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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

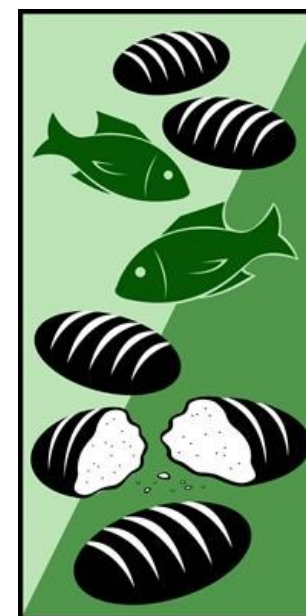
**First Friday of the Month:**  
6.30am Exposition & Confession; 7am Mass

**First Saturday of the Month:**  
7am Rosary 8am Mass

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:**  
Tuesdays after Mass

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 July 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 Kodosy,  
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

Alan Wong, Pauline Sammut, Ermanno Brisa,  
Giovanni Moretti Antonio Franco,  
Silvestro Sganga, Mary Doran, Gina Wilson,  
Marija Stefulj, Anton Jarkey, Lawrence Cachia,  
Gabrielle Palozzo, Rina Spisso, Anthony Dimech,

#### Recently Deceased

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

Jeanne Jarkey, John Donnantuoni,  
Teresa Iannelli, Giuseppe Busa

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Office:

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Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585  
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):** 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 July  
**Social Friendship**

**We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.**

## 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**



## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon** *Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36*

*God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

**FIRST READING** *2 Kgs 4:42-44*

*A reading from the second book of the Kings*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16*

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.**

- All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
- The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
- The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** *Eph 4:1-6*

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

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to Go**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Lk 7:16*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** *Jn 6:1-15*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Ps 102:2*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.*

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# Living Gospel

## Plenty for all

*The feeding of the multitude is a profoundly political statement. Quite simply, there is sufficient food in our world to ensure that no one should ever be hungry. Sadly, the distribution of that food is such that there are some in our world whose bellies are expanding from an excess of food while others' are distended from the lack of it. We can easily feed the entire world. It is the responsibility of those of us in the developed world with more than we need to bring about a more equitable distribution with those who don't even have enough to live.*



### TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

Please remember to turn off your mobile phones – or switch to silent – when entering the Church.

**Next Week: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Ex 16:2-4. 12-15; Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35**

### 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.

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

At this time, nominations for PPC are postponed until further notice.

#### 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.

- Workbooks and resources to be delivered over the next 2 weeks.
- Meet and greet 30 min zoom session for candidates on Sat 31st July, 4 pm (Group A) and Sun 1st Aug, 9 am (Group B).
- 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.
- Enrolled families, please check your email regularly for updates.

For all enquiries please email:

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.

#### FR ALBERIC ANNIVERSARY MASS—POSTPONED

The planned Mass of Thanksgiving for the 60th anniversary of Ordination is postponed until further notice. Apologies for the inconvenience.

#### 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.
- Baptisms, unless in case of emergency, are prohibited.
- Weddings are postponed pending further government announcements.

#### 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.**