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**A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**

"A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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](mailto: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."

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**Blessed Easter & Buona Pasqua to ALL Parishioners from Italian Catholic Federation**

**April Bingo will be Friday 9 & 23 April 2021**  
in Montefano Hall at 10:00 am  
\$10 entry includes Bingo Games, morning tea/coffee and light lunch.  
Come Join us for a morning of Community friendship, fun and prizes



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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 (Syriac)

**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

## Second Sunday of Easter

**11 April 2021**



We welcome the following  
Anisa Kumari  
**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, Kardia 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

Mary Dicconson, Debra Spencer, Bishop Bede Heather, Ivan (John) Bakic, Roberto Bordin, Caterina Nadalinni, Br Mark Kevin Ryan fsp, Rosalia Tirrito, Maria Frizzo, Joseph Cortez, Caesar Sammut

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Giuseppe Emmi

## PARISH INFORMATION

**Parish Office:**  
6 Justin St, Smithfield  
Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585  
Email: [office@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:office@stgertrude.org.au)  
Website: [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://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](mailto:catechist@stgertrude.org.au)

**Sacraments:** 9725 4317 Helena Mertin  
[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)  
Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

**Liturgy:** 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert  
[liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Safeguarding:**  
[wwcc@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:wwcc@stgertrude.org.au) (all WWCC renewals)  
[psso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:psso@stgertrude.org.au) (Parish Safeguarding Support Officers)

**Other:** FCI (Italian Catholic Federation)  
Tony Coiera 0409 908 424

**Parish Playgroup:** Thursday during school term. 9.30am - 11.30am

## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

**Intention for April**  
Fundamental Rights  
We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

**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— April 17**  
Group C: Wilson Family (St Benedict's)  
Group B: Vietnamese (St Therese)

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

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



## Second Sunday of Easter

### Entrance Antiphon 1 Pt 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

- Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

### SECOND READING 1 Jn 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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**Next Week: Third Sunday of Easter**

**Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn :1-5;  
Lk 24:35-48**

### REGINA CAELI

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen



### DIVINE MERCY MASS TIMES

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 11 April

##### St Benedict's Shrine-

- 6pm Vigil (Saturday 10 April)
- 9am Italian; 10.30am; 3pm (followed by devotion to the Divine Mercy)
- 6pm Mass

##### St Therese's Church -

- 7.30am



### EASTER PREPARATIONS

A big THANK YOU to all who were involved in the preparations for Holy Week & Easter.

May God Bless you all for your hard work and dedication.

### PASCHAL CANDLE DONATION

Thank you to **Mark Malone** from **Integrity Funerals** who very kindly donated the Paschal candles for both St Benedict's Shrine and St Therese's Church.

### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Project Compassion Boxes can be returned by leaving them in the baskets provided at St. Benedict's Shrine and St. Therese's Church. Thank you for your generosity.

### EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter Offering envelopes are available in the pews of the church. These can be returned during the Easter Season. Thank you for your generosity to our priests.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME NEWS!

#### First Holy Communion (FHC)

- FHC Meeting for Parents. 2020 and 2021 cohorts to attend **Tuesday 20th April at 7 pm** in the Montefano Hall.
- Reconciliation Revision lessons and rehearsal to be held on **23/4** and **27/4** - please check your email for your assigned session.
- FHC lessons start 30/4, 1/5, 2/5 on your assigned day and time.
- Reception of First Reconciliation will take place on Thurs 20/5/21 at 5 pm & 7 pm and Tues 25/5/21 at 7 pm.
- Rehearsals for FHC to be advised.
- First Communion Ceremonies will take place on the Feasts of Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi - 29/30 May and 5/6 June.
- Please continue to pray for the children and their families.

**CONFIRMATION 2021 Enrolments** – Children in Year 6 and above, who have made their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, are eligible to enrol for the Confirmation Programme. Enrolment forms are available from the Church foyer or can be downloaded from the Parish Website: <http://www.stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program/> **Enrolments were due back by 26/3/21 - if you missed the cut off date, please contact the Sacramental Office.**

For all enquiries, please email Helena – [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or call **9725 4317** and leave a message. Face-to-face meetings by appointment - please call/email to arrange a time.

### PARISH YOUTH GROUP – SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

The Parish Youth Group meets every third Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of April**. Join us for Mass at 6pm and following the Mass, youth meeting in the Parish Demountables. New members are always welcome to join.

### MEN'S ROSARY GROUP – THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

The Men's Rosary Group meets the last Thursday of every month at **7pm at St. Benedict's Shrine**. The group will next meet on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April**. New members are always welcome to join.

### COVID-19 UPDATE

There have been some changes to the NSW Health directives in regards to places of worship: The wearing of masks is no longer mandatory. However, NSW Health does maintain that this is **strongly recommended**. The number of people attending church services has also changed. Under the new regulations, there is no longer a "cap" of people attending provided that the **one person per 2m<sup>2</sup> rule** is observed. As such, St. Benedict's Shrine can hold a maximum of 300 people, St. Therese's Church 100 people and Montefano Hall 180 people.

### Dispensation Lifted

Archbishop Anthony Fisher has lifted **the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation**. The Catholic faithful are once again obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation when this is reasonably possible. Those who are of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of COVID-19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping the Sabbath holy.

### 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