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Thank you to all patrons who joined us for Mother's Day Lunch last week. Enjoyed by all.
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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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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.

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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 Strohmayer 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

The Most Holy Trinity

30 May 2021



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

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

Frank Galea, Giuseppa Portolesi,
Teresa Bordin & William Mascarenhas

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
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: Currently not available at this time.

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:

wcc@stgertrude.org.au (all WWCC renewals)
psso@stgertrude.org.au (Parish Safeguarding Support Officers)

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

Intention for June
The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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— 5 June
Group E: Neo Catechumens
(St Benedict's)
Group D: Syriacs
(St Theresa's)

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

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

The Most Holy Trinity

Entrance Antiphon

*Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.*

FIRST READING *Dt 4:32-34. 39-40*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12*

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *Rom 8:14-17*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See Rv 1:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mt 28:16-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Gal 4:6*

*Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.*

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CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT OF CEMETERIES

You may be aware that this week the NSW Government has announced sweeping changes to the management of cemeteries, namely that all cemetery trusts will merge into a single government trust. In effect, this dismisses faith-based operators. The consequences of this decision are:

- That faith groups (including Muslims, Jews and other Christians) who manage and operate cemeteries will be replaced by government run agencies. For Catholics this ends 150 years of the role of the Church in burying the dead (a corporal work of mercy), the upkeep of graves and support of grieving families.
- That assets set aside to manage cemeteries will be forcibly acquired by the NSW Government without proper consultation.
- Uncertainty about graves being kept "in perpetuity" (forever).
- Almost certainty of increased costs for funerals. Uncertainty as to the use of Chapels for funeral services.
- Lack of understanding on the Government's behalf that burying the dead is a spiritual mission which needs to be met with sensitivity and Pastoral Care.

We encourage you to write to or telephone your local Member of Parliament appealing a reverse in this decision.

Next Week: The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST

**Readings: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15;
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26**

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.

FAMILY ROSARY – SATURDAY 1ST JUNE

The family rosary group will meet on Saturday 1st June at St. Benedict's Shrine to pray the rosary beginning at 7.15pm (following the Vigil Mass). All families are invited to come together and pray together.

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI – SUNDAY 6TH JUNE

In Australia the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is celebrated on a Sunday. Following each Mass there will be a short exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with some prayers. Please stay and pray with us adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

FIRST FRIDAY – 4TH JUNE

First Friday Devotions this Friday 4th June:
St. Theresa's Church: 6.30am *Exposition*
7.00am Mass

St. Benedict's Shrine: 9.15am Mass *followed by exposition and devotions.*
7.00pm Mass *followed by exposition and devotions.*

FIRST SATURDAY – 5TH JUNE

First Saturday Devotions this Saturday 5th June:
St. Theresa's Church: 7am *Exposition and Rosary*
8am Mass

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING – SUNDAY 13TH JUNE

Couples who were married in the month of June are invited to receive a marriage blessing on Sunday 13th June at the 10.30am Mass.

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP – THURSDAY 24TH JUNE

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 24th June.** New members are always welcome to join.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP – SUNDAY 20TH JUNE

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

REQUIEM MASS FOR THE LATE GINA WILSON – THURSDAY 3RD JUNE

A requiem Mass will be celebrated for Gina Wilson on **Thursday 3rd June at 11am** at St. Benedict's Shrine. On behalf of the Parish we extend to the Wilson family our deepest sympathy and offer our prayers.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS:

FIRST RECONCILIATION

- Congratulations to the children who made their First Reconciliation on Tuesday night. May you continue to embrace the love of our Forgiving Father.
- Thank you to Fr Jarek, Fr Peter James and Fr Wojtek for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evening.
- Thank you to the Catechists, School representatives and Teachers, volunteers and parents who assisted with the ceremony this week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our Parish, this weekend.

- Ceremony 1 – Saturday 2 PM (27 children)
- Ceremony 2 – Saturday 6 PM (10 children)
- Ceremony 6 – Sunday 10:30 AM (4 children)
- Ceremony 3 – Sunday 2 PM (26 children)

Congratulations to all the young people who received Eucharist for the first time this weekend. We pray that all our First Communicants and their families will be strengthened by their continued reception of Jesus in the Eucharist at Sunday Mass.

The prayer support from members of the Parish Community was much appreciated by parents and children. Thank you, parents, for the sacrifices you made in preparing your children for this special time. Special thanks also to the many people who were involved in the preparation program, meetings, rehearsals, and to all who assisted in making the Holy Communion ceremonies a wonderful and memorable time for the children.

HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION EVENING:

Holy Communion Photos can be collected from the Montefano Hall on Friday 2nd July from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Sunday 12th September 2021

- Parent Information Meeting: Tuesday 20th July, 7 pm in the Montefano Hall.
- Sessions commence weekend of 24/25th July.
- Enrolled candidates will be contacted at the end of June, by email, with more information regarding preparation classes and ceremony time.

For all enquiries please email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au, phone: 9725 4317 (Tues/Wed) or leave a message. If you wish to see Helena face-to-face, please email/call the Sacramental Office to make an appointment. Thank You.

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.