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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

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

Parish Catechesis for Adults and Young People

COURAGE

The Lord is preparing a wedding feast for us and yet often we find our faith is heavy and a burden.
JESUS CHRIST IS INVITING US TO THE FEAST
BUT TO BE ABLE TO ENTER AND CELEBRATE WE NEED TO TAKE OIL.

Come and listen to the catechesis in the Montefano hall Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm.

THE LORD WANTS TO MEET YOU THERE!

And warmly invites all young adults from 13 to 93yrs
Even babysitting is made available so that you may listen freely

For information please contact **Louisa on 0413 231 531**



FCI BINGO is BACK!
ALL Parishioners WELCOME.

Come, join us 10:00 am

Next Dates:
20 November;
4 & 18 December
in the Montefano Hall.

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



FCI – Organising

Cherry Picking Bus Trip to Orange
Saturday: 12 December 2020

ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Cost: \$40 pp:

(Payment to be made at time of booking non-refundable. No reserved seating)

Morning Tea Provided
Lunch at Orange RSL at own expense

*Bus departs St Benedict's Church Smithfield at 6:15 am sharp!
Returning approximately 5:30 pm
Fun day with Raffles & prizes.

Be quick – only 50 seats available

Contact: Tony Coiera 0409 908 424 or
Gina Morosin on 0417-203908



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 10am—2 pm

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 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

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

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

22 November, 2020



Congratulations to

Simone STEPHO & Michael NATOLI
Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

We pray for the sick of this parish

Josephine Cachia, Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE,
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

Remember in your prayers

Dorothy Vella, Joseph Fennech, Rocco Ferraro,
Bertillo Marino De Biasi, Rosa Corso,
Teena Mayer, Rose Farrugia, Cesarina Lando

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Luigi D'Elia, Vincenzo Bruno, Richard Stanzione,
Luigia Noemi Bordin, Cosimo Blanda,
Lucia (Lucy) Branca

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

Intention for November

Universal prayer intention—Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

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— 28 November
Group C : Wilson Family (St Benedict's)
Group A: Frances/Margaret (St Therese)

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

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Rv 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING Ez 34:11-12. 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R.)
- Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. (R.)
- You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 15:20-26. 28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, “Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?” And the King will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.” Next he will say to those on his left hand, “Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Next Week: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

New Liturgical Year begins:
Sunday cycle B, weekday cycle 1

Readings: Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Special Collection November CWF ~ Thank you for your support last weekend \$735.00 was collected.

St Gertrude’s School Kindergarten Enrolments still continuing for 2021—Please contact school on 9609 4144.

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EYE OPENER

"This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth...The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved." (1 Timothy 2:3-4, 9-10) or read in full (1 Timothy 2:1-10)

The sources below are not designed to answer a your questions, they should only inspire you to search more deeply for the truth. Do your homework and let the Lord will do His part. The so called NEW NORMAL should be never allowed to be NORMAL. For us Catholics there is only one Truth and it is Jesus Christ and His Gospel. Please continue to pray that Truth will triumph in Australia and around the world and if you wish do not hesitate to contact me Fr Jarek

Suggested sources of information:

The Epoch Times
Newsmax
Church Militant
One America News Network
NTD (ntd.com)

On YouTube:

Crowder Bits
Front Page
Larry Elder
America Uncovered
NTD
700 Club
Facts Matter
Dr Shiva
Amit Sengupta (especially Understanding Modern Political Scenario by Tomas Schuman)

"2019-2020 Parish Finance Briefing"

The PFC will be presenting its annual report on the weekend of the 28/29 November.

Christmas Fundraising Raffle

Tickets will be on sale from this weekend. All money raised will go towards awnings to be installed for both St Benedict’s & St Therese’s Church. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

1st Prize: Religious artwork
2nd Prize: Christmas Hamper
3rd Prize: Roses artwork.
4th Prize: Teale Floral Design artwork.
5th Prize: Good Shepherd artwork

All 3 artworks were lovingly made and donated by parishioner

Advent Program “Adore” will be available this week, the cost is \$5. We are inviting our parishioners to reflect on Nativity of Our Lord with there families during this holy time of Advent.

Thanksgiving Mass for all Volunteers

In appreciation for all the dedication and contributions to our Parish of St Gertrude's, all Parish Volunteers are invited to attend Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday 2 December at 7:00 pm St Benedict's Shrine Smithfield

Parish Working Bee and Christmas Decorations of both Churches

Monday 14 December from 4:00 pm

Your help is needed even if only for 1 hour.

Be proud - contribute to Decorating YOUR Parish for The Birth of Jesus. Bring your tools

Church Regulations

The NSW Government has amended the number of people able to attend a place of worship. Up to 300 people are permitted indoors, **subject to the 4m² rule**. This means that St. Benedict’s Shrine has the capacity to have **150 people**. St. Therese’s church and Montefano Hall will continue with their current regulations (50 and 90 persons respectively). **Funerals are limited to 100 persons and weddings 150 persons**. Outdoor gatherings are limited to 30 people. The Archdiocese will be asking the NSW Government to reconsider outdoor restrictions with a view to Christmas celebrations. We will keep you updated as soon as any new information is given.

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.

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.

Sacramental Programme 2021

For information regarding the Sacramental programme for 2021 please visit: <http://stgertrude.org.au/sacramental-program/> Enrolment information and any changes will also be published in the parish bulletin.

The Sacramental Office is currently closed. For all enquiries, please email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or call 9725 4317 to leave a message.

We congratulate Mary Wilson and her family as she receives her First Holy Communion this Weekend.

Communion to the Sick will be given on a fortnightly basis. The next date in November will be 24th.

Wedding Anniversary Blessings –

Next Anniversary Blessing will be Sunday 27 December—Feast of the Holy Family

Thank You The Parish would like to extend our thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners who have been donating cleaning products and hand sanitisers. This is a great help to the Parish and ensures that the environment is kept clean and as safe as possible.

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:

During COVID 19 The Working with Children Checks were extended for 6 months by the Kids Guardian. However, now that it has been longer than 6 months there are some Parish Volunteer WWCC now expired. To keep your current WWCC No: it is essential that all Volunteers renew their application. To do this simply go online. If you need assistance to renew your WWCC please contact the Parish Office and make an appointment for Mimi on any Tuesday between 10:00 - 2:00 pm. If you need transport to attend Service NSW office Tony Coiera has kindly offered to drive people to and from Service NSW. To renew you will need **4 ID documents** from different categories: **Category 1:** Current Australian Passport, Birth Certificate or Citizenship Certificate **Category 2:** A drivers Licence or ID Card **Category 3:** Medicare No: **Category 4:** Utilities Bill with your name on it e.g. Telephone, Electricity, Gas Please Note: all the original documents you use as evidence MUST be presented to Service NSW