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"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. 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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Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
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Italian-Catholic-Federation

Invites ALL Parishioners & friends to join us for

Mother's Day BINGO LUNCH Friday 7th May 2021



10:00 am—3:00 pm

Montefano-Hall

\$20-entry-includes-2-Course-Pasta-Lunch,

Bingo-Games, morning-tea/coffee & Music.

Bookings-essential: Tony-Coiera; 0409-908-424.

RSVP: 3-May-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:

9.15 am followed by Devotions
7pm Mass & Adoration followed by Devotions

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:

6.30am Exposition & Confession; 7am Mass

First Saturday of the Month:

7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesdays after Mass

Fifth Sunday of Easter

2 May 2021



We welcome the following

Rory Morrison, Alessia Palmerone &
Giada Magliarachi

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

Alyssa Ferreri, 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

Rina Spisso, Anthony Dimech, Giovanna Fedele;
Placy D'Souza, Mary Dicconson,
Debra Spencer, Bishop Bede Heather,
Ivan (John) Bakic, Roberto Bordin,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Giuseppa Portolesi & Teresa Bordin



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 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

Safeguarding:

wwcc@stgertrude.org.au (all WWCC renewals)
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 MAY

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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— 8 May
Group A : Frances' Group
(St Benedict's)
Group C: Spanish
(St Theresa's)

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

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

- 1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
- 2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)
- 3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Jn 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to Go

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that b
ears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
– he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear
much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the
Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in
plenty, alleluia.

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Monday 3 May ~ Feast
Saints Philip and James

Next Week: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Readings: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48;
1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

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.

Has risen, as he said, 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

CWF MAY PARISH APPEAL



The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF)
Parish Appeal will be held this Saturday 1st
and Sunday 2nd May. Your generous
donations help those most vulnerable in
Sydney—single mothers facing
homelessness, those struggling with mental
health, our local Aboriginal communities, and
many more. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so
please keep an eye out for them! You can also make a
donation and find out more at www.ourfaihfourworkds.org/cwf.

Month of May is
Dedicated to the
Blessed Virgin Mary



The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought
thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my
mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy
mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

After each weekday Mass we will pray the Litany to the
Blessed Virgin Mary



FIRST FRIDAY – 7TH MAY

St. Theresa's Church

6.30am Exposition and confession, 7am Mass

St. Benedict's Shrine

9.15am Mass followed by devotions;7pm Mass followed by devotions

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME NEWS!

First Holy Communion:

- First Holy Communion lessons: Week 2 - 7/5, 8/5, 9/5 on your
assigned day and time. They continue weekly for a further 2
weeks.
- First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday 20th May at
5 pm & 7 pm and on Tuesday 25th May at 7 pm.
- First Communion Ceremonies will take place on the following
dates/time:
 - o Trinity Sunday
Ceremony 1: 29th May, 2 PM
Ceremony 2: 29th May, 6 PM
Ceremony 3: 30th May, 2 PM
 - o Corpus Christi
Ceremony 4: 5th June, 2 PM
Ceremony 5: 6th June, 2 PM
- First Communion Rehearsals:
 - o Ceremony 1 & 3: Tues 18th May, 6:30 PM
 - o Ceremony 2: Thurs 27th May, 6:30 PM
 - o Ceremony4 & 5: Thurs 3rd June, 6:30 PM

Prayer Partners: Sacramental time is a special time of grace for all
in our community. This weekend and next weekend, before or after
the Masses, children preparing for First Reconciliation & First Holy
Communion may ask members of the community to be "Prayer
Partners". Accepting an invitation to be a "Prayer Partner" involves
taking the prayer card and praying for the candidate during the time
leading up to their receiving the Sacrament. Should you be invited to
become a "Prayer Partner" please accept the candidate's invitation
and reassure him/her of your support. If you do not receive a prayer
card, please pray for all the children.

For all enquiries, please email Helena – sacra-
ments@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 16TH MAY

The Parish Youth Group meets every third Sunday of the month.
The next meeting will be on **Sunday 16th May**. 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 –

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 27 May. 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 2m² rule** is
observed. As such, St. Benedict's Shrine can hold a maximum of 300
people, St. Theresa'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

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