

14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Ez 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)

2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)

3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man’s disdain. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Cor 12:7-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, ‘My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.’ So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, ‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’ And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house’; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection by Artist

When the people of Nazareth heard Jesus teaching with wisdom and saw him doing miracles they couldn't believe that a carpenter, who had grown up among them, could possibly be the son of God. Surely this fella was too ordinary even to be a prophet! It just goes to show that God's ways are unaccountable and often take us by surprise. The logic of the Kingdom – God's basileia – is such that opposites are related: the extraordinary and the ordinary (like the alpha and the omega) are interrelated attributes of the person of Jesus.

Next Week: 15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

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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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8 July, 2018



Congratulations to

Melissa ATLAGIC & Matthew SGANGA

Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

We pray for the sick of this parish

John Denniss, Santa Carbone, Santina Ponili,  
Maria Blanda, Max Hazmoth,  
Kartia Grace Russell, Frank Trimboli, Gino Mifsud,  
Rina Favotto, Neang Nep, Eric Pasquetti,  
Emely Jade, Sandra Roy, Patricia Battistel,  
Ivy Fernandes, Maria Perre, Tania Perre,  
Alina Przewoznik, Philomena Greenwood,  
Ernesto DiDomizio, Stella Zappacosta,  
Antoinette Jansen.

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

Antonio Polo, Giovanni Santangelo,  
Elisa Di Donato, Maryanne Foner, Maria Filippin,  
Giovanna Panarello, Luigi D’Elia

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Francesca Avati, Pierre Shaggal, Rose Patane

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:  
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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)

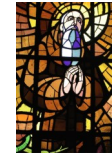
Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199  
1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month during the  
10.30am Mass at St Benedict’s Church; &  
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict’s

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 10 July ~ Edith’s Group

**Parish Collections Week- Ending 01/7/2018**

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,384.60** 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: \$2,360.70 and \$1,174.80 Loose Money.**

*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

You are invited to join us for...

# St Benedict's Feast Day

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018

10.30am Mass

Mass will be followed by  
**FOOD – MUSIC – ENTERTAINMENT**  
in the Montefano Hall.

Come along and enjoy a light lunch with your fellow parishioners.  
Bring a plate to share with our community.

**RAFFLE & LUCKY DOOR PRIZES TO BE WON**

Many thanks to Fr Richard Green OSPPE for being our Main Celebrant at St Benedict's Feast Day this Sunday at the 10.30am Mass.  
We appreciate you taking the time to celebrate this special occasion with us.

**Thank You Fr Joseph Maria!**

As announced at Fr Joseph's first Masses in our Parish two weeks ago, Fr Joseph is moving to Penrose Park.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Fr Joseph Maria for all his contributions to the Parish over the last year. We were blessed to have him working in our community as Deacon over the past 9 months; baptising many new Catholics, serving our parishioners in the liturgy, and farewelling those who have been called home.

We also thank Fr Joseph Maria for his time and contribution to the Parish Website and social media accounts.

We will never forget the laughs we've shared and your cheerful personality.  
We look forward to Fr Joseph Maria visiting our Parish in the near future. He will be sadly missed.

## Pauline Vocations Day

July 20th at St. Gertrude's Smithfield  
The Order of St. Paul the First Hermit is organizing a vocations day for young men discerning a vocation to religious life, as an opportunity to reflect upon what God is calling them to.

RSVP: [vocations@paulinefathers.org.au](mailto:vocations@paulinefathers.org.au)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July ~ Feast  
St Benedict, abbot

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolments for First Holy Communion took place over the past 2 weekends.  
If you missed the Enrolment Masses, please contact the Sacramental Office no later than Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. **No enrolments will be accepted after July 17, for the 2018 Holy Communion Programme.** Enrolments received after this date will be deferred to the 2019 program.

## CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

Photo Collection night: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.  
Time: 6-8:30 pm in the Montefano Hall.

