forward one hour !!

Public Holiday Monday

Monday 5th October is the Labour Day Public Holiday. Mass will be celebrated at St. Therese's church 8am and St. Benedict's at 10.30am.

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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 24th 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

- Ocontact 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.

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.

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.

New Mass Timetable: THIS Weekend

Please note the new Mass timetable

St. Therese's: 7.30am in English. There is no longer a 9am Mass. St. Benedict's: 9.00am in Italian.

All other Masses are the same.

Parish Maintenance Update

Over the past few months there has been a lot of activity in the church with maintenance projects. Some of the more major works include:

St. Benedict's Shrine

- Replacing exterior tiles under the stained glass windows

- Upgrades to data projector

- Upgrades to the sound system and microphones

- Installation of Wi-Fi to stream Mass

- Repair of window roller shutters

- Professional cleaning of marble floors throughout the church

- Installation of cleaner's sink in sacristy

Repair to external flood lighting

- Replace internal pelmet lighting and other lighting

Refurbishment of Parish Demountables

St. Therese - Connection of hot water for cleaners - Repair and reconfigure church sound system Installation of new boundary Colourbond fencing. - Repaint and repair rental property

Montefano Hall

- Repair downpipes and part roofing repair Installation of new hot water system to kitchen - Electrical works

- Exit signs and external sensor lights

These works are only made possible by the generous donations of Parishioners and Benefactors.

Upcoming Urgent Maintenance.

There are a number of maintenance projects that still need to be completed. Some have been put on hold due to Covid but others are unavoidable and are urgent. In particular: - Roof repairs to St. Benedict's Shrine, estimated at \$12,000

- External security upgrades of CCTV security, estimated \$12,000

If you are able and would like to make a contribution to our upcoming maintenance please contact the Parish Priest via the Parish office. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish.

Communion to the Sick.

The Parish will resume Communion to the sick on a fortnightly basis. The next date is Tuesday 29th September

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 enguiries, 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

Safeguarding: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney have introduced new requirements for volunteers 18vrs 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. or the Parish Office on 9604 1199.