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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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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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15 August 2021



We pray for the sick of this parish

Alyssa Ferrer, 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

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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Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
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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 Martin
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:

wwcc@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 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**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Rev 12:1

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

FIRST READING Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, ‘Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.’

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10

(R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

- 1. The daughters of kings are among your loved one On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father’s house. (R.)
- 2. So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 15:20-26

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah’s

house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.’ And Mary said:

‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy — according to the promise he made to our ancestors — of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION Lk 1:48-49

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

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YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH—VOTIVE MASS 19TH AUGUST

The next Votive Mass in honour of St. Joseph will be Thursday 19th August at 7pm

MASS FOR THE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN—30TH AUGUST

The next Mass for the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn will be on Monday 30th August at 7pm

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF JASNA GORA—THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST

The Solemnity of Our Lady of Jasna Gora will be celebrated on Thursday August 26th at 7pm Mass.

MASS FROM JASNA GORA—SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST 4PM

A special celebration of the Eucharist for the intentions of the Parishioners of St. Gertrude’s Smithfield and St. Margaret Mary’s Merrylands will be celebrated on Sunday 15th August at 4pm. This Mass will be in English. You may join this Mass www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOCdleeR3UY . This is a very unique opportunity for us. Details are also available on the Parish Website with the link to Jasna Gora live stream.

Next Week: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Readings: Jos 24:1-2. 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION – SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST

Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption. Following the 10.30am Mass we will pray the Rosary and the Litany to Our Lady as a community. If you would like to stay on after that, we will have the opportunity to have a small chat together via zoom.

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.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP – SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST

The Parish Youth Group will meet next Sunday 22nd August via Zoom at 7pm.

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

Will be rescheduled when restriction have eased. Please wait for email advising collection date.

CONFIRMATION: Date to be advised.

- Zoom lessons continue this weekend and for 2 more 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.
- Confirmation Donations: Thank you kindly to the families who have generously donated extra towards the Sacramental Programme as a way of “paying it forward” for enrolled families who are struggling at this time.
- Prayer Partners: Sacramental time is a special time of grace for all in our community. On the parish website there is an I nvitation for members of the Parish Community to pray for our Confirmation Candidates. To view the prayer and see the Candidate’s flame display please visit the Parish website: https://www.stgertrude.org.au/confirmation-programme-2021/
- Confirmation Saint Projects: The Confirmation Candidates are busy researching their chosen Saints. The Candidate’s projects are being shared on the Parish Website and can be viewed by clicking on this link: http://www.stgertrude.org.au/confirmation-saint-projects/

For all enquiries please email:

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. PETER JAMES

The Parish would like to extend to Fr. Peter James our prayers best wishes as he celebrates his birthday. May God continue to bless you in the year ahead.

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.