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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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Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 am—2 pm

SIGN THE NO EUTHANASIA PETITION IN NSW

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is urging all Catholics to sign an e-petition to prevent the NSW parliament passing laws that sanction the killing of vulnerable human beings. There is never a good time to introduce laws such as this, but to do so in the middle of a pandemic and amidst lockdowns adversely affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions is unconscionable. It is a confusing message that on the one hand we are doing everything to save life and on the other trying to justify killing.

Please sign this petition, calling on the Government to keep us focused on the present challenges and once they have been met, let us focus on medicine at its best and not its most lethal.

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/protect_life_nsw



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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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 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 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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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**

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: ‘If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.’ The people answered, ‘We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.’

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

- I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
- The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
- They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
- Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
- Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, ‘This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?’ Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, ‘Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? ‘It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ‘But there are some of you who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, ‘This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.’ After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, ‘What about you, do you want to go away too?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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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

Novena to Our Lady of Jasna Gora: 17th – 25th August

The Solemnity of Our Lady of Jasna Gora is celebrated on the 26th August. In preparation for this Solemnity, the Pauline Fathers pray the Novena to Our Lady of Jasna Gora beginning on the 17th of August. We have included the prayer in the bulletin on a separate page.

Solemnity of Our Lady of Jasna Gora—Thursday 26 August

The Solemnity of Our Lady of Jasna Gora will be celebrated on Thursday 26th August at 7pm. There will also be a gift of the golden rose presented Our Lady. You might like to make your own golden rose to present to Our Blessed Mother?

Floral Tributes in Honour of Our Blessed Mother

The fences of St. Benedict's Shrine and St. Therese's Church are adorned with floral tributes and images honouring Our Blessed Mother. These were placed for the Solemnity of the Assumption and will remain until the end of August. You are welcome to place your own tribute honouring our Blessed Mother in preparation for the Solemnity of Our Lady of Jasna Gora.

Next Week: Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dt 4:1-2. 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

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

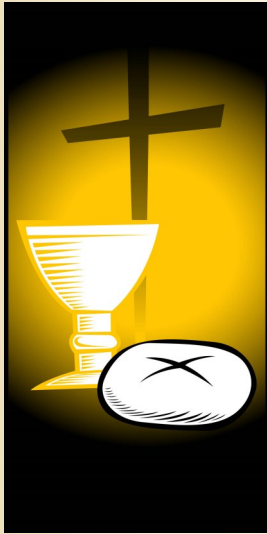
10.30am: Mass

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.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross on Friday at 3pm

Each Friday Parishioners are invited to join us via Zoom to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross a Penitential Act during this time of Pandemic. The meeting and password is per our Mass details.

Parish Youth Group—This Sunday

The Parish Youth along with their families are invited to join the youth meeting this Sunday 22nd August at 6pm. This is an opportunity for all our youth community to join together. There will be special guest speakers this week who will share their faith story.

Men's Rosary Group

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

Please sign the Euthanasia Petition—Details and Link on Next Page

Catechist News

SRE Classes in State Schools Suspended Until Further Notice.

Unfortunately owing to the continued restrictions in NSW all Catechist Classes have been suspended until further notice. Our Catechists continue to pray for all our children and their families during this time of Pandemic. Any families wishing to access learning from home SRE lessons, here is the link provided below:

https://www.ccross.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/

May we continue to pray for each other during this time of Pandemic. We ask your Son Jesus, our Lord to grant our students and Catechists hope and patience, as they eagerly await the return of Scripture Classes.

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 1 more week:
 - > 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 invitation 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.

Communion to the Sick—Suspended

Please be advised that the regular Communion to the Sick (Tuesday) has been suspended at this time. 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.

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.