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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

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.

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
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Smithfield



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9604 1199.

Limited spaces available.
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Advertising Space Available - Beginning New Financial Year

Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330
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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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 September, 2020



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 Kody, 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 Maklounf

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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Website: 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

Sacraments: 9725 4317 Helena Martin
sacraments@stgertrude.org.au
Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation
Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert
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
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 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 12 ~ Group B: PPC &
Teachers Group

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

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

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

TWENTY–THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	<i>Ps 118:137, 124</i>
<i>You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.</i>	
FIRST READING	<i>Ez 33:7-9</i>
<i>A reading from the prophet Ezekiel</i>	
<p>The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’</p> <p>The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.</p>	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	<i>Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8</i>
<p>(R.) <i>O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.</i></p> <p>1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)</p> <p>2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)</p> <p>3. O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ (R.)</p>	
SECOND READING	<i>Rom 13:8-10</i>
<i>A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans</i>	
<p>Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.</p> <p>The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.</p>	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	2 Cor 5:19
<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i>	
<p>God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.</p> <p><i>Alleluia!</i></p>	

GOSPEL *Mt 18:15-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Next Week: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Sirach 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Tuesday 8 September ~ Feast

The Nativity of the blessed Virgin Mary

There will be a 9.15am Mass offered via Zoom to those families from St. Gertrude’s Primary who have been placed in lockdown. Information will be sent to these families via the school App. Please continue to pray for our school staff, students and families as they face these challenging times.

Priest’s Retirement—Father’s Day Appeal

This weekend marks the start of the **Priests’ Retirement Foundation Father’s Day Appeal** – set up with the aim of looking after our sick and retired priests, it provides them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement.

As a way of expressing your gratitude for our priests who’ve nurtured your Catholic faith and provided guidance, friendship and mercy through the years, we hope that you’ll consider giving back and donate to the Priests’ Retirement Foundation. Thank you.

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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**
- ❖ **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.

Tax Receipts
Tax receipts to the taxable appeals held at this parish will be available this weekend at St Benedict’s.

A Statement of Giving will be issued on request. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to get a copy of your giving to St Gertrude’s Parish Fund and other non tax deductible appeals.

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

Wishing all our dear Fathers, Grandfathers & Spiritual Fathers a very happy and special day!

A special Father’s Day Blessing will be given at all Masses this weekend.

Special Appeal for Lebanon
\$1,883.10 was collected!
Thank you for your generous support!
Please keep them in your prayers as they try to recover from this devastation.

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
Due to the current health warnings from the NSW Government, the Parish is going to temporarily suspend regular Communion to the Sick. This is for the safety of the members of the public who are most vulnerable and for the safety of our priests. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will recommence this very Important Pastoral Activity.
We apologise for the inconvenience caused.

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.

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/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRRfo1>**.
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 pssso@stgertrude.org.au. or the Parish Office on 9604 1199 .