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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.

Parish Catechesis for Adults and Young People

2020 has been disturbing, shaking us from our normal way of living. Loneliness and isolation has confronted us all. The Lord in his love for you, has prepared a banquet, it is YOU he invites to this wedding feast today.

Come and listen!

To a series of catechesis will be held every **Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm, beginning Monday October 12th.**

Meeting in St Gertrude's Chapel, 1 Justin St Smithfield, opposite St Benedict's Shrine.

Babysitting available and recommendations of safe COVID/social distancing will be followed.

For information please contact Louisa 0413 231 531



FCI BINGO is BACK!
ALL Parishioners WELCOME.

Come, join us 10:00 am

Dates:
23 October; 6 & 20 November;
4 & 18 December in the Montefano Hall.

Only \$10 entry - includes prizes, morning tea/coffee and light lunch.



Do you own a business? We would love to help you by letting everyone know. If you would like to advertise your business in our

Weekly Bulletin,

Please contact the Parish Office on 9604 1199.

Limited spaces available.

Low and flexible rates apply.

Advertising Space Available - Beginning New Financial Year

Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330
Half Year (26 Weeks - No Easter Ads): \$550
Annually (No Easter Ads): \$990

- 10% discount for parishioners who are actively donating via the St Gertrude's Fund.

Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 am—2 pm

ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

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.



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);
7:30am (English); 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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 October, 2020



We welcome the following

Kayden PACE; Ayla-Rose DEMARCO;
Luka DARWICH; Adriana PELLEGRINO

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

Dorothy Vella, Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE,
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

Remember in your prayers

Teena Mayer, Rose Farrugia, Cesarina Lando,
Carmelina Oliveri, Ivan Stefulj, Vera Klish,
Caterina Cassarino, Providenza Viteta,
Giuseppe Busa, John Donnantuoni, Teresa Ianelli

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Rosario Violi, Carmela Delle Coste,
Gaetana Catania



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 October

The Laity's Mission in the Church
We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

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—October 24
Group C: Wilson Family (St Benedict's)
Group D: Syriacs (St Therese)

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

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

TWENTY–NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	Cf. Ps 16:6,8
To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.	
FIRST READING	Is 45:1.4-6
A reading from the prophet Isaiah	
Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.	
The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7
(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.	
1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)	
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)	
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)	
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)	
SECOND READING	1 Thes 1:1-5
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians	
From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.	
The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Phil 2:15. 16
Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!	
GOSPEL	Mt 22:15-21
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew	
The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'	
The Gospel of the Lord All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ	
COMMUNION ANTIPHON	Cf. Ps 32:18-19
Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.	
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Next Week: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10 Mt 22:34-40	
OCTOBER ROSARY It is a tradition in the Church that October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed each week day in our Parish. 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 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	
November Mass Offerings During the month of November it is a tradition to pray for the souls of the Faithful Departed. November Mass Offering Envelopes will be available from next weekend at both St. Benedict's Shrine and St. Therese's Church. You can return these offerings by leaving them in the collection box or by leaving them in the Office letter box. Each day during the month of November the Mass will be offered for the collective intentions of the deceased at St. Benedict's Shrine and St. Therese's Church. On Sunday the 10.30am Mass at St. Benedict's Shrine will be offered for the Faithful Departed as well as the 7.30am Mass at St. Therese's Church.	
Jasna Góra Monastery Poland Your prayers are asked for the Pauline community in Poland, especially at our Mother House and Monastery of Jasna Góra in Częstochowa where a Covid-19 outbreak has infected some members of the community, hospitalising four of our monks, one of whom is critical and in a coma. We pray through the Intercession of our Blessed Mother for a return to good health of those infected.	
2020 HSC Exams The 2020 HSC Written Exams begin this Tuesday 20 th October. It has been a particularly challenging year for our HSC students this year. On behalf of the Smithfield Parish we extend our prayers and best wishes to all the students who will sit these exams in the coming weeks, especially at Mary MacKillop College and Patrician Brother's College Fairfield.	

Gradual Reopening	It is good to see that we have been transitioning very well with the gradual reopening of our Parish. Government regulations which came into effect on Friday 24 th 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.
	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/ .
Overflow Mass 10.30am Sunday	In recent weeks it has come to our attention that the 10:30am Mass is a popular choice for our Parishioners. In order to follow NSW State guidelines and to ensure your access to celebrate Sunday Mass, there will be an overflow Mass in the Montefano Hall. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.
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 <u>additional safeguard</u> . It is not compulsory in NSW but strongly recommended . The primary precautions remain hand sanitising and distance.
COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ 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. <u>If you show any symptoms, please refrain from attending church services at this time.</u> The dispensation from Sunday Mass is still in place by Archbishop. However, in his latest Pastoral letter the Archbishop states that <i>'those who are at low risk of infection and able...are exhorted to take all reasonable steps to attend Sunday Mass'</i>. 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. <i>Thank you for your patience and understanding.</i>
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.
Communion to the Sick	will be given on a fortnightly basis. The next date is Tuesday 27th October.

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL ~ Thank you for your support
\$ 515.00 was collected.
For those who were unable to contribute last weekend there is still the opportunity to contribute the Holy Father's Appeal this weekend. Appeal envelopes are available in each church. Thank you for your support.
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 Amelia Losurdo and her family as she receives her First Holy Communion this weekend.
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 Sign-In
Please ensure that when attending Parish events that you continue to sign-in with your name and contact details on the sign-in sheets provided at St. Benedict's Shrine, St. Therese's Church and Montefano Hall. This is a compulsory regulation by the NSW Government as part of our COVID-Safe Business Plan and will ensure that we can safely operate. This protocol is also a major factor in determining the easing of restriction in the future. Please also ensure that you sanitise your hands with the hand sanitisers provided. Thank you for your cooperation.
SPAM Email
It has come to our attention that there are a number of SPAM Emails circulating in the community with the sender as Fr. Jarek Zan. Please note that it is policy of the Parish not to ask for money via email. If you receive any of these emails, please delete them immediately. This matter has been reported to the Police and the Archdiocese who are investigating.
Parish Maintenance
Over the past few months there has been a lot of activity in the church with maintenance projects. There are a number of maintenance projects that still need to be completed. Some have been put on hold due to Covid-19 but others are unavoidable and urgent. In particular: repairs to the roof at St. Benedict's Shrine. This work was completed during the week at a cost of \$12,000 to the Parish. Thank you for the anonymous donation of \$3,000 towards this project. Installation of CCTV security, due to occur in the next few weeks at a cost estimated at \$12,000. These works are only made possible by the generous donations of Parishioners and Benefactors. Thank you to those who have already contributed to our maintenance. If you are able and would like to make a contribution to our maintenance, please contact the Parish Priest via the Parish Office. <i>Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.</i>
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/wSKRi3ZO6PzKRfb01 .
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, <u>ALL</u> 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 .