## SACRAMENTAL OFFICE HOURS:

Please note the Sacramental Office will be closed during the first week of the school holidays (9/7/18 to 13/7/18 inclusive).

Enquiries Helena - 9725 4317 (Tuesday or Friday),  
[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)

## Safeguarding news:

It is now expected that ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS have attended Safeguarding training and/or read & signed a Code of Conduct.

If you are a volunteer, who has not signed the Code of Conduct, please make an appointment ASAP.

**ANY VOLUNTEER WHO HAS NOT READ AND SIGNED THE CODE OF CONDUCT ARE REQUIRED TO CEASE THEIR MINISTRY IMMEDIATELY UNTIL THIS MATTER HAS BEEN RESOLVED.**

Please speak to Fr Jarek, Maria, Helena or Parish Office if you have any questions or concerns – 9604 1199 or [PSSO@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:PSSO@stgertrude.org.au).

An individual is considered a Parish Volunteer if they do any of the following jobs: Acolyte, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Reader, Counter, Offertory Procession, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, help prepare for the Parish BBQ, Youth Group, Children's Liturgy, Maintenance, choir, cleaning, assist with the Collections, Mass Coordinators, operate the PowerPoint projector, Welcomer, usher, decorator, and if you help in any way within the Parish.

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is in the best interest of the entire parish community. It brings our attention to the expectations placed on all volunteers within the Archdiocese of Sydney, and how we can work together to ensure the safety of children, teenagers, vulnerable young people and all within the community. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 2018 Holy Father's Appeal

Our thanks go to all of you who opened your hearts and gave generously towards the **Holy Father's Appeal**. Because you chose to give, you have given hope to those who are in most need of our generosity and compassion. If you missed appeal weekend, you can still give by phoning the Fundraising Office on **1800 753 959**. Thank you.

*Our Parish collected \$3,236.35*

You don't have to work out the home care system on your own.

Staying independent in your own home is a priority for many Australian Seniors. CatholicCare's Home Care Specialists can guide you through the complicated government systems. Join us and find out how to access in-home support and caring services.

When: Tuesday 10 July, 10.30am

Where: St Benedict's Catholic Church, Smithfield

RSVP: 9604 1199



**There will be no Altar Servers Meeting during the school holidays.**

## Smithfield YOUTH MASS

Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass

Next Mass: Sunday 15 July at 6pm

Youth Program is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall. All Youth Welcome!

Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 15 July 2018

## La FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA S/Field

Annuncia Le Attivita' Del Mese di Luglio

**\*Riunione dei Membri Associati il 11 di Luglio**

a le 7.30 pm Nella sala di St Teresa

**\*TOMBOLA \* BINGO\* Il primo e Terzo Venerdi del Mese**

Il 6 e 20 di Luglio, Con caffè' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo.

Nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West da le 10am – 1.00 pm.

Tutti siete Benvenuti a Partecipare, Molto Grazie.

Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424

Cristo Regni.

## THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION S/Field

Activities planned for Month of July

**\*BINGO \* TOMBOLA\* every 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month.**

Held at St Teresa Church Hall Fairfield West.

From 10am - 1pm. Morning Tea & Lunch provided.

All Welcome to Participate.

**\*Members Reunion will be held on the 11 July 7.30 pm.**

Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409-908 424

God Bless.

**Street Parking** Please be mindful and respectful when street parking your car when attending Mass. We have received a call from Fairfield Council stating residents have concerns in regards to vehicles parking in Stella Street obstructing vehicle access to/from residential properties on the weekends and some people are partially blocking driveways.

Under the NSW Road Rules, it is illegal to park a vehicle in a way that partially or completely blocks a driveway unless the driver is stopping briefly to drop off or pick up passengers. Site investigations have revealed that there are kerb spaces in Stella Street, which are insufficient to accommodate the parked vehicles.

**Appropriate Enforcements will apply to vehicles obstructing driveways.**

## 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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