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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**



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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

The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

27 December 2020



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

Josephine Cachia, Constantino Axiak,
Therese Do, Dorothy Vella, Joseph Fennech,
Rocco Ferraro,
Bertilino Marino De Biasi, Rosa Corso,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Vincenzo Valitutti



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
Email: office@stgertrude.org.au
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 December
For a Life of Prayer**

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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— January 2
Group C: Wilson Family (St Benedict's)
Group B: Vietnamese (St Therese)

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

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	<i>Lk 2:16</i>
<i>The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.</i>	
FIRST READING	<i>Gen 15:1-6. 21:1-3</i>
A reading from the book of Genesis	
The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.	
'My Lord', Abram replied, 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.	
The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.	
The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	<i>Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv.7.8</i>
(R.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.	
1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! (R.)	
2. Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. (R.)	
3. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. (R.)	
4. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. (R.)	
SECOND READING	<i>Heb 11:8. 11-12. 17-19</i>
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews	
It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.	
It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.	
It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.	
The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God	

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Heb 1:1-2</i>
<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. <i>Alleluia!</i>	
GOSPEL	<i>Lk 2:22-40</i>
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke	
When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel’s comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'	
As the child’s father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'	
There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.	
When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God’s favour was with him.	
The Gospel of the Lord All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ	
COMMUNION ANTIPHON	<i>Bar 3:38</i>
<i>Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.</i>	
<p>Next Week: The Epiphany of the lord of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</p> <p><i>Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12</i></p>	
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<div> <div> Happy New Year! </div> </div>
<p>With the birth of Jesus a change covers over people. Questions stir in their hearts and they set out in search of answers. As they journey, light glows in the darkness. They begin to see that God’s generosity is boundless, The Christ child is given to all people without distinction. Those who receive him with joy are on the way to new life</p>
<p>Public Holiday & “Octave Season’ Mass Times</p> <p>28th December to 1st January 2021</p>
<p>8am St Therese’s Church Fairfield West</p> <p>10.30am St Benedict’s Shrine Smithfield</p>

<p>Monday 28th December ~ Feasts</p> <p>The Holy Innocents, martyrs</p>
<p>Friday 1st January ~ Solemnity</p> <p>Mary, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD</p>
<p>Sunday 3rd January ~ Solemnity</p> <p>The Epiphany of the Lord</p>
<p>Christmas Offerings</p> <p>For those who would like to make a Christmas Offering to our priests, Fr. Jarek, Fr. Wojtek and Fr. Peter James, there are <i>Christmas Offering Envelopes</i> in the pews of the church. You can place your offering in the envelope and place it in the First Collection. We understand that this has been a difficult year for many and thank you for your offering.</p>

<p>Christmas Crib Donations</p> <p>This year all offerings at the Christmas Crib will be given to Catholic Missions to support their many projects and works. Thank you for your generous offerings and support for Catholic Missions.</p>
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<p>Wedding Anniversary Blessings</p> <p>Anniversary Blessing will be held at the 10:30am Mass this Sunday 27th December—Feast of the Holy Family</p>

<p><u>Parish Office Holiday Hours</u></p> <p>The Parish Office will reopen on</p> <p>Thursday 7th January 2021 and thereafter will only be opened during January on Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays .</p>
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<p>Christmas Fundraising Raffle Winners</p> <p>1st Religious Artwork Blue D60 (drawn by Fr Wojtek)</p> <p>2nd Christmas Hamper Green A25 (drawn by Stephen Gissane)</p> <p>3rd Roses Art Work Orange B17 St T C (drawn by James Martin)</p> <p>4th Teal Flowers Blue D29 (drawn by Mary Wilson)</p> <p>No prizes were claimed at the Mass.</p> <p>Thanks to Annick, the parishioners who sold tickets and all those who purchased tickets to support our raffle.</p>

<p><i>Communion to the Sick</i> will be given on a fortnightly basis. The next date in January 2021: 5th & 19th</p>
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<p>Sacramental Programme 2021</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Sacramental Office is currently closed. For all enquiries, please email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or call 9725 4317 to leave a message.</p>
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<p>Pope proclaims “Year of St. Joseph”</p> <p>To celebrate the 150th anniversary of declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Bl. Pope Pius IX, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St. Joseph” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 (8th December) and extending to the same feast in 2021. The Holy Father has also issued a new Apostolic Letter entitled “Patris Corde” (With a Father’s Heart).</p> <p>Plenary Indulgence for the Year of St. Joseph.</p> <p>The Apostolic Penitentiary has issued a Decree granting plenary indulgences for the Year of St. Joseph and “to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Custodian Jesus.” The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope’s Intention) to Christians who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph. More information about the Indulgence will be given in the near future.</p>
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<p>2021 PARISH FACILITY BOOKINGS (Smithfield & Fairfield West Church & Hall)</p> <p>Any groups wanting to use these facilities on a regular basis, please book your dates and times in writing to the Parish Office. <i>Thank you</i></p>
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<p>Parish Donations</p> <p>First Collection (Priests) Account : Smithfield House – Order of St Paul the First Hermit BSB 066711 Acct. No. 007392</p> <p>Second Collection (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 6675001</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support and generosity . God Bless.</p>
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<p>‘IT IS LOVE ALONE THAT GIVES WORTH TO ALL THINGS’</p> <p><i>St Teresa of Avila</i></p>
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