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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 Strohmayer 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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 September 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

Maria Blanda, Emanuel Cutajar, Mary Portelli,
Alan Wong, Pauline Sammut, Ermanno Brisa,
Giovanni Moretti Antonio Franco,
Silvestro Sganga, Mary Doran

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Hasseina Al-Beno & Edi Contempo

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
Email: office@stgertrude.org.au
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 Mertin
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 September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle
We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this..

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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING Is 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

*(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
In the land of the living.*

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. (R.)

SECOND READING Jas 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never
done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will
that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the
sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to
live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well;
keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them
these bare necessities of life, then what good is that?
Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is
quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say
you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you
that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now
you prove to me that you have faith without any good
deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round
Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his
disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him.
'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again,
one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you
say I am?'

Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And
he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.
And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was
destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders
and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to
death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all
this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to
remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his
disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind
me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way
but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If
anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce
himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone
who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who
loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,
will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your
wings.

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Mass for the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn – 27th September
The next Mass for the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn will be on Monday 27th September at 7pm.

PAULINE VOCATIONS AUSTRALIA

The Pauline community is excited to announce two vocations. Br.
Augustine Apollini made his First Profession of Temporary Vows on
Friday 6th August at Penrose Park. This was a solemn but small
celebration due to movement restrictions. Br. Paul Debert will begin his
Canonical Noviciate Year this month. Due to border closures and travel
restrictions Br. Paul will remain at Penrose Park rather than the usual
Noviciate in Poland. Please continue to pray for these men as they
journey towards priesthood and for vocations to our Order and Australia.

MASS FOR THE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN – 27TH SEPTEMBER



The next Mass for the Spiritual Adoption of the
Unborn will be on Monday 27th September at
7pm.

NSW COVID ANNOUNCEMENT

You may have heard that on Thursday 9th September, the NSSF
Government and NSW Health announced their vision for the future
easing of restrictions. Included into this discussion were places of
worship. The details of the plans have not been fully released and
there remain a number of areas of concern for places of worship.
Whilst we are excited at the prospect of having a congregation
physically present in the church again, we ask that you be patient as
the details are negotiated between the civic and religious authorities.
Please continue to pray for an end to the Pandemic and for our
community to be united.

Next Week: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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

Friday

3pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross

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—SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

The next Parish youth meeting will be Sunday 19th September at 6pm
via zoom. All welcome to attend.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Fr. Jarek, Fr. Wojtek and Fr. Peter James would like to express our
deepest thanks and gratitude to all our Parishioners who continue to
support us during the current lockdown. Your gifts of food and dona-
tions have been overwhelming. We would especially like to thank
those who continue to pray for us and send us messages of encour-
agement. These really lighten our spirits! Know that we miss having
you physically in the church and are hopeful of seeing you all soon
again.

**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.cress.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: To be advised.

- 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 have
done a brilliant job researching their chosen Saints. The Candidate's
projects can be viewed on the Parish Website via 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.

RIP FR ALOJZY KOSOBUCKI

Please keep in your prayers Fr. Alojzy Kosobucki, a Pauline Father who
was working in the Ukraine. Fr. Alojzy entered eternal life on Wednesday
8th September after 32 years in the Order, 26 years as a priest. He was
one month from turning 53 years of age.

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:** New regulations have come into effect allowing weddings
to take place. Under the Order, a small wedding is a wedding of no
more than five guests plus the wedding party (the two people getting
married, two witnesses required for the marriage, one person conduct-
ing the service, and one person to record the wedding). There are
additional restrictions so please discuss these with the celebrant.

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.