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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."

  
**60th Anniversary of Ordination**  
 FATHER ALBERIC JACOVONE OSB  
 1961 - 2021  
 Parishioners of St Gertrude's Parish are invited to celebrate Fr Alberic's Anniversary of Ordination Mass at 11:00 am on Sunday 18 July 2021 followed by luncheon @ \$30 pp. Sincere apologies for the limited numbers offered but unfortunately, due to Covid Restrictions only a limited number of guests can be accommodated at the Mass and celebrations by pre-booking via Maria Zappia at any of the Parish Masses with payment as RSVP.

  
**FCI-ItalianCatholicFederation**  
*Thank you* to all patrons who joined us for Mother's Day Lunch last week. Enjoyed by all.  
**Next FCI-Bingo is Friday 21 May 2021**  
  
 10:00 am - Montefano Hall  
**\$10 entry** Bingo Games, morning tea/coffee & light lunch included.

  
**ST GERTRUDE'S**  
**ENROLLING NOW**  
 (02) 9609 4144 / 1-11 Justin Street, Smithfield

  
**Patrician Brothers' College**  
**Fairfield**  
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 To request an enrolment pack click on  
<https://www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/download-an-enrolment-form>  
**Limited vacancies exist for Year 7 and 11 2022.**  
**Accepting enrolments for Year 7 2023 and 2024.**  
**(Current Year 5 and Year 4 students)**  
 Contact the College on 9728 4488

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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

## Pentecost Sunday

23 May 2021



### We welcome the following

Bream Celebrin

### 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 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

Gina Wilson, Anton Jarkey, Lawrence Cachia,  
 Gabrielle Palozzo, Rina Spisso, Anthony Dimech,  
 Giovanna Fedele; Placy D'Souza,

### Recently Deceased

**And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time**

Giuseppa Portolesi & Teresa Bordin

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Office:

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 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 Martin  
[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):**  
 Currently Unavailable

**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

**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 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— 29 May  
 Grace & Pina  
 (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**

Pentecost Sunday

Entrance Antiphon Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

- 1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
- 2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
- 3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to Go

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of 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.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS – 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY

St. Theresa’s Church 7am  
St. Benedict’s Shrine 9.15am; 7pm (also celebrated as the monthly Mass for the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn)

GO MAKE DISCIPLES – PASTORAL PLAN

You are invited to take home a copy of the Mission Plan for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. The Mission Plan is based on 5 foundations: *Evangelisation, Leadership, Community, Formation and Worship*. Copies of the *Go Make Disciples* document are available in the Foyer. More information and resources can be found online on the *Go Make Disciples* website: [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au).

ARCHBISHOP’S NINTH PASTORAL MESSAGE

Archbishop Anthony Fisher has released his *Ninth Pastoral Letter to the Clergy and Faithful in the Archdiocese*. Copies are available in the Foyer or on the Parish Website. We will also present the Archbishop’s Pastoral Message at Mass this weekend.

8<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

With Pentecost the Church formally concludes the Easter Season. From Monday we return to 8<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time using Year 1 readings.

MEN’S ROSARY GROUP – THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY

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.

Next Week: The Most Holy TRINITY

Readings: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

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

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



FR. WOJTEK 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD – SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY

This year Fr. Wojtek will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to Priesthood. As a Parish we will celebrate this wonderful occasion on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10.30am Mass followed by a light reception in the Montefano Hall. There will also be a book available for you to write a message to Fr. Wojtek at St. Benedict’s Shrine over the next two weekends.

CALLING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

The backbone of any Parish is the commitment and dedication of the numerous volunteers who give freely of their time to assist the community in so many ways. St. Gertrude’s Parish has always had wonderful volunteers who have supported their Parish joyfully and wholeheartedly. Now with the Parish heading towards some sense of normality, we have hit the “re-set” button and are calling for volunteers for our two churches; St. Benedict’s Shrine and St. Theresa’s Church. If you already are a volunteer and wish to continue in your role we welcome you back. For those who would like to help the Parish we would like to welcome you on board! There are a number of areas that you can help the Parish: **collector, reader, cleaner, altar server, gardening and maintenance, etc.** If you would like to volunteer please see our Pastoral Team after Mass or contact the Parish Office. Thank you and God Bless.

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS SIGN IN AND SIGN OUT!

Just a reminder that each time you enter St. Benedict’s Shrine or St. Theresa’s Church (either for a church service or for private prayer) or Montefano Hall, **YOU MUST SIGN IN**. It is preferred that you use the QR Code at the door. Those who cannot use the QR Code, then you can write on the sheets provided.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS:

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion:

- Congratulations to the children who made their First Reconciliation on Thursday night. May you continue to embrace the love of our Forgiving Father.
- Thank you to Fr Jarek, Fr Wojtek, Fr Peter James and Fr Jacek for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday evening. Thank you to the Catechists, Teachers, volunteers and parents who assisted with the rehearsals and ceremonies this week.
- First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm.
- First Communion Rehearsals:
  - o Ceremony 1 & 3: Took place on 18/5.
  - o Ceremony 2: Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> May, 6:30 PM
  - o Ceremony 4 & 5: Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 6:30 PM
- First Communion Ceremonies will take place on the following dates/ time:
  - o Trinity Sunday  
Ceremony 1: 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2 PM  
Ceremony 2: 29<sup>th</sup> May, 6 PM  
Ceremony 3: 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2 PM
  - o Corpus Christi  
Ceremony 4: 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2 PM  
Ceremony 5: 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2 PM
- Please continue to pray for all the children, and their families, as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time.

Confirmation

- Enrolments for Confirmation were conducted before Easter. If you missed out on enrolling your child, enrolment forms can be found in the church foyer, on the Parish website, or can be collected from the Parish Office. Please return forms by the end of May.
- Families who have enrolled their children will be contacted by email, at the end of June, with more information.

For all enquiries, please email Helena – [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or call [9725 4317](tel:97254317) and leave a message. Face-to-face meetings by appointment - please call/email to arrange a time.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP – SUNDAY 20TH JUNE

The Parish Youth Group meets every third Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June** Join us for Mass at 6pm and following the Mass, youth meeting in the Parish Demountables. New members are always welcome to join.

FAIRFIELD ACTIVE MALTESE SENIORS TUES 25 MAY @ 10AM

St Theresa’s Hall, 129 The Boulevarde, Fairfield Heights

Members & Friends welcome to join our Q&A Session with Mr Lawrence Buhagiar, Consul General of Malta in NSW

Contact Marisa on 0414 863 123

NB: Covid19 requirements in place.

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. 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.