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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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 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 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 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 118:137, 124*

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

FIRST READING *Is 35:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1*

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

- It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
- It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
- The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *Jas 2:1-5*

A reading from the letter of St James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ,
our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions be-
tween classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into
your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring
on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby
clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and
say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the
poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor
by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two
different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves
into judges, and corrupt judges at that?
Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor ac-
cording to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith
and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to
those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf. Mt 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and *healed all who were sick.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mk 7:31-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of
Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the
Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who
had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to

lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away
from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and
touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to
heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that
is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the
ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke
clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it,
but the more he insisted, the more widely they published
it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all
things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the
dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 41:2-3*

*Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

To all our Fathers, physical and spiritual, we
extend our best wishes as we celebrate
Father's Day. In this Year of St. Joseph, we
particularly pray through the intercession of
St. Joseph for your continued good health.
May you always be for your families the
image of St. Joseph.

God Bless.

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

On Wednesday 8th of September the Church celebrates the Feast
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Novena and Mass will be as
usual and following Mass we will pray the Litany to the Bl. Virgin
Mary. It is also a tradition on this day that the monks make their First
Profession of Vows and so we pray for those in Poland who will make
their First Profession of Vows and those who celebrate their
anniversaries.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS FR JAREK—35 YEARS OF FIRST PROFESSION

The Parish wishes to extend to Fr. Jarek our prayers and
congratulations on the 35th anniversary of his First Profession. May
God continue to bless you in your vocation and may Our Blessed
Mother intercede for you always.

THANK YOU

The Parish wishes to express our thanks to those who donated
flowers for our celebrations of Our Lady of Jasna Gora. We would
also like to thank Caterina Rosati who donated Holy Cards for the
occasion. Your generosity and support of the Parish is very much
appreciated. God bless you all.

Next Week: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: *Is 50:5-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35*

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

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.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: 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 en-
rolled 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 Confirma-
tion 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 Candi-
date'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. WALERY JAKUBCZYK

Please keep in your prayers Fr. Walery Jakubczyk, a Pauline Father who
was working in the Ukraine. Fr. Walery entered eternal life on Sunday
29th August after 19 years in the Order, 13 years as a priest. He was 39
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 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.