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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](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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# 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

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 August 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 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 Portelli, Alan Wong, Pauline Sammut,  
Ermanno Brisa, Giovanni Moretti Antonio Franco,  
Silvestro Sganga, Mary Doran, Gina Wilson,  
Marija Stefulj, Anton Jarkey, Lawrence Cachia,

#### Recently Deceased

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

Providenza Vitetta, Caterina Cassarino,  
Carmelina Oliveri, Ivan Stefulj

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Office:

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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):** 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  
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

## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

### Intention for August The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

## 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—**  
**Due to Covid Lockdowns, church cleaning will be suspended until further notice.**  
**Thank you**

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

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



## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon** *Ps 69:2,6*

*O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.*

**FIRST READING** *Ex 16:2-4. 12-15*

*A reading from the book of Exodus*

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, ‘Why did we not die at the Lord’s hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day’s portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.’

‘I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, “Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.”’ And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, ‘What is that?’ not knowing what it was. ‘That’ said Moses to them ‘is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.’

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24*

**(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. **(R.)**
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. **(R.)**
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** *Eph 4:17, 20-24*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God’s way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to Go**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Mt 4:4*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL**

*Jn 6:24-35*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered:

‘I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.’

Then they said to him, ‘What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?’ Jesus gave them this answer, ‘This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.’ So they said, ‘What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’

Jesus answered:

‘I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’

‘Sir,’ they said ‘give us that bread always.’ Jesus answered:

‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.’

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Wis 16:20*

*You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

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**St. John Vianney – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August.**

St. John Vianney is the Patron of Parish Priests and Confessors. On this day we pray for the priests of our Parish, particularly our Parish Priest Fr. Jarek Zan.

**First Friday – 6th August.**

This week we celebrate the First Friday (which is also the Feast of the Transfiguration) and Saturday of the month. Following Mass on Friday evening we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Litany to Sacred Heart.

**Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Sunday 8th August**

Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Australia’s first saint, St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Solemn Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am followed by devotions to Mary MacKillop.

**Next Week: Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary Mackillop), Virgin**

**Readings: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34**

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASS**

DURING THIS TIME OF STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS, THE PARISH WILL CONTINUE TO STREAM MASS VIA ZOOM. THE DETAILS ARE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE.

**Mass Times:**

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday*

**6pm:** Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and Novena to St. Benedict and Benediction

**7pm:** Mass

*Wednesday*

**7pm:** Mass followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and Novena to St. Benedict and Benediction

*Saturday*

**6pm:** Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and Novena to St. Benedict and Benediction

**7pm:** Mass

*Sunday*

**10.30am:** Mass

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. (Pause for a moment in silence and adoration). I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen



**PLEASE REACH OUT!**

This time of stay-at-home can be very distressing and lonely for some people, especially the elderly and vulnerable. I encourage all our Parishioners to keep in regular contact with each other. The best way at this time is through technology – social media, various Apps on your phone, telephone, email, etc.

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP**

During this time of restriction, the Parish Youth Group will be postponed. We apologise for the inconvenience and look forward to getting back together to celebrate our faith shortly.

**MEN’S ROSARY GROUP**

During this time of restriction, the Men’s Rosary Group will be postponed. We apologise for the inconvenience and look forward to getting back together to celebrate our faith shortly.

**RELICS OF ST. BENEDICT**

The Parish is extremely excited and honoured to announce that the Parish has obtained first class relics of St. Benedict of Nursia.

In God’s mysterious ways, the Relic arrived from Italy as we are undergoing tough Covid restrictions. St. Benedict ... Pray for Us.

**SACRAMENTAL NEWS!**

**HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION: POSTPONED**

Date to be advised - will be rescheduled when restriction have eased. Please wait for email.

**CONFIRMATION:** Date to be advised.

- The majority of Workbooks and resources have been delivered.
- Meet and greet 30 min zoom session for candidates this week-end: Sat 31<sup>st</sup> July, 4 pm (Group A) and Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Aug, 9 am (Group B). Links have been emailed to candidates.
- Zoom lessons to commence 7/8 August. Lessons will take place for 4 weeks.
  - > Group A: Saturday 4 pm to 5:30 pm.
  - > Group B: Sunday 9 am to 10:30 am.
- Reconciliation, Retreat, Rehearsals and Ceremony dates to be advised. These dates may be subject to change beyond our control.
- Confirmation Saint names and Sponsors to be submitted by this weekend.
- Enrolled families, please check your email regularly for updates.

For all enquiries please email:

[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or phone:

9725 4317 to leave a message.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK—SUSPENDED**

Please be advised that the regular Communion to the Sick (Tuesday) has been suspended at this time. Communion to the Sick will resume as soon as stay-at-home orders are lifted and it is safe for the Priests to once more move about the community. At this time you are encouraged to make an Act of Spiritual Communion. However, if there is an emergency that requires the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish in the usual way.

**COVID Update**

The NSW Government has announced further restrictions and regulations:

- Churches will remain closed at this time.
- Funerals can have a total of 10 people. (excluding those who are conducting the funeral)
- Baptisms, unless in case of emergency, are prohibited.
- Weddings are postponed pending further government announcements.

**NEW CHURCH ACCOUNT BANKING DETAILS**

Please note for those who are using direct debit or electronic transfer that recently the CDF has made some changes to bank account numbers. There is now a new BSB and Account Number for our Church Account – second collection. BSB 062784 Account no. 100001084. Apologies to those who have had difficulties in transferring funds. Thank you to all who have been contributing to our Parish especially during the Lockdown period.

**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. 100001084

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