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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

First Sunday of Advent

28 November 2021



We welcome the following

Abigail PICKERING, Alessia ROMEO
Baptised in our Parish Community

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

John Gissane, Rosa Musso, Luciano Marson,
Phyllis Berkeley, Antonietta Sikora, Maria Blanda,
Emanuel Cutajar, Mary Portelli, Alan Wong,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Mary-Rose Pace,
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 December Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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—
w/e 4 December
St Benedict: Group A— Frances
St Therese's: Group B— Vietnamese

Parish Office Hours: 10am—2pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
(closed Wednesday)

*** COVID19 Safety Procedures—Please see Church Notice Boards**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world,

for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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Advent ☆☆☆☆☆☆ New liturgical year begins: Sunday cycle C, weekday cycle II



ADVENT has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

Next Week: Second Sunday of Advent Year C

Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6. 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

Please remember to turn off your mobile phones – or switch to silent – when entering the Church.

FIRST FRIDAY—3RD DECEMBER

This Friday is the first Friday of the month, honouring the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass times as follows:

St Therese’s Church 6.30am exposition and confession
7am Mass

St. Benedict’s Shrine 9.15am followed by devotions
7pm Mass followed by devotions and confession

FIRST SATURDAY—4TH DECEMBER

This Saturday is the first Saturday of the month, honouring the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass times as follows:

St. Therese’s Church 7am exposition, rosary and confession
8am Mass

St. Benedict’s Shrine 10am Family Rosary

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—8TH DECEMBER

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Wednesday 8th December. Mass times as follows:

St. Therese’s Church 7am followed by Rosary and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Benedict’s Shrine 7pm followed by Novena to St. Benedict with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION MASS—8TH DECEMBER

The Parish invites all our volunteers who have contributed to the continued Mission of our Parish to celebrate a Mass of Appreciation for all your efforts, particularly in this challenging year. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Wednesday 8th December at St. Benedict’s Shrine, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

PARISH WORKING BEE—FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

In preparation for Christmas a working bee has been organised for Friday 10th December, beginning at 4pm. Any Parishioners willing and able to offer their skills are most welcome. Bring your gloves and working tools!

THANK YOU FROM FR ALBERIC

Sincere thanks and gratitude to all from St. Gertrude’s Parish Smithfield who attended Mass and organised the function at St. Benedict’s Church Acardia in celebration of my 60th Anniversary of Priesthood on Sunday 21 November. Seeing so many familiar faces filled my heart with joy and Praise to God. May the Lord be with you always.

CWF COLLECTION—5TH DECEMBER

The CWF collection will take place next weekend. Envelopes will be available in the pews of the church.

This collection is taken on behalf of the Sydney Archdiocese to help in services such as Ephpheta Centre for the hearing impaired, Seminarians, Catholic Care, Aboriginal Ministries and Chaplains. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



Thank You!

As this is our last week working at the parish, both Karen and myself wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Parishioners of St Gertrude’s for the opportunity to be able to serve you in our capacity as Parish Secretaries.

Also much gratitude to those who reached out to us sending us their love and care!

♥ Karen & Suzanne

PRAYER FOR HSC STUDENTS

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our HSC students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION:

If you were unable to attend the photo collection evening on Friday 12th November, please email the Sacramental Office to arrange an alternate date for collection.

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 when the Archdiocese advises 2022 dates. Please wait for the email.
- Confirmation Programme: To pray for the candidates, view their work or see updates about the programme, visit the Parish website:
<https://www.stgertrude.org.au/confirmation-programme-2021/>

FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022:

Children who will be in Year 3 or above in 2022, who are Baptised in the Catholic Faith, may be eligible to enrol in the First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Programme.

Enrolments will open on Sunday 21st November and will close on Sunday 5th December. For planning purposes, please ensure you enrol your child during the enrolment period. Late enrolments may not be accepted.

For more information about dates for this programme, please visit <http://stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program/>

To enrol your child, please complete the enrolment form online by using the link below. If enrolling multiple children, please complete the online form for each child.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPGbh-kaPoA4hVHJzp1GUoTS3fUV65pfaA9jKeeZVMbYbfXg/viewform?usp=sf_link

For all enquiries please email:

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

JOB VACANCY—HOUSE KEEPER – PATRICIAN COMMUNITY FAIRFIELD

Commencing February 2022. The position is for 4 afternoons per week (Monday – Thursday) from 3.30pm-6.30pm. Interested parties should submit a resume stating particulars and cooking experience to: thomasricefsp@gmail.com or 0432751384, or by post.

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PARISH DONATIONS

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