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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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Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199  
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Welcomes all Parishioners to join us for  
**2021 Parish BINGO on 10:00 am**  
Restrictions permitting  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021**  
in Montefano Hall  
\$10 entry includes Bingo Games, morning tea/coffee and light lunch.  
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Please contact Mrs Rosemary Gerardis on (02) 9725 4322 or email [rosemary.gerardis@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rosemary.gerardis@syd.catholic.edu.au) to secure a spot

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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

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 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 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

Silvestro Sganga, Mary Doran, Gina Wilson,  
Marija Stefulj, 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**

Jeanne Jarkey, John Donnantuoni,  
Teresa Iannelli, Giuseppe Busa

## 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 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— July 10**  
**Group E: Neo Catechumens**  
**(St Benedict's)**  
**Group A: Frances & Margaret**  
**(St Theresa's)**

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

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



## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon** *Cf. Ps 47:10-11*

*Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

**FIRST READING** *Ez 2:2-5*

*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’

The word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 122. R. v.2*

**(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.**

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**
2. Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man’s disdain. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** *2 Cor 12:7-10*

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, ‘My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.’ So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to Go**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *See Lk 4:18*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** *Mk 6:1-6*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, ‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’ And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house’; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Ps 33:9*

*Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.*

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Saturday—3 July  
Feast ~ St Thomas, apostle



### TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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

**Next Week: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Readings: Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13**

### 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*

6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary;  
7.00pm Mass

*Wednesday*

7.00pm Mass;  
7.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to St. Benedict

*Saturday*

6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary;  
7.00pm Vigil 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

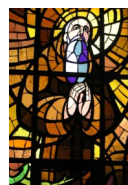
### COMMUNION TO THE SICK—SUSPENDED

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.

### 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.

### ST. BENEDICT’S FEAST DAY – SUNDAY JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>



The Parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Benedict on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am. The main celebrant for the day will be emeritus Bishop Peter Ingham, who is also a Confrater of the Pauline Order. More details about the celebration will be given in the coming week

### THE IMPORTANCE OF SACRED SILENCE

The church – the House of God – is a special place where God and his people meet. It is a place of unique sacredness. As such, alongside actively responding during the Liturgy we are also asked to respect the sense of the Sacred with silence. *“Sacred silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times ... Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner.”* (GIRM 45). As a courtesy to God and to others, please maintain this sacred silence.

### PARISH YOUTH GROUP – SUNDAY 18TH JULY

The Parish Youth Group meets every third Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday 18th July**. Join us for Mass at 6pm and following the Mass, youth meeting in the Parish Demountable. New members are always welcome to join.

### MEN’S ROSARY GROUP – 29TH JULY

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.

### SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

#### HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION:

Communion photo collection has been rescheduled to Tuesday 20th July from 6 pm to 7 pm.

**CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated on Sunday 12th September.

- Parent Information Meeting: Tuesday 20th July, 7 pm in the Montefano Hall.
- Sessions commence weekend of 24/25th July TBC.
- Enrolled families, please check your email for updates.

For all enquiries please email:

sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or phone: 9725 4317 to leave a message.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Parish Council is a vital part of our Parish community. The Council meets every two months and helps advise the Parish Priest on important issues that influence the Pastoral Ministry in the Parish. Some recent examples being the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn, celebrations for the Year of St. Joseph, representative for the Plenary Council, and navigating Covid-19 and its effects on Parish life. There also comes a time when sitting members need to resign and new members are asked to join. This allows for members who have served to have a rest and for new members to bring fresh ideas to the Council. If you know of anyone in the Parish who could be a valued member of the Parish please nominate them. Nomination forms are available at the doors of the church.

### PETER’S PENCE – HOLY FATHER APPEAL—POSTPONED

Each year at the time of the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, the Church undertakes the Holy Father Appeal. Peter’s Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of St. Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. Envelopes are available in your pews.

### FR. ALBERIC ANNIVERSARY MASS – SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

A Mass of thanksgiving commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr. Alberic will be celebrated on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 10.30am. More details in the coming weeks.

### NO CHEWING GUM

Please note that chewing gum is not allowed inside the church. We have had a number of people attending Mass and other services whilst chewing gum. Chewing gum actually breaks our fast before receiving communion! There have also been the increased incidents of chewing gum being stuck to church furnishings. Before entering the church please dispose of chewing gum in the bins provided. Thank you.

### COVID UPDATES FROM ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

New COVID 19 restrictions for Greater Sydney  
The NSW government has announced a further tightening of COVID 19 restrictions for all of Greater Sydney, including the Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour regions.

Churches were closed to the public from 6pm on Saturday 26 June 2021 until at least midnight on Friday 9 July 2021.

Funerals may proceed at this time, with a maximum of 100 people in attendance and subject to a four square metre rule.

### 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.**