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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.

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



Italian Catholic Federation
Committee & Members
wish ALL Parishioners a
**Merry Christmas &
safe and Blessed 2021
NEW YEAR.**



**Please join us for the restart of
FCI 2021 BINGO on
Friday 5th February 2021**



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;
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:

6 Justin St, Smithfield
Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
Email: office@stgertrude.org.au
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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
& Friday (closed Wednesday)
10am - 2pm

Parish Council: Denise Namroud

Finance Committee: Tan Do
Andrew Maia: Work Health & Safety

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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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 January 2021



We welcome the following

Charlotte Sawyer
Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

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

Caesar Sammut, Adreana Attard
Giovanni Oliverio, Maria Caltabiano
Josephine Cachia, Constantino Axiak,
Therese Do, Dorothy Vella,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at
this time

Maria Sciglitano, Peter Capolupo,
Aldo De Gasperi

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

Intention for January
**Intention for evangelization - Human
fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in
full fellowship with our brothers and
sisters of other religions, praying for one
another, open to all.

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— 23 January
Group A: Edith's Group
(St Benedict's)
Group C: Spanish (St Therese)

Parish Office Hours: 10am—2pm
Monday, Thursday, & Friday
during January

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 65:4*

*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

FIRST READING *1 Sm 3:3-10.19*

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9*

*(R.) Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.*

- I waited, I waited for the Lord.
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. *(R.)*
- You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. *(R.)*
- In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. *(R.)*
- Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. *(R.)*

SECOND READING *1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20*

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

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 1:41. 17*

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Jn 1:35-42*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 22:5*

*You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*

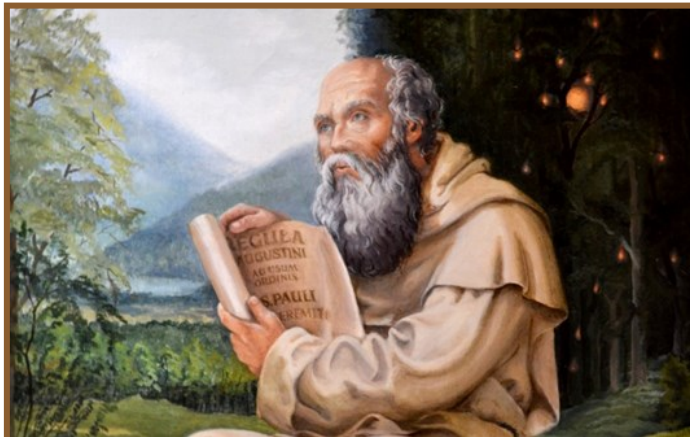
Next Week: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jonah 3:1-5 10: 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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Feast of Bl. Eusebius of Esztergom

January 20th is the Feast of Bl. Eusebius of Esztergom who is the founding father of the Pauline Order.

Eusebius founded the first Hungarian order in 1250 which later became the Order of Saint Paul the First Hermit. He and his companion hermits erected their first monastery in honour of the Holy Cross.

In the 1256 National Council of Esztergom, Eusebius wrote his name as the First Provincial of the Order of Saint Paul the First Hermit. In 1262 he went to Rome with his companions to meet Pope Urban IV to ask him for approval for founding his own order. He had the support of Thomas

Aquinas and Stephen I Báncsa. The pope first refused to give Eusebius his permission because of financial conditions and asked Paul Balog, the Bishop of Veszprém to examine the monasteries. Papal legate Cardinal Gentilis de Monte Florido gave the order the Rule of St Augustine, and it received approval with the decree '*Qui saecularia*', issued in Buda on 13 December 1308. During Eusebius' life, there were 16 monasteries of his order. Later this number reached 150. Eusebius served for 20 years as provincial. As he felt that his death is near he gathered his companions around him, blessed them and calmly died on the 20 January 1270. This also brings to a close the Jubilee Year of Bl. Eusebius which commemorated the 750th Anniversary of the death of Bl. Eusebius.



Unfortunately our planned celebrations and activities were interrupted by the global Covid-19 pandemic.

Happy Name's Day Fr. Jarek

On Thursday 21st January our Parish Priest Fr. Jarek Zan will celebrate his Name's Day. As a Parish community we extend to Fr. Jarek our prayers and best wishes for this day. May our Heavenly Father pour out upon you many graces and blessings May our Heavenly Mother protect and intercede for you always.

COVID-19 update

In keeping with NSW Health directives, anyone attending a church either for private prayer or for a service must wear a face mask. The only exemptions are those with a medical condition, where it is essential to remove a mask to carry out one's responsibilities (e.g. readers) or children under the age of 12. NSW Health can impose a \$200 fine on each individual failing to abide by this rule.

The number of people attending church services has also been "capped" at 100, provided the 4m² rule is applied. As such, St. Benedict's Shrine can hold a maximum of 100 people, St. Therese's Church 50 and Montefano Hall 90 people. This includes regular Mass, weddings, funerals and baptisms.

QR Codes

The NSW Government strongly recommends the use of QR Codes for contact tracing should the need arise. There are QR Codes at the doors of St. Benedict's Shrine, St. Therese's Church and the Montefano Hall. For those who are able, we ask that you use the QR code when entering the parish sites and to show the usher at the door your successful registration. For those who cannot use the QR Codes you are still able to 'sign-in' using the sheets at the doors of the parish buildings.

Australia Day Jan 26th

Tuesday 26th of January is Australia Day. As this is a public holiday Mass will be celebrated

St. Therese's Church 8am
St. Benedict's Shrine 10.30am

Please join with us as we pray for our country.



Christmas Fundraising Raffle Winners

The following two prizes still need to be claimed, please check your tickets to see if you have won then contact the Parish Office on 9604 1199.

1st Religious Artwork: **Blue D60**
4th Teal Flowers: **Blue D29**

Communion to the Sick will be given on a fortnightly basis. The next date in January 2021: 19th

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.

Parish Donations

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Thank you for your continued support and generosity . God Bless.