

22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

*Dt 4:1-2. 6-8*

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)

2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

*A reading from the letter of St James*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jas 1:18

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. *Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:  
This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’ He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week: 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: *Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37*

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St Benedict’s Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street  
SMITHFIELD

Sunday Masses:  
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;  
8.00am (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 till 7.30pm; Saturdays from 4.45pm—5.45pm; & Fridays after the 9.15am Mass

First Friday of the Month:  
7pm Mass & Adoration

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tuesdays after Mass



Parish Priest

Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Assistant Priest

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE

St Theresa’s Church

Corner The Boulevard & Stella Street  
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:  
Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese);  
7.30am & 9.00am; 12 noon (Spanish); 5pm (Arabic)

Weekday Masses:  
Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am

Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am


First Friday of the Month:  
from 6.30am

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:  
Tuesdays after Mass

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2 September 2018



We welcome the following

Rinaldo Costantino

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

Allanah Cassar Falappi, John Denniss,  
Santa Carbone, Santina Ponili,  
Kartia Grace Russell, Gino Mifsud, Rina Favotto,  
Ivy Fernandes, Alina Przewoznik,  
Philomena Greenwood,

Bless our sick today so that they may bear  
their illness in union with Jesus’ sufferings and  
restore them quickly to health


Please remember in your prayers

Ludy Green, Francesco Cassarino, Robert D’Costa,  
Giovanni Devile, Rocco Romeo

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur  
at this time :

Filippo Leto, Antonia Tionville , Alfio Alfonzo,  
Grace Sammut, Antonia Vanolini



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:  
6 Justin St, Smithfield  
Tuesday-Friday 10am - 2pm  
Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585  
Email: office@stgertrude.org.au  
Website: www.stgertrude.org.au

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Denise Namroud

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Jurgen Mertin

Catechists: 9725 4317  
Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

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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  
Mariola Herbert

Reconciliation:  
Smithfield - Sat 4.45—5.45 pm  
(or by appointment)

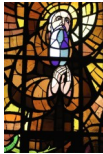
Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199  
1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month during the  
10.30am Mass at St Benedict’s Church; &  
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict’s

Marriages: Parish Office 9604 1199  
By appointment only (6 months required)

Sick Calls: 9604 1199  
Any Time


Novena to St Benedict

Every Wednesday after the 7pm Mass  
with Rosary &  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Reconciliation is available during  
this time.  
Everyone is encouraged to  
participate!

New Parish Logo



Our new Parish logo depicts  
St Gertrude cradling in her arms  
the Church of St Benedict and  
the rose at her heart symbolising  
St Therese of the little flower at  
St Therese’s Church.  
The colours used are the colours  
of St Benedict.

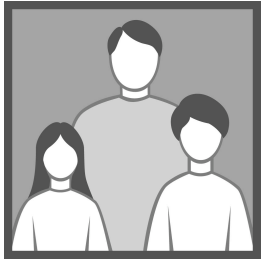
We would like to acknowledge and  
thank Tania Pisano who designed  
our new Parish logo.

Church Cleaners

Tuesday 4th September—Ediith’s  
Group

**Parish Collections Week- Ending 26/8/2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,431.65** goes to Fr. Jarek & Fr Wojtek as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$2,296.60 and \$906.35 Loose Money.**  
*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

**HAPPY FATHER’S DAY**



Lord, thank you for all fathers.  
For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms.  
For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life.  
For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children.  
For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their pre-teens.  
For the persistent ones, who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini-adults.  
For the father uncles, who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews.  
For all granddads, who love and support their precious grandchildren.  
For the foster dads that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones.  
For the Sunday dads who care for our children and lead them in faith.  
For the dads who give far beyond their own resources, who overcome disability to cherish and love.  
Thank you Lord for all our beautiful fathers. Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers. May you bless them now on this their special day.  
Amen.  
A special Blessing will be given to all Fathers during each Mass this weekend.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September ~ Memorial**  
St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**PAULINE VOCATIONS RETREAT**  
This **September 28-30th** the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit will be holding a vocations retreat at their Monastery at Penrose Park. All young men looking to discern if they are called are invited to come. The event is open for men ages 18-35. Fr. Joseph Maria will be leading the retreat. It is important to RSVP to [vocations@paulinefathers.org.au](mailto:vocations@paulinefathers.org.au) so we can organize rooms for everyone to stay in. For any questions please contact Fr. Joseph Maria at the given email.

**Priests Retirement Foundation Pastoral Appeal**  
Third Collection all Masses this weekend.  
*Help us give back to them when they retire.*

Please pray for Br. Zachary Lewis who will be renewing his vows this week

**SACRAMENTAL OFFICE**  
The Sacramental Office is now closed until mid-October. For all enquiries please email [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or call 9725 4317 and leave a message. If you need to speak to Helena face-to-face, please email/call the Sacramental Office to make an appointment. Thank You.

