

21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

*Jos 24:1-2. 15-18*

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. (R.)

3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)

4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)

5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

SECOND READING

Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything.

Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord  
**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Next Week: 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

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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26 August 2018



We welcome the following

Mia Bourke

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,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Eugen Kleibert, Caterina Pedavoli, Aldo DiBona,  
Giovanni LaDelfa, Mary Agnes Andrews,  
Angelo Riso, Innocenzo Panebianco,  
Carmela Vitali, Judith May Niblett, Tina Hesselting,  
Joseph Grech

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:  
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Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert  
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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 28th August ~ Neo Cats



**Parish Collections Week- Ending 19/8/2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,478.45** 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: \$1,787.00 and \$886.55 Loose Money.**  
*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

**Sunday 26 August ~ Feast**  
**Our Lady of Jasna Gora**

9 day Novena (short Prayer) concludes at the 10:30am Mass Sunday 26 August.



*An act of Consecration to the Mother of God*  
*Mother of God, Immaculate Mary, to you I consecrate my body and soul, all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings, all that I am and possess.*  
*With an eager heart, I dedicate myself to you in the service of love. I give you complete freedom in making use of me for the salvation of men and the assistance of the Holy Church of which you are the Mother.*  
*From now on, I wish to do everything with you, through you and for you. I know that by my own strength, I shall accomplish nothing. You, however, can do everything that is the will of your Son and you are always victorious. Grant then, O Help of Christians, that my family, parish and my country, may truly be yours and your Son's Kingdom. Amen*  
*Our Lady of Jasna Gora Prayer for us (say 3 times)*

**Monday 27 August ~ Memorial**  
**St Monica**

**Tuesday 28 August ~ Memorial**  
**St Bartholomew, apostle**

**Wednesday 29 August ~ Memorial**  
**The Passion of St John the Baptist**

**SACRAMENTAL OFFICE**  
Please be advised that 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.

~ Attention All Liturgy Ministers ~  
New Rosters are now available to pick up from the Church Doors. 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 starting 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/>

**Youth Group Leaders Meeting**  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm**  
Following the Youth Group music rehearsals.

**YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm Group 2  
*(last Monday of the Month*  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm Group 1  
*(Second Monday of the Month)*

**Altar Servers Meeting**  
Tuesday 28 August in St Benedict's Church  
4:30pm to 5:15pm

**St Gertrude's Primary School**  
**Father's Day Breakfast & Blessing**  
Thursday 30th August at 7:30am

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

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.



**Fairfield Active Maltese Seniors Group**  
Tuesday 28 August @ 10.00am  
Celebrating Mass with hymns for 'Maria Bambina' (Nativity of Our Lady)  
@ St Theresa's Church, Cnr Stella St & The Boulevarde Fairfield Heights. Followed by traditional M/Tea (includes hot food).  
Parishioners most welcome to join us (Nb: small cost for m/tea).  
**Contact Marisa Previtera on 0414 863 123.**

**FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA**  
La FCI Annuncia le Attivita' del Mese di Agosto  
• **TOMBOLA** Il primo e Terzo Venerdi' del Mese, Il 3 e 17 di Agosto. Con caffe' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dalle 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.  
• **LUNEDI' 27 e MARTEDI' 28** Di Agosto, Crostoli Nella sala Montefano.  
• **Se potete dare una mano, apprezziamo il Vostro aiuto con Crostoli.**  
• **RIUNIONE** dei Membri Associati il 14 di Agosto 7.30 pm.  
• **VENERDI' 31 Agosto Pranzo per la Festa Dei PAPA'**  
Verra' festeggiato nella sala di **Montefano** Smithfield Dalle 12am - 4.00pm.  
Siete Pregati da Prenotarvi al piu presto. Prezzo \$30.00 a persona .  
**Antonio {Tony} Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424**  
**Gina Morosin** 9604 2458 or 0417 203 908 Cristo Regni.  
**THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]**  
Activities for Month of August  
• **BINGO** every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month held at St Teresa Hall From 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Morning Tea & Lunch provided.  
• **Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday the 28** August we are making Crostoli in the Montefano Hall.  
• **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August, FATHERS DAY Lunch** at **Montefano** Hall from 12am to 4pm. Cost \$30.00 **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.**  
**Thankyou. Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424.** or **GinaMorosin 02 9604 2458 GOD BLESS**

**Memorial Mass for the Unborn**  
In commemoration of this profound loss, and in solidarity with bereaved mothers and fathers, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites all people to a Solemn Memorial Mass on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 7pm** **St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**

**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/>

**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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