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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. 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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Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330
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Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
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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

Sunday of the Resurrection

4 April 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

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

Lorriane Mock, Domenica Ponzo,
Salvatore Piazza

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 March

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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 10
Group B: Group (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**

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6*

*I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.*

FIRST READING *Acts 10:34. 37-43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the country-side of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24*

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel 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. **(R.)**
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *Col 3:1-4*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *1 Cor 5:7-8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Jn 20:1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *1 Cor 5:7-8*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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Next Week: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

HE IS RISEN!

Dear Friends, peace, love and joy to all.

Easter brings so many promises of God to us, life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness triumphs over evil and eternity and glory with God in Heaven are our destiny.

That is the true meaning of Easter. May Jesus who rose, body and soul, and is still alive and with us today, live in all our hearts, that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude. May His love and His peace fill our hearts, our lives, our homes and our families. God bless each and every one of you and your loved ones.

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

HAPPY EASTER from

Fr Jarek, Fr Wojtek & Fr Peter James & Parish Staff

EASTER MONDAY & DIVINE MERCY MASS TIMES

EASTER: MONDAY : 5 April

10:30am (St Benedict’s Shrine)

8am (St Therese’s Church)

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

* Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday 5 April

PASCHAL CANDLE DONATION

Thank You!

A big 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 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 18TH APRIL

The Parish Youth Group meets every third Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be Sunday 18th 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 29TH 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 29th 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 2m² 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
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