**54 Day Novena**  
St Gertrude’s Parish will be participating in "World Rosary", on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – October 7th. Our annual Rosary procession will take place after the Sunday 10:30 am Mass (instead of Saturday afternoon) to coincide with this special feast day. More information to come closer to the date.  
For those interested, there is an OPTIONAL 54 Day Novena that started on August 15th with an emphasis in prayer and reparation for our world/nation, under the mantle of 'Holy League of Nations. For more information collect a flyer from the Church foyer or visit the website: <https://www.novenaforournation.com/54-day-novena/>

**Parish BBQ ~ Saturday 8 September**  
In the Montefano after the 6pm Mass.  
Everyone Welcome!

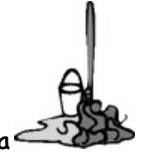
**YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm Group 1  
(Second Monday of the Month)  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm Group 2  
(last Monday of the Month)

**Altar Servers Meeting**  
Tuesday 11th September in St Benedict’s Church  
4:30pm to 5:15pm

Pilgrimage to Penrose Park for Fatima Day  
**Saturday 13 October 2018.** Cost per person is \$23.  
For Bookings: Please contact the parish office 9604 1199  
For further information see Notice Boards.

**Giving Statements/Receipts**  
Please pick up your Giving Statements and/or Tax Receipts available this weekend at St Benedict’s Church.  
(in alphabetical order).  
*Thank you for supporting our parish*

**Church Cleaners Needed!!!**  
*This is a very important ministry as it benefits our entire faith community.*  
Can you spare an hour or two once a month on a roster basis to help clean St Benedict’s Church? Church cleaners are generally scheduled once a month for a couple of hours. However, if you have some extra time to give, cleaners are always needed and are most welcome. Please contact the parish office for more information on 9604 1199 Tuesday to Friday 10am – 2pm. Thank you



**Plenary Council 2020**  
This begins with open Listening and Dialogue. Your experience of faith and Church is vital to the preparation for the agenda of the Plenary Council. If you are interested in how you can start this conversation in your parish, school, local community or university, please speak with your Parish Priest or email [plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org)  
**Prayer Cards available at the Church Doors**

**Catholic Men's Conference:** Holiness is for everyone! All men (married, single, divorced) are called to be spiritual leaders in their families, workplaces, parishes and communities. Don’t make this journey alone! Come to the inaugural Australian Catholic Men’s Conference on Saturday 1 September this year! Includes great speakers, lunch, Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Randazzo and the chance to connect with other Catholic men. Only \$48 per person (early bird) or \$60 (standard). For full details and to book visit [www.trybooking.com/vdgl](http://www.trybooking.com/vdgl) Numbers limited to 100 – be quick! The conference schedule can be found @: [www.sydneycatholicmen/conference](http://www.sydneycatholicmen/conference)

**Full Tuition Scholarships to St Mary’s Cathedral College**  
Boys currently in year 2 are invited to audition as members of the prestigious St. Mary’s Cathedral Choir to begin in 2019.  
All students receive full-tuition scholarships to St Mary’s Cathedral College when placed as Cathedral Choristers. Please contact our Music Administrator to arrange an audition or for more information at [music@stmaryscathedral.org.au](mailto:music@stmaryscathedral.org.au) or by visiting <https://cathedralchoir.sydney/about/choristers/>

**\*\*Tanti Auguri per la festa del Papa\*\***  
**FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA**  
La FCI Annuncia le Attivita’ del Mese di Settembre

- TOMBOLA** Il primo e Terzo Venerdi’ del Mese, Il 7 e 21 di Settembre. Con caffè’ / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dalle 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.
- RIUNIONE** dei Membri Associati il 11 di Settembre 7.30 pm  
**Antonio {Tony} Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424.**  
**Gina Morosin** 9604 2458 or 0417 203 908 Cristo Regni.

**\*\* Happy Fathers Day to all Fathers \*\***  
**THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]**  
Activities planned for Month of September

- BINGO** every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.  
Held at St Teresa Church Hall Fairfield West.  
From 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Morning Tea & Lunch provided.
- Members Reunion** will be held on the 11th of September 7.30 pm.

**Thankyou. Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424. or Gina MOROSIN 02 9604 2458 GOD BLESS**

**National Child Protection Week (“NCPW”)** is an annual Australian wide event that raises awareness of child abuse prevention. This year NCPW commences on the **2<sup>nd</sup> of September** to the final day being **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September**. NCPW is an opportunity for all who are working in the Archdiocese and our parish community to think of ways in which we can all work together to keep all children safe and informed.  
Please see **‘Safeguarding Journey Poster & Someone Will Listen to You Postcard available at the church foyer.**

**The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office**  
If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812.



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