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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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 November, 2020



We welcome the following

Christian Zidan

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

Josephine Cachia, 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

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 Bordin



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 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— 14 November
Group A: Edith's Group (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

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 87:3*

*Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

FIRST READING *Wis 6:12-16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes
herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy
of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2*

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

- O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. *(R.)*
- So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. *(R.)*
- So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *(R.)*
- On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *(R.)*

SECOND READING *1 Thes 4:13-18*

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt 24:42. 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mt 25:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 22:1-2*

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me
repose, near restful waters he leads me.*

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Next Week: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
*Readings: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30*

Monday 9 November ~ Feast
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Monday 16 November ~ Patronal Feast of our Parish
St Gertrude

We will celebrate this feast in our churches during the weekend of
14/15 November.

Weekend of 21/22 November ~ Solemnity
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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** are available 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.

Special Collection November CWF ~ Next Weekend 14/15 November

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible—Please use envelopes and fill out your details if your require a tax receipt.

Communion to the Sick will be given on a fortnightly basis. The dates for November will be 10th and 24th.

New Church Regulations

The NSW Government has amended the number of people able to attend a place of worship. The main change is that from this weekend, up to 300 people are permitted indoors, **subject to the 4m² rule**. This means that St. Benedict's Shrine will now have an increased capacity to **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.

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.

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.

Wedding Anniversary Blessings – This Sunday 8 November

Wedding Anniversary Blessings have recommenced starting from this **Sunday 8 November at the 10:30am Mass**. All Married couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary during the month of November are invited to attend and receive a Blessing.

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

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.

Sacramental Programme 2021

Children who will be in Year 3 or above (in 2021), are eligible to enrol for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Enrolment forms will be available from the church foyers and parish website. To download a copy please visit:
<http://stgertrude.org.au/sacramental-program/>
Enrolment forms are due by the 15th November 2020 either by email or dropping them off to the Parish office.

The families already enrolled for 2020 who had their Sacraments postponed, will be contacted via email, with more information regarding these Sacraments for their children.

Enrolment information and any changes will 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.

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.

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

Thanksgiving Mass for all Volunteers

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

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.

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.

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. *Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.*

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 re-new 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