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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.



Italian Catholic Federation F P Committee & Members wish ALL Parishioners a IA 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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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 Strohmayer OSPPE

St Theresa's Church

Corner The Boulevarde & 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 EPIPHANY of the LORD

3rd January 2021



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 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

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

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at

Maria Sciglitano, Peter Capolupo, Aldo De Gasperi

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield 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 Mertin sacraments@stgertrude.org.au Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert

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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 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 no disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

Church Cleaners— January 9 Group D: Grace & Pina' Group (St Benedict's) Group B: Vietnamese (St Therese)

Parish Office Hours: 10am—2pm during January

* COVID19 Safety Procedures—Please see Church Notice Boards

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

FIRST READING IS 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

- O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
- In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
- The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.
 The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.
 Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)
- For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.
 He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Next Week: The BAPTISM of the LORD

Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

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Sunday 3rd January ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Blessing of Chalk during Mass

It is traditional to bless chalk which is used for the blessing of homes, as a witness of faith and protection against evil.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 21 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing in our lives and homes. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, Christus mansionem

Christmas Offerings

For those who would like to make a Christmas Offering to our priests, Fr. Jarek, Fr. Wojtek and Fr. Peter James, there are *Christmas Offering Envelopes* 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.

Christmas Crib Donations

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.

Parish Office Hours

Parish Office is now closed for the Christmas Break and will reopen on Thursday 7th January 2021.

Please Note that thereafter during January the office will only be opened on Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays.

2021 PARISH FACILITY BOOKINGS (Smithfield & Fairfield West Church & Hall)

Any groups wanting to use these facilities on a regular basis, please book your dates and times in writing to the Parish Office. *Thank you*

Christmas Fundraising Raffle Winners

1st Religious Artwork Blue D60 (drawn by Fr Wojtek)

2nd Christmas Hamper Green A25 (drawn by Stephen Gissane)

3rd Roses Art Work Orange B17 St T C (drawn by James Mertin)

4th Teal Flowers Blue D29 (drawn by Mary Wilson)

No prizes were claimed at the Mass.

Thanks to Annick, the parishioners who sold tickets and all those who purchased tickets to support our raffle.

Communion to the Sick will be given on a fortnightly basis. The next date in January 2021: 5th & 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.

~ Feasts ~

Sunday 10th January The Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Liturgical season of Christmas.

Friday 15th January St Paul the First Hermit

Patriarch of the Pauline Order



9 Day Novena to St Paul the First Hermit will begin on 7 January 2021 Litany will be said after each week day Mass during this time. Everyone Welcome.

Saturday 16th January
Our Lady Queen of Hermits.

Patroness of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit and yearly consecration to our Lady of the Pauline Fathers and brothers.

Parish Donations

First Collection (Priests) Account : Smithfield House – Order of St Paul the First Hermit

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