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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

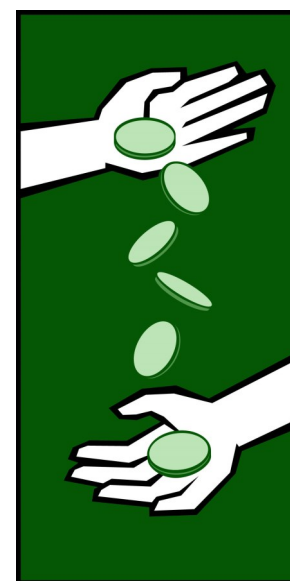
First Friday of the Month:
6.30am Exposition & Confession; 7am Mass

First Saturday of the Month:
7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 October 2021



We pray for the sick of this parish

John Gissane, 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

Rosa Musso, Luciano Marson, Phyllis Berkeley,
Antonietta Sikora, Maria Blanda, Emanuel Cutajar,
Mary Portelli, Alan Wong, Pauline Sammut,
Ermanno Brisa, Giovanni Moretti, Antonio Franco

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Samuel Zarb & Rosa Corso

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield
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 October
Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor 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 us 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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 129:3-4*

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.*

FIRST READING *Wis 7:7-11*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14*

*(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!*

1. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**
3. Show forth your work to your servants;
Let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *Heb 4:12-13*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt 5:3*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mk 10:17-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a

man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 33:11*

*The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*

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Friday 15 October

Feast ~ Saint Teresa of Jesus, virgin and Doctor of the Church

OCTOBER—THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

It is a tradition in the Catholic Church to dedicate October to the Most Holy Rosary. We will continue to pray our Parish Rosary in October during the Novena to St. Benedict. In particular the rosary will be offered for the global event: Rosary Crusade for Victory over Darkness. You are also encouraged to pray an additional rosary either as a family group or maybe start a "virtual group" to pray with other households.

MASS FOR THE UNBORN

The next Mass for the Unborn will be on Monday 25th October at 7pm.



RE-OPENING OF PLACES OF WORSHIP

You may be aware that the NSW Government and NSW Health have announced some changes to the regulations regarding Places of Worship, including churches. At the moment there are still quite a few uncertainties and we are awaiting further instruction from the Sydney Archdiocese Office. As we continue to bring everyone back to our Eucharist Celebrations we ask for your patience so that we can achieve this in the safest possible way for our entire congregation. In regards to our other Pastoral Activities – Youth Group, Playgroup, Communion to the Sick, etc. – these will depend upon further updates from our civil and religious authorities. Please continue to pray for an end to the Pandemic and for our community to be united.

Next Week: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: *Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45*

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



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Each Mass that is celebrated by the Priest is given an "intention"; i.e. something specific for which the Eucharist is offered. There are so many prayers that we bring before the Lord during the celebration of Mass. These could be death anniversaries, births and birthdays, wedding anniversaries, good health, for students studying particularly at exam time, etc. At these times where our physical contact in church is limited, if you would like to offer a Mass for a special intention in your heart, please write the intention clearly on an envelope and place it in the letter box at the Parish office.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP—SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER

The next Parish youth meeting will be on Sunday 17th October.

Further details regarding this meeting will be given closer to the date as we anticipate announcements from the NSW Government. Keep an eye on the notices in the Bulletin.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND PARISH APPEAL 2021

Again we continue to find ourselves in lockdown. Parishes are closed. Access to the sacraments limited. In addition, many continue to suffer from COVID, whether it be loss of life, or loss of livelihood. These are unfortunate times. However, the Church also has an opportunity to repeat history and shine in midst of crisis. During the Spanish Flu pandemic, Catholics were at the forefront in supporting the sick and providing resources to those in need. Today, we have an opportunity to do the same by supporting the parish Charitable Works Fund appeal. Any donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation of \$50 to support our ministries. Your donation will assist those suffering with mental illness, mothers facing homelessness and members of our deaf and disabled community.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION: POSTPONED

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

CONFIRMATION:

- Reconciliation, Retreat, Rehearsals and Ceremony dates to be advised. These dates may be subject to change beyond our control.
- Confirmation Ceremonies: Tentatively booked for middle of February 2022 –more information will be provided at the end of November. Please refer to email sent out last week.
- 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/>
- Enrolled families, please check your email regularly for updates.

FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022:

Enrolments will be collected in November 2021. More information on how to enrol will be provided in the bulletin and on the parish website in the coming weeks.

For all enquiries please email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or phone: 9725 4317 to leave a message.

PROPOSED EUTHANASIA LAWS

Write to your local NSW MP to stop the proposed euthanasia laws is our State! Parishioners are encouraged to please contact your local NSW MP, expressing your opposition to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 proposed by Independent MP Alex Greenwich. The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House. More information including direct links and sample letters is available on the Parish Website.

The tool is available at https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_occup_nsw

COVID CHANGES FROM MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER: CHURCHES

As of Monday 11th October there have been some changes to the numbers allowed at Funerals and weddings, provided attendees are fully vaccinated:

- Funerals – 100 people for vaccinated; 10 people if unvaccinated.
- Weddings – 100 people; 5 people if unvaccinated.

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.